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Oso berry (Oemleria cerasiformis)
Benton County, Oregon, March 2008. Photo by Gerald D. Carr. Courtesy of Oregon Flora.

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#### IT'S RENEWAL TIME!

The NPSO membership year is January to December. Now is the time for members to renew for 2022. Please watch for a separately emailed renewal notice informing you of your current membership status. Thank you. -Margaret Conover

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https://www.npsoregon.org/discussionlist.php

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For membership inquiries, contact Margaret Conover, the Membership Chair, by <u>email</u> or send mail to P.O. Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440.

# A Note About Donations to the NPSO

Those wishing to make a memorial donation or a donation for any purpose other than the six designated NPSO funds should be aware that our Paypal interface does not enable you to annotate your donation. Recent unidentified donations include several that appear to be in memory of Jan Dobak. Donors should email <a href="membership@npsoregon.edu">membership@npsoregon.edu</a> clarifying the purpose of their donation, and it will be recorded and acknowledged properly.

- Margaret Conover

# 2022 NPSO Annual Meeting Cancelled

They say, "the third time's a charm," but it was not to be. Once again, uncertainties about the projected status of COVID-19 variants in May 2022 and the hesitancy of many NPSO members to attend a large indoor gathering tipped the scales in favor of cancelling

the 2022 Annual Meeting. The Cheahmill Chapter is deeply grateful for the willingness of the Spirit Mountain Lodge to accommodate our changing plans for hosting the meeting, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for their generous support, and for the enthusiastic support of field trip leaders, speakers, and vendors who committed to participate, and remained steadfast in their commitment these past three years. -Kareen Sturgeon

# **Oregon Mystery Plant**

#### Last month's mystery plant revealed:

Many thanks to all who submitted an identification for last month's mystery plant! Christine Armer, Jennifer Barker, and Luan Pinson all correctly identified it as *Aphyllon corymobosum* (*Orobanche corymbosum*), commonly known as flat-topped broomrape. According to *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*, *2nd Edition*, the genus Aphyllon is comprised of holoparasitic herbaceous annuals lacking chlorophyll. A. corymobosum mainly parasitizes *Artemisia tridentata*.



Photo by Cat Mead.

New Mystery Plant Do you recognize this plant?



Photo by Jennifer Barker.

This month's mystery plant was photographed by Jennifer Barker in mid-spring near Seneca, OR at elevation 4,800 feet. It was found in ponderosa pine savanna with mesic grasses and forbs.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor: <a href="mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org">bulletin@npsoregon.org</a>

# Native Plant Appreciation Week Blossoms to a Month!!!

The NPSO State Board has decided to follow what appears to be a national trend and expand Native Plant Appreciation to a month. (Well, we know we appreciate native plants all year long...) Our inaugural Native Plant Appreciation Month will be April 2022, so mark your calendars now. April was selected because it is early in the wildflower season, so it is a good time to prepare for the native plant bounty of Oregon. A month-

long celebration will give chapters lots of time to do hikes, talks, plant sales, etc., and it's not too early to start planning your chapter's activities now. - Judi Sanders

# OregonFlora

OregonFlora is developing a comprehensive resource about the plants of Oregon for nature enthusiasts, restorationists, land managers, scientists, and gardeners of all ages and levels of interest. The information within the three-volume *Flora of Oregon* books and the extensive database used to organize the information forms the foundation for our website, <u>oregonflora.org</u> and Oregon Wildflowers mobile app. These digital resources bring the beauty and diversity of Oregon's plant life to the public with thousands of photographs, interactive maps and intuitive identification tools.



Your financial support allows us to keep providing free access of digital information to the public. Our program relies on competitive grants and donations from individuals and groups to fund all of OregonFlora's direct operating expenses. The contributions people give of their time and financial resources are a critical part of our budget. If you would like to be a part of the team that keeps

OregonFlora progressing, please contact us at <a href="mailto:ofeflora@oregonflora.org">ofeflora@oregonflora.org</a>.

Contributions can be made online <u>OregonFlora Donate</u> or mailed directly to: Agricultural Research Foundation, 1600 SW Western Blvd. Ste. 320, Corvallis, OR 97333. Please make checks payable to the Agricultural Research Foundation and include "OFP" on the memo line.- *Linda Hardison* 

# **NPSO Grant Proposals Requested**

NPSO will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are:

- To stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's
  native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas
  of the state.
- To promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

Research proposals are due by March 15th, 2022 (a two-week extension this year). The guidelines are available online at: <a href="www.npsoregon.org/grants.html">www.npsoregon.org/grants.html</a>. For a paper copy of the program policy and guidelines, contact

Dan Luoma
Field Research Grants Committee Chair
5 NW Edgewood Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Washington Native Plant Society Conservation, Education, and Research Grants Available

The Washington Native Plant Society (WNPS) Conservation Committee is accepting grant application for projects that will restore, improve, or support on-the-ground, functioning native plant ecosystems in the State of Washington. Successful projects must provide public benefit and must align with WNPS Conservation principles. Applications will be evaluated for the quantity and quality of ecological benefit to be gained and the likelihood of project long-term success. Grant applications will be accepted until midnight March 1, 2022.

The WNPS Research and Education Committees are also accepting grant applications until midnight March 1 2022. For application information and contacts for each of these grant programs, see:

https://www.wnps.org/conservation-grants

https://www.wnps.org/education-grants

https://www.wnps.org/research

-Becky Chaney, WNPS Conservation Committee Chair

# Wanted: Volunteers for the Bulletin



Arrowleaf balsamroot (Balsamorhiza sagittata), Ochoco Mountains, photo by Margaret Bernard.

NPSO is seeking contributions from members, such as a short essay on your research or report of a field trip. Your contribution could be a short entry for a plant of the month or mystery plant, a photo of a plant to feature as the *Bulletin* cover photo, a description of a new book you've discovered, or another subject related to Oregon's flora. Submissions must be your own work, not something copied from the internet. Photos must be your own or ones you have obtained permission to use. Please consider sharing your knowledge with other members by contributing to NPSO's monthly *Bulletin!* Send contributions to the editor: <a href="mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org">bulletin@npsoregon.org</a>

# **NPSO Board Seeks Candidates**

Please consider taking the opportunity to serve the NPSO by running for election to one of the state-wide officer or at-large board of directors positions. Officer positions include President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who serve one-year terms. Three Directors at-large are elected annually and serve two-year terms. If you, or someone you know, is interested, please send your questions or information about potential candidates to Dan Luoma by email (daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu) for more information.

Willamette Valley Chapter Scholarships Available to Oregon Students



Marvel Luzell, previous scholarship winner. Marvel graduated from Oregon State University last year with a degree in Botany.

Photo by Taylor Barron.

The Willamette Valley Chapter is offering \$1,000 scholarships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled at an Oregon college and university for the 2022-2023 school year and who are majoring in one of the following fields of study:

- botany;
- horticulture with a focus on native plants;
- any biological, environmental, or natural resource science with a botany emphasis or;
- any biological, environmental, or natural resource science combined with a
  demonstrated intent to pursue studies or a career in a plant-based field focused
  on or related to native plants (e.g. ecology, systematics, sustainable natural
  resource management, landscape architecture, conservation biology).

Half-time students are eligible.

A limited number of qualified applicants will be selected to receive \$1,000 from either the Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund or the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship fund. Applications will be accepted by mail or electronically until June 1,

Applicants are required to submit:

- Name, address, email address, phone number, college/university name, and college/university address;
- A statement of academic and career intent, with a discussion of relevant coursework, extracurricular activities, and interests. Student's statement should show a demonstrated interest in native plants and the intent to pursue studies or careers related to native plants;
- One letter of reference from a person able to judge the student's ability to successfully complete study in the student's area of major study.
- Full collegiate academic record (transcript).

Applicants can send completed applications and documents by mail to

John Savage

Jean Davis and Augusta Rockafellar Scholarship Funds
413 Belmont Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

Or applicants can send completed applications and documents by email to: wvnpso@gmail.com.

For any questions about the scholarship, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414 or at wvnpso@gmail.com.

# **NPSO Receives Memorial Donation**

Special thanks go to the family of Jeanne and Wayne Huffstutter, who recently honored their memory with a memorial gift to NPSO. Jeanne and Wayne were long-time residents of Portland and members and supporters of NPSO. Jeanne loved wildflowers and enjoyed many hikes in the Cascades with Wayne and with other members of the NPSO. Wayne was a founding member of the Portland chapter of the Home Orchard Society. Wayne also had a personal interest in tracking down *Prunus subcordata* (Klamath plum) in as many places as possible in Oregon. As layman botanists, they would have been pleased to know that some of their legacy included support for the work of the NPSO

# 2022 Washington Botanical Symposium

University of Washington Botanic Gardens and the University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum (Seattle, Washington, USA) are pleased to announce the 2022 Washington Botanical Symposium. This program will be presented online as a Zoom webinar on:

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

9:00 am - 3:30pm (PST)

Co-hosted by University of Washington Botanic Gardens and the University of Washington Herbarium, Burke Museum

Program information available at:

https://botanicgardens.uw.edu/education/adults/conferences-symposia/wa-botanical-symposium/

or Facebook event page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/2359754990849366/

Scholarships are available for students, service corps members, or anyone with need.

An extensive network of professional, academic, and amateur botanists are actively engaged in the conservation, management, and study of Washington's diverse flora. Their expertise ranges from how best to manage biodiversity, to understanding climate change impacts on plant communities, to naming and classifying the flora's rare, common, and invasive elements. Invited speakers and poster presentations will share new insights and discoveries about these topics and more. Participants from throughout Washington and adjacent areas will have the opportunity to exchange ideas with colleagues within and across disciplines.

Attendees are invited to present research posters and make announcements about related news and opportunities on the symposium website. Contributions may include video, text, and/or images.

Sponsor: Washington Native Plant Society

Supporters: King County Noxious Weed Program; Parametrix; The Watershed Company;

Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Program

Friends: AECOM, Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board

-Jessica Farmer, Adult Education Supervisor, University of Washington Botanic Gardens

# "Frances Stillwell, Oregon's Botanical Landscape" at the Oregon Historical Society January 14 - May 1, 2022

Artist Frances Stilwell moved to Oregon in 1969 to continue her work in environmental sciences, including work as an ethologist, a biologist, a fisheries technician, a geomorphologist, and a botanist. However, in 1981 she decided to leave her career in science to pursue her lifelong passion for art. The Oregon Historical Society is proud to share Stilwell's stunning depictions of native Oregon plants in its newest exhibition,

"Frances Stilwell: Oregon's Botanical Landscape." The Oregon Historical Society is located

at 1200 SW Park Avenue, Portland, Oregon. For more information

visit: https://www.ohs.org/museum/exhibits/frances-stilwell.cfm

-Oregon Historical Society

# **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, Lisa Blackburn, at <a href="mailto:blackburnlisag@gmail.com">blackburnlisag@gmail.com</a>.

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

#### Corvallis

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

Monday, February 14th, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Presentation by Zoom: Native plants in garden systems: research from OSU's Garden

Ecology Lab.

Presenter: Gail Langellotto

Pre-registration is required for this meeting. If you would like to join the meeting please send an email to <a href="mailto-daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu">daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu</a> and include your Zoom name. We will be using the "waiting room" feature for enhanced security. You will receive an invitation to the meeting about one hour ahead of time. Unfortunately, requests for invitations after that point may be missed.

Saturday, February 26th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden

Winter cleanup at Native Plant Garden at Avery House, Avery Park, Corvallis. Contact Esther for more information at 541-990-0948 or estherco@peak.org.

### **Emerald**

Visit the Emerald Chapter website at <a href="http://emerald.npsoregon.org">http://emerald.npsoregon.org</a> to learn more about the latest chapter events, plant lists, and botanical information about Lane County plants and the people who love them. Our Facebook page is <a href="https://www.facebook.com/emerald.npso/">https://www.facebook.com/emerald.npso/</a>.

Monday, February 21st, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Program: Botanical Offerings in our Eugene City Parks Presenter: Diane Steeck, Ecologist, City of Eugene Learn about the native botanical treasures and plant communities found in Eugene's city parks. This program will feature plants of the large, the small, and the lesser visited parks and protected areas where you can experience botanical joy throughout the year. A zoom link will be sent to members and posted on the NPSO Emerald Chapter web site closer to the date of the program.

Saturday, February 26th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Field Trip: Buford Park North Trailhead Ramble

Rambles are leaderless walks where participants identify and share their knowledge of plants they encounter as a group. All levels of experience are welcome. All we ask is that you are interested in plants! We'll take the loop trail that crosses Spring Box Savanna on MPA Trail 3, then passes through closed forest, reaches a saddle and descends on MPA Trail 7 back to the Trailhead. To sign up click

here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADA92BAAFC1-february">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADA92BAAFC1-february</a>

Saturday, March 19th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Field Trip: Buford Park East Trailhead Ramble

Rambles are leaderless walks where participants identify and share their knowledge of plants they encounter as a group. All levels of experience are welcome. All we ask is that you are interested in plants! We'll walk on the gravel access road past the wet prairie, and then bear left on Trail 3 across the lower edge of Meadowlark Prairie. We won't go further than Buckbrush Canyon, about a mile-and-a-half in. There should be an abundance of early wildflowers. To sign up click

here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADA92BAAFC1-march1">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ADA92BAAFC1-march1</a>

Monday, March 21st, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Program: The Oregon Dunes, a Vanishing Landscape

Presenter: Dina Pavlis

Oregon is home to the world's tallest coastal dunes, with some reaching as high as 500 feet above sea level and spanning 180 feet in length! About 45% of Oregon's coastline consists of coastal dunes that are home to many delightful native plants and animals. The Oregon dunes ecosystem relies on sand movement to survive; it is assaulted almost daily by strong coastal winds, resulting in the creation of stunning formations that move and change. Unfortunately, Oregon's coastal sand dunes have been rapidly disappearing over the last 100 years beneath a blanket of plants. Scientists estimate that we are losing one to five feet of open sand per year. What has changed and can Oregon's coastal dunes be saved? A Zoom link will be sent to members and posted on the NPSO Emerald Chapter web site closer to the date of the program.

## <u>High Desert</u>

For information, visit the High Desert Chapter website: <a href="www.highdesertnpsoregon.org">www.highdesertnpsoregon.org</a> and Facebook page: <a href="Mattive Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter">Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter</a>, or email <a href="highdesertnpso@gmail.com">highdesertnpso@gmail.com</a>.

# Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact <u>kb\_president@npsoregon.org</u>, visit our website: <u>http://klamathbasinnps.com</u>, or find us on Facebook: <u>(13) Klamath Basin Chapter - Native Plant Society of Oregon | Facebook.</u>

# Mid-Columbia (currently inactive)

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact <u>mc\_president@NPSOregon.org</u>.

#### **Portland**

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our quarterly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are a Portland Chapter member and not receiving it, check your spam folder or notify us at npsopdxchapter@gmail.com if your email address has changed. You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page at <a href="https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/">https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/</a>. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/npso.portland/">https://www.facebook.com/npso.portland/</a>. Visit our chapter website at <a href="https://portlandnativeplants.org/">https://portlandnativeplants.org/</a> for archived newsletters, program recordings, and merchandise in our Shop.

Our monthly programs are now virtual. Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the **state** *Bulletin* and in *The Calochortus*.

DON'T MISS: <a href="https://www.ohs.org/museum/exhibits/frances-stilwell.cfm">https://www.ohs.org/museum/exhibits/frances-stilwell.cfm</a>

January 14 to May 1, 2022

Book and Art Exhibit: Frances Stillwell: Oregon's Botanical Landscape

Sponsor: Oregon History Museum, Portland, Oregon

February 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Stewardship Opportunity: Spring Park & Elk Rock Island Habitat Enhancement

Sponsor: North Clackamas Parks and Recreation

Join North Clackamas Parks and Recreation in improving habitats along the Willamette River. Volunteers will be maintaining trails, planting native plants, and placing discarded Christmas trees in fish habitat areas. Tools, gloves, and refreshments will be provided. Bring waterproof rain gear and footwear. Meet at: 2001 S.E. Sparrow St. at S.E. 19th Ave., Milwaukie, Oregon 97222. Parking is limited at the trailhead; look for parking uphill on Sparrow Road.

<u>SIGN UP HERE</u> (Highlight and click on NATURE-VOLUNTEER link to participate, sign Waiver form)

Elk Rock Island is not accessible on foot at this time but continues to be under habitat restoration with the help of NPSO volunteers following a wildfire in Sept. 2020. Contact npsopdxchapter@gmail.com if you are interested in being notified of events there this Spring.

Thursday, February 10, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Program: Exploring Saddle Mountain

Presenter: Phil Hays, Microbiologist / Corvallis Chapter Hike Leader

Phil began hiking and mountain climbing as a child. Following his education as a scientist, he began photographing and studying plants and joined NPSO to become familiar with the botany of the Oregon Coast Range, especially Mary's Peak and Saddle Mountain. He will take us on a photographic tour of the iconic landmark, visible from as far away as Astoria and revered as sacred by local tribes when Lewis and Clark first set eyes on it. "Swala-lahos", its tribal name, is now part of the Swala-lahos Floristic Area and home to a number of endemic species which Phil has photographed and will share with us.

Register in advance for this

meeting: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrfu2orzwpHtM0c5RmUxcgT3g0">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrfu2orzwpHtM0c5RmUxcgT3g0</a> duC2XBzW

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. <u>Save it</u>.

Thursday March 10th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Program: Native Habitat Restoration for Pollinators

Presenter: Mace Vaughn, Pollinator Program Co-Director for Xerces Society

Native bees, butterflies, and other pollinators continue to be in decline across the United States. To help reverse these trends, the Xerces Society collaborates with farmers, food companies, federal agencies, and homeowners to plan, design, and plant habitats with native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. In this talk, Mace will provide an update on pollinator declines in the western U.S., key pollinator habitat elements that need to be addressed, and examples of native wildflower projects Xerces is helping to put on the ground across western states.

Register in advance for this

meeting: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD</a> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD</a> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD</a> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD</a> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD</a> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpde6vpz0jHtCF6ZIUurGTzMuD</a> <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us0fupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupungfupung

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# <u>Siskiyou</u>

To join the Siskiyou Chapter email list: Send an email, from the address at which you want to receive announcements, to: <a href="mailto:announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org">announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org</a>. No subject or message is required. You will get a confirmation email. If you would like to volunteer to lead a hike, make a suggestion, or provide feedback regarding the field trip program, please contact Katelyn Detweiler, detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com. Join us on Facebook at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon">https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon</a>.

The Siskiyou Chapter has a YouTube channel; check it out at: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLlSw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLlSw</a>.

Thursday, February 17, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Zoom Program: Dead Wood & Healthy Habitats Speaker: Dr. Pepper Trail and Lance Wyss Dead wood - dead standing trees or snags, downed wood in streams and on land, decaying wood with cavities - is important for wildlife habitat and vegetation communities. This joint program of the Siskiyou Chapter NPSO and Rogue Valley Audubon Society will feature two expert speakers. Dr. Pepper Trail, naturalist and ornithologist, will discuss cavity-nesting birds and other wildlife. Eighty-five bird species nest in cavities in North America, including Wood Duck, Western Screech-Owl, and White-breasted Nuthatch, as well as all woodpecker species. Many of these species are declining, such as American Kestrel and Mountain Bluebird, due to the lack of suitable habitat, especially the loss of snags. Snags are also essential to many mammal species, including fishers, flying squirrels and silver-haired bats.

Lance Wyss, restoration biologist for the Rogue River Watershed Council, will discuss downed large and small wood - the biological legacy guiding stream processes. Have you ever pondered what legacy you will leave behind in your life? Trees that grow along streams and rivers leave a lasting and influential effect on physical and biological attributes of a riverine ecosystem. Whether a living or dead tree falls naturally into a creek, or is placed during active stream restoration, it continues to play a key role in the ecosystem.

Sponsors are the Rogue River Watershed Council, Southern Oregon Land Conservancy, and Pollinator Project Rogue Valley. To register for this free zoom talk: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/sisk-npso-talks">bit.ly/sisk-npso-talks</a>.

#### Presenter Bios:

Well-known local naturalist Pepper Trail has recently retired after more than 20 years as the ornithologist for the National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Lab in Ashland. He is the long-time conservation co-chair of the Rogue Valley Audubon Society and has been a leader in many regional conservation efforts, from the creation of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument to searches for the critically endangered Franklin's bumble bee.

Lance Wyss is the Restoration Biologist for Rogue River Watershed Council. He works with private landowners and public natural resources managers to design, implement, and monitor ecological restoration projects that include riparian rehabilitation and instream enhancement to improve stream processes, water quality, and plant and animal habitats.

Thursday, February 24, 2022 Siskiyou Chapter Member Meeting

Siskiyou Chapter Member Meetings (now separate from programs) are the fourth Thursday of the month in 2022.

To register for the member meeting: <u>bit.ly/sisk-npso-checkin</u>.

# <u>Umpqua Valley</u>

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<u>Filipendula</u>

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