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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Common clubmoss (*Lycopodium clavatum*). Multnomah County, Oregon. August 17, 2006.

Photo by Bruce N. Newhouse, Courtesy of Oregon Flora.

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Save the Date!

NPSO 2025 Annual Meeting May 16 - May 18.

Exciting Launch of the New NPSO Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of the brand-new NPSO website <https://www.npsoregon.org/>! This much-anticipated upgrade has been in the works for many months, driven by the dedicated efforts of the Website Working Group (WWG). The new site promises to be a dynamic and user-friendly resource for all NPSO members and supporters, providing improved access to our publications, event information, and chapter activities.

Welcome to all!

Oregonians live in a state with exceptional natural beauty and diversity that ranges from alpine lava fields to coastal sand dunes.

For over 60 years, members of the Native Plant Society of Oregon have been visiting the wild places of Oregon to enjoy, conserve, and study their natural vegetation. Founded in Portland in 1961, NPSO has grown to a statewide network of 11 Chapters with over 1000 members. We invite you to [join us!](#)

Enjoyment
Engage with other plant enthusiasts to delight in the diversity of Oregon's 3600+ beautiful and fascinating native plant species.

Conservation
Join us in our citizen science initiatives, learn to garden with native plants, and advocate with us for protection of species and their ecosystems.

Study
Learn about Oregon's diverse flora at our meetings, see them on our guided field trips, and use our resources to increase your knowledge about the plants that grow here.

Our Chapters:
Each of our 11 Chapters are shown on the map. Click on the map to get more information about each Chapter.

Local Chapters hold meetings, field trips and workshops for members and non-members, making available the knowledge and wonder of our native plants to everyone.

All are welcome!

The screenshot also features botanical illustrations of a plant stem with leaves and flowers, and a map of Oregon with 11 chapters marked: Portland, Chehalis, Willamette Valley, Corvallis, Emerald, Umpqua Valley, South Coast, Siskiyou, Klamath Basin, and William Cusick. The High Desert chapter is also labeled on the map.

Screenshot of the new NPSO website.

The Journey Behind the Launch

The updating of the NPSO Website has overcome years of challenges. The process started in 2017 but ran into many issues and was stalled for a significant amount of time. The final successful effort to get a new site up and running began in October of 2023 with the new WWG who have been meeting regularly to bring this project to fulfillment. The new site would not have been possible without the talented contributions of our new NPSO Website Coordinator, Tom Pratum, whose skilled aesthetic eye and technical expertise have been instrumental in shaping the new site. Tom assumed this role from Sunia Yang, who deserves unanimous gratitude for stewarding the old NPSO website for more than eleven years! The WWG is chaired by Rachel Werling and includes the creative minds and skills of Jason Clinch and Thea Jaster who have been lending time and effort to the site's design and content since the beginning. Karl Anderson offered many hours helping with the publications and site review. Willard Williams Jr. has been an occasional collaborator, and NPSO President Steven Yeager has provided ongoing input. Special

thanks also go to Michael Hartman, who played a critical role in securing and maintaining the draft site for NPSO before stepping away from the project.

Other past contributors to the website effort include Zak Weinstein, Mike McKeag, Cyndi Dion, Margaret Conover, Susan Berger, Judi Sanders, Cindy Roché, Kareen Sturgeon, Dan Luoma, and several others who provided content to early drafts.

The current working group has met over a dozen times since the project began, often on a bi-weekly basis, to systematically work through the site's design and functionality. From revamping the home page to refining the calendar and updating chapter pages, the WWG has been committed to creating a website that meets the needs of our diverse and growing membership.

Key Features and Progress

The new website is designed to be more interactive, visually appealing, and easier to navigate. Some of the major updates include:

- **Publications:** Both *Kalmiopsis* and the *NPSO Bulletin* have been fully integrated into the site, providing easy access to current and archived issues.
- **Chapter Pages:** All chapter pages have been updated with input from chapter presidents, ensuring that the information is accurate and reflective of each chapter's unique activities.
- **Calendar:** The event calendar has been refined to help members stay informed about upcoming talks, field trips, and other events.
- **Home Page Redesign:** The home page has undergone a complete redesign, thanks to the collaborative efforts of Jason Clinch and Thea Jaster, with implementation by Tom Pratum.
- **Functional Elements:** All plugins and other functional elements have been thoroughly reviewed to ensure a seamless user experience.
- **Membership System:** We have coordinated with the Membership Team to ensure smooth functioning with the Wild Apricot system allowing for easier membership management and renewals.

Beta Testing and Final Adjustments

In May 2024, we entered the beta testing phase, where a selected group of NPSO members had the opportunity to explore the new website and provide valuable feedback. Their insights have been crucial in making final adjustments before the official launch. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all beta testers who took the time to contribute to this process.

Final board review and approval was secured, and a soft launch was made in September, retiring the old site, and finally installing a new digital face for NPSO on the internet.

An Ongoing Project

The new site is a “living project” and will continue to be refined and refreshed. The WWG welcomes the collaboration of any NPSO members with creativity for content. We would especially love to see the topic of landscaping and gardening with native plants more fully developed. Please reach out to Tom Pratum at webmaster@npsoregon.org if you would like to be involved with any content development for the site.

Looking Forward

The new website is a significant step forward for NPSO, reflecting our growing organization and our commitment to providing valuable resources to our members. We hope it will become a central hub for our community, fostering greater connection, education, and enjoyment of Oregon’s incredible native flora.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project. Your hard work and dedication have made this exciting new resource possible. Warm regards: *The NPSO Website Working Group. Authors: Rachel Werling, Thea Jaster, Jason Clinch, and Tom Pratum*

**2025 NPSO Annual Meeting to be held in
the Columbia River Gorge**



Columbia desert parsley (*Lomatium columbianum*), a Columbia River Gorge endemic. Rowena Plateau, Oregon. March 2020. Photo by Mike McKeag.

The Portland Chapter is proudly hosting the statewide NPSO Annual Meeting at an iconic riverside setting at the award winning Best Western Plus Hood River Inn during the peak of wildflower season in the Columbia Gorge! The meeting will be held May 16 to May 18, 2025. Information on the geologic and natural history of the Columbia Gorge can be found here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/crgnsa/learning/nature-science/?cid>.

We have reserved a bank of guest room accommodations at a special NPSO group discount rate until April of 2025, but members should make room reservations now to have the best selection of the 55 we have set aside until April 2025.

You must be an NPSO member to attend an Annual Meeting, so tell your family and friends to join soon if they plan to attend! The first extra family member added to a new or existing Family Membership of only \$35 is free!

Save this *Bulletin* to make your room reservation with the Inn's reservation site via the blue button link below or call reservations at 541-386-2200 and request the "Native Plant Society" special rates. Campground suggestions will be included in a *Bulletin*

announcement about the Annual Meeting later this year. Estimated costs and required gratuity fees of most services and food have increased dramatically since 2023 when we reserved the venue, but every effort is being made to keep the registration fee and meal costs as low as possible. Abundant free parking is onsite, and the restaurant and bar have food options for breakfast and dinner, as well as other restaurant options nearby in adjacent Hood River.

[Reserve Your Room Now](#)

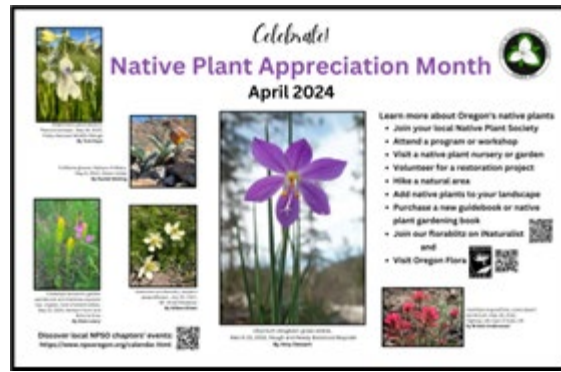
Registration for the meeting will open in early Spring 2025, on a first come, first served basis. Attendance is limited to the first 120 members who register. Keep an eye out for the *Bulletin* for more information about registration beginning in February with access to the Annual Meeting website to view meal prices and field trip locations. -*Willow Elliot, Portland Chapter*

OregonFlora



OregonFlora will return next month.

Native Plant Appreciation Month Photo Contest



Top row: Last year's Native Plant Appreciation Month poster featuring winning photos.

Bottom row photos by Cynde Casper

Calling all photographers and native plant enthusiasts! Do you love taking photos of native plants and flowers? Are your hikes and garden walks full of stops and starts because you simply must capture a photo of a spectacular blossom or a promising young bud? Share your artistic eye and native plant enthusiasm with your community by entering the NPSO's photo contest!

Winning photographers will have their names and photos featured on NPSO's Native Plant Appreciation Month Poster in April 2025. Please note however, the deadline for entry is December 31, 2024. That is only three months away, and we all know how quickly time starts flying as we approach the end of each year. So, get out there and snap away! Or open your photos folders and search for those amazing photos you took in the spring or on your summer garden tours.

NPAM Poster Photo Contest Rules 2025

Each person may enter two photos of Oregon native plants (photographed in Oregon with photographer name, scientific name of plants, common name of plants, photo location, and photo date.) All entries must be sent to photosnpaw@gmail.com and received by December 31, 2024. Photos will be rated and selected by the poster committee based on subject matter, composition, and technical excellence. The poster designer has sole

discretion of not using an image should it not work into the overall layout or is deemed to not be of satisfactory quality. The selected photographer(s) must be able to provide a high-resolution and preferably unedited image (at least 300 dpi) version of the image. All photographers who submit photos to be considered for the poster give consent for NPSO to reproduce the submitted images free of charge for our poster, website, social media, and related publicity material. For questions, email Judi Sanders at judi.sanders@gmail.com. -Cynde Casper

Request for Conservation Committee Members

Every day, Oregon is subject to a wide variety of legislative initiatives, logging plans, and regulatory proposals, many of which affect Oregon's native plants. Fortunately, Oregon has quite a few active non-profit conservation organizations which have fought for years to protect Oregon's forests, meadows, shorelines, and the life within. These organizations are blessed with small but highly motivated staff-people and severely limited budgets. Some NPSO chapters are engaged with such organizations to assist as volunteers to help raise awareness of problems and to raise money to solve them. NPSO, on the other hand, has a state-wide perspective. NPSO's natural inclination is to protect every threatened native plant population, yet only one (8 Dollar Mountain Nickel Mine) of the potentially harmful active projects is being monitored by state NPSO. This is because the NPSO Conservation committee has been inactive; it has no one to scan the media for news about U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, or private projects, to assess the potential impact of these activities or to consider the actions NPSO might take on behalf of the threatened plants or endangered habitats.

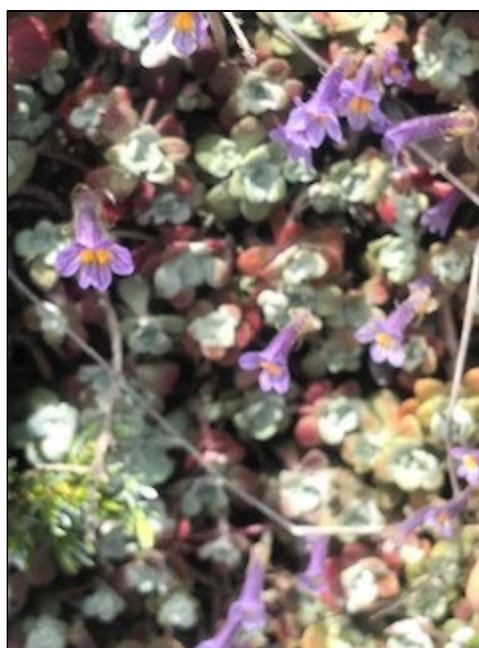
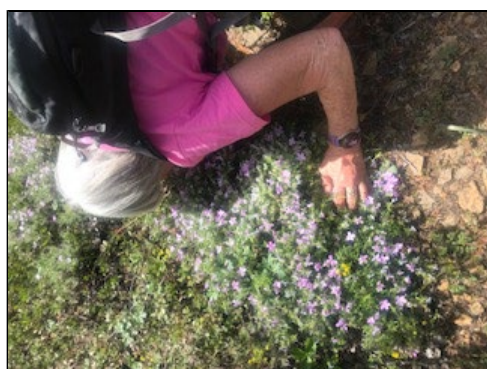
NPSO'S Conservation Committee has been idle for some time but is now revived! The Conservation Committee is looking for people who enjoy watching out for our native plants and the habitats they occupy and taking appropriate action on their behalf. If you enjoy taking care of the land, supporting the conservation activities of the local and state-wide organizations that aim to protect the region's habitats, reading technical documents and translating them into action plans to recommend to the Board, then you belong on the Conservation Committee (a one-year voluntary commitment).

If you're one of those rare people, please send me an email (dickodonnell@earthlink.net) stating your interest and mention particular geographic areas you'd like to monitor. As soon as we have two or more people interested, we'll declare the Conservation

Committee active. Then we'll meet, get acquainted with each other, and work out a program. Thanks. *Dick O'Donnell, NPSO Conservation Committee Chair*

Photo Gallery

Welcome to the *Bulletin* Photo Gallery! Share your photos of Oregon's native flora, field trips, restoration projects, work parties, and activities with other NPSO members. Send photos with the following information: species/event, photographer, names of any people shown in photo, date of photo, location, and any other information you would like to have included in the photo caption to bulletinnpso@gmail.com. Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.





The photos above are some highlights from Umpqua Chapter field trips in 2024. Clockwise from left to right. Clustered lady slipper (*Cypripedium fasciculatum*). Photographed at Apple Creek Campground during a field trip with other NPSO members. April 28, 2024. Rod Trotter viewing tiger lily (*Lilium* sp.) at Upper Jack Creek Falls. July 11, 2024. Clustered broomrape (*Aphyllon fasciculatum*) on King Mountain. June 14, 2024. Berry's penstemon (*Penstemon newberryi*) on King Mountain. June 14, 2024. MA Hansen with one of her favorite flowers, northern phlox (*Phlox adsurgens*). Lookout Mountain ridge. June 8, 2024. Photos by Rod Trotter with the exception of the Rod Trotter photo by Simone Grissett.



Oregon woodsorrel (*Oxalis oregana* var. *oregana*). April 3, 2013. Photographed by Jerome Brown in the Northern California redwoods.

Oregon Mystery Plant

New Mystery Plant
Do you recognize this plant?



This month's Mystery Plant was photographed by Mary Haden at Government Camp near Mount Hood, Clackamas County, Oregon on August 13, 2024. It was growing in mixed conifer forest at 4000 feet in elevation.

If you can identify this plant, email the editor at bulletinnpso@gmail.com

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor at bulletinnpso@gmail.com

Chapter Notes

Cheahmill

For questions, or to be added to the Cheahmill Chapter's email list for reminders of upcoming programs and events, please contact the Cheahmill Chapter President at ch_president@NPSOregon.org.

Check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NPSO.Cheahmill>.

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Work Party: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library

Location: McMinnville Public Library

Spend a couple hours with a congenial crew and learn how the beauty, diversity, and educational value of this mature demonstration garden is maintained with a minimum of effort. No experience is necessary. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools. Dress for the weather. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at catie.fishback@gmail.com or 971-241-7634.

The library is located at 225 NW Adams Street (corner of Highway 99 W and SW Second Street), McMinnville, Oregon. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second Streets.

Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis Chapter email list, contact co_president@NPSOregon.org. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO.

Monday, October 7, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Program: Plants that Eat Truffles for Lunch

Speaker: Dan Luoma

Location: Room 2602, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University Campus, 2701 SW Campus Way or via Zoom.

Dan will discuss a group of fascinating plants that have gourmet dietary preferences. Interactions between forest plants and their associated beneficial root fungi provide a broader context for this talk. He will give special attention to those plants without chlorophyll that depend on truffle-forming fungi to meet their nutritional needs. Dan is a retired professor of forest mycology who continues to collaborate with the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society and the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology at Oregon State University.

To attend via Zoom, register in advance

here: <https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlkdeCrqjsqGd29tj7Ka5Jz5ty9tUg>

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Saturday, October 26, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden

Leader: Esther McEvoy

Location: Avery House Nature Center, Avery Park, Corvallis

Fall cleanup. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, shovel, and clippers. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or estherco@peak.org.

Saturday, November 2, 2024, 9:00 am - late afternoon

Event: Mushroom Foray

Leader: Dan Luoma

Location: Meet at the north side of the Philomath Ace Hardware parking lot

Come prepared for the weather and mushroom hunting. Contact Dan Luoma for more information at: daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu.

Monday, November 11, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Program: Seeds, Sex, and Survival: The Plant-Insect Interactions of Meadow Checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*)

Speaker: Brooklyn Richards

Location: Room 2602, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University Campus, 2701SW Campus Way or via Zoom. (Zoom link in next *Bulletin*)

The evolution of separate sexes is widespread in flowering plants. Gynodioecy, which is the coexistence of female and hermaphroditic individuals, is often considered a transitional stage in the evolutionary pathway from hermaphroditism to separate sexes, yet the precise genetic and ecological mechanisms remain unclear. Insects mediate a variety of ecological processes in plants that have consequences on plant survival, reproduction, and evolution. Meadow checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*) is a gynodioecious species endemic to Oregon's Willamette Valley that is a critical resource to native prairie pollinators and suffers high rates of pre-dispersal seed predation by a specialist weevil (*Macrorhoptus sidalceae*). In this presentation, Oregon State University PhD student Brooklyn Richards will be presenting her research on plant-insect interactions that potentially influence the mating system dynamics of *S. campestris*.

Saturday, November 23, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden

Leader: Esther McEvoy

Location: Avery House Nature Center, Avery Park, Corvallis

More fall cleanup. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, shovel, and clippers. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or estherco@peak.org.

Emerald

Visit the Emerald Chapter website at <http://emerald.npsoregon.org> to learn more about the latest chapter events, plant lists, and botanical information about Lane County plants and the people who love them.

Sunday, October 6, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Ramble at Wild Iris Ridge Park

Join Emerald Chapter Vice-President Karl Anderson on a ramble through Wild Iris Ridge Park. Rambles are casual walks where participants identify and share their knowledge of plants they encounter as a group. All levels of experience are welcome. We'll be walking 1-2 miles along a trail. Bring appropriate footwear, raingear if necessary, and water. Meet at South Eugene High Parking lot at 1:00 pm to carpool to trailhead. Sign up [here](#).

Wednesday, October 9, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Volunteer Outreach: Assist with native plant nursery tasks

Leader: Michelle Osgood

Location: Dorena Genetic Resource Center, 34963 Shoreview Drive, Cottage Grove

Dorena Genetic Resource Center is seeking volunteers to join us on the second Wednesday of each month to help with various nursery tasks, including transplanting, pruning, thinning, spacing, fertilizing, and weeding. Come and join us for a fun day of plant care!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A8AA2FA4F4C34-50446437-dorena>

Monday, October 21, 2024, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Presentation: Climate Warming Effects on Pacific Northwest Prairie Species: Variable Phenological and Reproductive Response Among Species and Across the Landscape

Speaker: Sarah Erskine, PhD candidate in the Institute of Ecology and Evolution, University of Oregon

Location: [Amazon Community Center](#), 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene

While climate change affects species in numerous ways, one of the most observable effects is the shifting of phenological events, such as the timing of germination or flowering. Increasing temperatures and drought have generally led to earlier leaf out and flowering times, but there is also great variation in how species shift their phenology, even among co-occurring species. This talk will describe how many of our local prairie wildflowers are shifting their life cycles with climate warming, how these shifts vary across the landscape with environmental heterogeneity, and how they may be connected to other plant responses to climate change.

Sarah Erskine is a PhD candidate in the Institute of Ecology and Evolution at the University of Oregon where she studies how climate warming restructures plant interactions through phenological shifts. Prior to graduate school, she worked as a field

ecologist and botanist all across the western U.S. from the Mojave Desert to the Oregon Coast Range surveying plants and pollinators. Her work in Pacific Northwest prairies has included surveying Taylor's checkerspot and Fender's blue butterflies and their host plants, and her current research uses many annual flower species native to the Willamette Valley. She enjoys thinking about how plant communities will change with climate change and hopes to inform restoration efforts with her research.

Sunday, October 27

Event: Mt Pisgah Arboretum Annual Mushroom Festival Booth

Come to the Arboretum for a day of music, food, guided walks, a kids' craft area, and, of course, mushroom displays, mushroom soup, and mushroom-themed gifts! Emerald Chapter will have our booth set up in non-profit row near the scarecrow contest, so come visit us!

For more information and for required tickets (on sale late September), visit:

<https://mountpisgaharboretum.org/festivals-events/mushroom-festival/>

High Desert

For information, visit our website: www.highdesertnpsoregon.org or Facebook page:

[Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email us at

highdesertnps@gmail.com. Find our latest field trip observations on iNaturalist,

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-nps-field-trips>.

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 pm

Chapter Meeting and Presentation: topic and speaker to be determined

Location: East Bend Library, 62080 Dean Swift Road, Bend, Oregon

Please check our chapter calendar for

updates: <http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org/calendar1.html>.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact kb_president@npsoregon.org,

visit our website: <http://klamathbasinnps.com>, or find us on Facebook: [\(13\) Klamath](#)

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Portland

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our monthly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are a Portland Chapter member and not receiving it, notify us at npsopdxchapter@gmail.com. You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page: meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos: facebook.com/nps.portland. Visit our chapter website at portlandnativeplants.org for archived newsletters and to register for current

programs. View recordings of past programs on our YouTube channel. Join one of our iNaturalist projects: [inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects](https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects). Follow us on Instagram: [instagram.com/npsopdx/](https://www.instagram.com/npsopdx/).

Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the *Bulletin*, in *The Calochortus* newsletter, and on our social media channels. The Portland Chapter does not host Zoom Programs in July and August.

Thursday, October 10, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Program: Plant Life on the Oregon Dunes

Speaker: Dina Pavlis, Producer/Host - Beyond Your Front Door Northwest

Location: Via Zoom, Register [here](#)

Dina Pavlis will give us an overview of native plant habitats found in the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area. The presentation will include "then and now" information, why open sand is disappearing and how that impacts native plants, how and why native plant habitats changed dramatically during the twentieth century, and current efforts to save them.

Thursday, November 14, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Program: The Beauty in Biodiversity: Conservation and Cultivation of Native Plants in the Columbia River Gorge

Speakers: Kristin Currin and Andrew Merritt, co-founders of Humble Roots Nursery and coauthors of the Pacific Northwest Native Plant Primer

Location: Via Zoom, register [here](#)

Kristin and Drew share stories and insights from over twenty years of working with native plants in the Columbia River Gorge. Encouraging gardeners to plant native plants to support biodiversity, helping revive the historic Wind River Nursery as a native plant nursery, creating a pollinator corridor, saving rare plants, and partnering with land trusts on many restoration projects- these are a few of the subjects they will cover in this fascinating program.

Siskiyou

To sign up for the Siskiyou Chapter NPSO monthly eNews on a new platform: [sign up](#)

To view our YouTube Channel and watch past programs: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>

To join a native plant google group forum: Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com

To join our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>

Thursday, October 17, 7:00 pm

Program: The Naming of Plants is a Difficult Matter

Speaker: Dr. Darlene Southworth

Location: Southern Oregon University, Science Building, Room 161, Ashland and via Zoom

Common names and scientific names - where do they come from? Who assigns the names? Why do they change? How do you pronounce them? This program will feature photos of the beautiful native plants of Southern Oregon.

This program will also be provided via Zoom for people who cannot attend. To register for the Zoom: <https://bit.ly/npsotalks>.

Sunday, October 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Event: Tour of Native Plant Production at White Oak Nursery

Leader: Taylor Starr

White Oak Nursery Director Taylor Starr will lead a tour of the native plant nursery at White Oak Farm and Education Center in Williams. White Oak grows more than twenty species of native woody plants, primarily for riparian restoration projects around the Rogue Valley. White Oak is also a diverse organic farm, producing seed crops, food for the local schools and food banks, as well as hosting children's education programs. The tour will include propagation areas, greenhouses, and field grown hedgerows for habitat and propagation material. There will be an opportunity to purchase plants at the end of the tour. Check out their website to learn more: www.whiteoakfarmcsa.org. For more information about the tour and to sign up: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/native-plant-production-at-white-oak-nursery-tickets-1011049294657?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>.

South Coast

The South Coast Chapter covers Curry and Coos counties. Guests or members of other chapters are welcome at our events. To join our mailing list, please contact Andrea Burke at andreasueburke@gmail.com.

Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/NPSOSouthCoastChapter>.

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Event: Walk for the Wild - Fun Family Event:

Leader/Presenter: Gail Perrotti

Location: Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge, 83673 North Bank Lane, Bandon, 97411

The South Coast Chapter is helping celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week by participating in Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge's Walk for the Wild event! Participate in a ranger-led walk, create a bat out of recycled materials, play the migration game, learn how to help pollinators at home, and more! Contact: Gail Perrotti, sc_president@npsoregon.org or 541-414-9777

Umpqua Valley

Check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO. Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

Willamette Valley

Thursday, October 17, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Virtual Program: Willamette River Preservation Trust

Speaker: Travis Williams

Travis Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Willamette River Preservation Trust, will give a Zoom presentation about the Willamette River Preservation Trust. The mission of this newly formed land trust “is to conserve and restore the lands and waters of the mid to northern Willamette River Basin” through purchasing and receiving donated land for permanent protection. The Trust will acquire lands along Willamette River sub-basins such as the Clackamas, Molalla, Pudding, and Yamhill Watersheds, and points southward which to date have not had a local land trust. Travis was the Riverkeeper and Executive Director of Willamette Riverkeeper for 24 years. He is the author of the Willamette River Field Guide, Willamette River Greenways, and Willamette Water Trail Guides. Registration is required. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at wvnps@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 27, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Field Trip: Metolius River Trail

Matt Palmquist and Elliot Drake-Maurer will lead a relaxed, 3-mile stroll along the Metolius River trail. This “larch march” will feature the golden needles of the Western Larch, Oregon’s only native deciduous conifer, as well as a variety of other conifers. The trail is mostly flat and there will be ample time to admire the colors and the beauty of the river. Matt Palmquist is a park ranger at Silver Falls State Park, who loves viewing and teaching about Oregon’s native plants. Elliot Drake-Maurer is an outdoor education specialist with the OSU Extension Service Outdoor School office. Bring water, lunch, snacks, and appropriate clothes and foot gear. Registration is required. For more information and to register, email John Savage at wvnps@gmail.com.

William Cusick

Chapter notices and communications are done primarily through a Google group. For more information or to be added to the Google group, please contact Susan Geer at 541-963-0477 or susanmgeer@gmail.com. Our website is not currently functional.

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**Native Plant Interest Groups:**

### Filipendula

For more information, visit our Facebook page: [NPSO-Filipendula Chapter](#)

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