



# ***Native Plant Society of Oregon***

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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Saskatoon serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*). Ochoco Mountains, Oregon.  
October 5, 2023. Photo by Faye Streier.

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## Southern Oregon Adopt a Rare Species Program



Mount Mazama collomia (*Collomia mazama*), a southern Oregon endemic. July 24, 2005.

Photo by Tanya Harvey, courtesy of OregonFlora.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) by adopting a rare plant species. Through our southern Oregon community (citizen) science project, we will teach volunteers how to monitor populations of rare plant species. The goal is for volunteers to be able to visit known populations of their adopted species and report on the health of those populations. After completing the training, volunteers will work independently or with a team of family and friends as they check on their adopted plants over time.

The ESA was enacted on December 28th, 1973, to prevent the loss or harm of endangered and threatened species and to preserve the places where they live. Now in its 50th year, the ESA stands as a testament to the power of partnerships and the conservation successes we can achieve through working together. Today, hundreds of species are stable or improving thanks to conservation actions undertaken by federal agencies, state and local governments, conservation organizations, and private citizens.

While we have made considerable progress in safeguarding our imperiled species and their habitats since the passage of the ESA, the challenges we face are ongoing. Loss of habitat and introduction of invasive species are the most serious threats to vulnerable species and their habitats. Additionally, climate change promises to expand the scope and complexity of these problems.

As we look to the next fifty years and beyond, a renewed commitment to species conservation and the ESA is vital. It is up to all of us to continue the success of the ESA so future generations may experience the natural heritage we all cherish. Sadly, the resources available for rare plant monitoring have never been enough to do the science necessary to adequately monitor known populations. Consequently, over the past twenty years, many U.S. states and Canadian provinces in North America have successfully involved their communities in rare plant species adoption programs.

We are now starting the “Southern Oregon Adopt a Rare Plant Species Program” with the assistance of local scientists and the support of the native plant conservation network. Join us and help conserve our rare Southern Oregon flora.

For more information, please contact Dave Garcia at [drgarcia08@gmail.com](mailto:drgarcia08@gmail.com) or Maggie Graham at [maggie@understoryinitiative.org](mailto:maggie@understoryinitiative.org).

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## OregonFlora

Why do you belong to the NPSO? While some may prefer the hikes and others the informative presentations, probably most people join to support work that increases our knowledge and appreciation of the natural world. Through the synergistic relationship between NPSO and OregonFlora, your membership is also helping OregonFlora to provide NSPO members—and the general public—comprehensive information about plant diversity in our state. Members and donors, take pride in the powerful way you have leveraged your financial contributions in support of these *two* great organizations!



OregonFlora has been working for twenty-nine years to develop a comprehensive and

broadly accessible resource about the state’s vascular plant flora. Volume 3—the final volume of this monumental effort—is very close to completion.

Our recent budget shortfall has notably slowed our work. Some good news, however, is that we have enough funds to raise our staff’s half-time appointments back to their previous levels for the remainder of this fiscal year (until July 2024). This is possible in large part to your generous support—thank you!

Because plant diversity data is always changing, we are constantly updating the information so it stays relevant and accurate. OregonFlora can best do that when we have sustained and reliable financial support. We want to continue working and developing tools for using plant data beyond this fiscal year, and to do that we will need your help. Monthly donations, a bequest, and support and advocacy for the programs and organizations that rely on such information are all ways you can help make that future a reality.

Accurate plant diversity information is essential for protecting rare plants, preserving habitats, informing plant managers, and increasing our capacity to know the natural world we live in. These are defining parts of both the NPSO and OregonFlora. Thank you for your involvement in these two valuable organizations!

Contributions to OregonFlora can be made online through our [PayPal account](#), or by sending a check to the address on our [Donate](#) page. Your support is greatly appreciated. -  
*Linda Hardison*

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## 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](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com). Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

**New Mystery Plant**  
**Do you recognize this plant?**



This month's mystery plant was photographed by Jennifer Barker at Morning Hill Forest Farm near Seneca, Oregon on June 15, 2018. If you can identify this plant, email the *Bulletin* editor at [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com).

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor at [bulletinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:bulletinnpso@gmail.com)

# Capture the Beauty of Oregon's Native Plants for our 2024 Native Plant Appreciation Month Poster Photo Contest

**APRIL 2023**  
**NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION MONTH**

**HOW CAN I CELEBRATE?**

- Join your local NPSO chapter
- Participate in a workshop
- Volunteer on a restoration project
- Visit a native garden or nursery
- Hike/walk a natural area
- Add natives to your landscape
- Attend a wildflower show

*Castilleja arachnoidea* (Cobwebby Paintbrush) by Emily Poole. South Sister, July 6, 2021

*Trifolium productum* (Shasta Clover) by Tanya Harvey. Calapooya Mountains near Loletta Lakes, June 13, 2022

*Fraseria speciosa* (Giant Frasera) by Rebecca Collman. Zumwalt Prairie, June 11, 2020

*Xerophyllum tenax* (Bear Grass) by Polly Maertz. Waldo Lake, July 14, 2020

*Prosartes hookeri* (Hooker's Fairy Bells) by Anika Fiske. Camassia Nature Preserve, May 2, 2022

*Pedicularis densiflora* (Warrior's Plume) and *Dodecatheon hendersonii* (Henderson's Shooting Stars) by Pepper Trail. Cathedral Hills, March 17, 2022

Discover what your local NPSO chapter is doing by visiting [www.npsoregon.org](http://www.npsoregon.org) or find us on Facebook

Help us create the best poster ever for Native Plant Appreciation Month 2024 by submitting one or two of your best shots of Oregon native plants. We are looking for photos that capture the beauty and diversity of Oregon's native plants. Your photo could be of a single flower, a group of plants, or a landscape that features native plants. We encourage you to be creative and to share your unique perspective on Oregon's native flora.

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](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com) and received by December 31, 2023. 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 and must allow NPSO to reproduce the image free of charge for our poster, website, and related publicity material. If you have any questions, please email them to [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com). - *Judi Sanders*

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## Call for Nominations for 2024 Fellows Awards

The Fellows Award is the highest honor bestowed in NPSO, recognizing NPSO members for their exceptional contributions to the Society. The award comes with a certificate of recognition and lifetime membership in NPSO.

In addition to honoring the recipient, the Fellows Award informs the general membership of the good deeds and long-time commitment of some members in supporting our mission, as well as outstanding contributions to knowledge of native plants. The award serves to inspire and encourage newer members to make their own contributions to NPSO.

We hope that individuals who are approached for nomination for the award will accept this recognition of their accomplishments. It's important for others to understand what it takes to run an organization staffed entirely by volunteers.

Guidelines for Fellows nominations are available online under "Administrative Papers/Nominating Fellows" at: [NPSO - Policies & Positions \(npsoregon.org\)](https://npsoregon.org) or by request from the Fellows Committee at [fellows@npsoregon.org](mailto:fellows@npsoregon.org). Nominations should be submitted to the Fellows Committee at that email address before December 31 (earlier submission is encouraged). Nominations must include an essay describing the nominee's accomplishments and a good quality digital photo of the nominee that is suitable for publication. The Fellows Committee will evaluate nominations that meet the submission criteria and recommend awardees to the state board. Awards will be presented at the next Annual Meeting; biographies and photos of recipients will be posted on the NPSO website.

Additional Fellows Committee members are needed. If you are interested, please email [fellows@npsoregon.org](mailto:fellows@npsoregon.org). - *Lisa Blackburn*

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# 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](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

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

**Saturday, November 25, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Work Party: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library**

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

Fall and winter chores include making design decisions as well as pruning, cleaning up, and weeding. Sometimes we have new species to plant! The garden includes nine ecological areas with sun and shade. Dress for the weather. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:co_president@NPSOregon.org). Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO](https://facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

**Monday, November 13, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: Mary's Peak Meadow Restoration: Coast Range Plant Community Response to Restoration and Disturbance**

**Speaker: Doug Glavich, Ecologist, U.S. Forest Service**

**Location: Room 2602, Cordley Hall, Oregon State University and via Zoom**

Doug will cover plant species changes after encroaching forest stands were removed from the meadows and how meadow plant communities responded to disturbance from the restoration activities.

To attend via Zoom, register in advance

here: [https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJkdeqprTItE9IS-o5Mj42I5IUeVY90Fp\\_l](https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJkdeqprTItE9IS-o5Mj42I5IUeVY90Fp_l).

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

**Saturday, November 18, 1:00 pm to 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 and pruning work party. Bring rain gear, gloves, shovel, and clippers. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto: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.

**Tuesday, November 14, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Presentation: Landscaping with Native Plants Webinar**

**Speaker: Linda Hardison. Oregon State University Extension- Lane County.**

**Location: Zoom, Preregister at <https://beav.es/qJc>**

What plants are native species, and why are they ideal to use in your garden or landscape? Join Linda Hardison, director of [OregonFlora](http://OregonFlora.org), to learn about some of Oregon's botanical gems that can play a key role in your yard or garden. The OregonFlora program, based at Oregon State University, offers a wealth of information about the 4,700 plus distinct vascular plants that grow in our state. Linda will share how native plant species fit into Oregon's ecosystems, and how you can use this knowledge to select natives appropriate for your site. Come and learn how to tap the resources of OregonFlora to create your own native plant paradise!

**Monday, November 20, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: The Rare Plants and Pollinators of Fern Ridge Reservoir**

**Speaker: Caity Winterbottom, Botanist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

**Location: In person at: Amazon Community Center, New Room: Main Hall, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene, 97405**

Fern Ridge Dam and Reservoir is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) flood control project that was originally built in 1942. When the Corps built this dam, they protected some of the most intact remnant patches of Willamette Valley prairie in the process.

The wet prairies support a large population of Bradshaw's desert parsley (*Lomatium bradshawii*) and the largest remnant population of the endangered Willamette fleabane (*Erigeron decumbens*). The upland prairies host the threatened Kincaid's lupine (*Lupinus oregonus*) which is the host plant for the previously endangered Fender's blue butterfly (*Plebejus icarioides fenderi*). The Corps has conducted long-term monitoring of all these species using a variety of methodologies. Caity will provide updates on population

statuses and trends for all the threatened and endangered species at the prairie sites around Fern Ridge reservoir. Bring a snack to share!

**Monday, December 18, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Event: Annual Christmas Plant Highlights Party**

**Location: In person at: Amazon Community Center, NEW ROOM: Main Hall, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene, 97405**

Bring fifteen to twenty of your favorite photos from this year on a thumb drive to show to the group. We'll celebrate the season with hot cider and Christmas goodies while watching a slide show of each other's adventures and the neat plants we found.

## **High Desert**

For information, visit the High Desert Chapter website: [www.highdesertnpsoregon.org](http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org) and Facebook page: [Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com). The chapter field trip coordinator is Jill Kellogg at [highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com).

The High Desert chapter is pleased to announce that we have a new iNaturalist project featuring our field trip plant observations. To view our recent trips, please visit <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-nps-field-trips>.

## **Klamath Basin**

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

## **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](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com). You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page: [meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/](https://meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/). Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos: [facebook.com/nps.portland](https://facebook.com/nps.portland). Visit our chapter website at [portlandnativeplants.org](http://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://inaturalist.org/projects/npsopdx-collective-annual-projects). Follow us on Instagram: [instagram.com/npsopdx/](https://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.

**Wednesday, November 1, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Four Major Broadleaf Trees**

**Leaders: Elly Adelman and Rick Shory**

**Location: Oaks Bottom, Portland**

Learn to identify four major broadleaf trees of western Oregon with botanist Rick Shory. The tree limbs will be partly bare, so we can see the branch structure. There will be some leaves remaining, so we can learn the foliage too. In addition to the native trees, we will see some "guest" trees that have crept in from neighborhoods.

We will meet at 1:00 pm in the parking lot for Sellwood Park (SE 7th Ave and SE Malden Street, Portland, OR 97202). Please note address: It is not the riverside park. We will walk downhill to Oaks Bottom and then continue on a flat trail seeking trees. The one-and-a-half-mile round trip is on a gravel trail with possible muddy spots. The outing will take about two hours. Oaks Bottom is a prime birdwatching spot, so you may want to continue walking along the Bluff Trail after the outing.

This easy and pleasant outing happens rain or shine, so bring your rain gear. Binoculars and a hand lens are helpful. Learning to identify trees is a fine way to start the month of November.

To register, please contact Elly Adelman at [ellyph@comcast.net](mailto:ellyph@comcast.net).

**Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: Maintaining Lichen Diversity in Era of Global Change**

**Speaker: Jesse Miller, Washington State Rare Plant Botanist**

Although often overlooked, lichens are diverse and beautiful, and they play critical roles in ecosystems. Currently, lichens face a number of ecological threats, making their future uncertain in the Pacific Northwest. In this talk, Jesse will focus on the effects of larger, hotter wildfires on rare lichens, and discuss management strategies we can take to keep our rare lichens present on the landscapes over the long term. He'll also talk about how community scientists can help with this work by documenting lichen distributions.

[Click here to register.](#)

**January 2024, Date and Time To Be Announced**

**Meeting: Annual Field Trip Planning Session**

**Organizer: Kieran Hanrahan**

The Chapter will be hosting its annual field trip planning session on a yet-to-be determined Sunday in January. If you are interested in attending or learning more about leading or co-leading a field trip in the new year, please watch future issues of the Calochortus for details or email field trips chair Kieran at [kierandh@gmail.com](mailto:kierandh@gmail.com).

Please note: There will be no December program for the Portland Chapter.

## **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](mailto:Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com)

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

**Thursday, November 16, 7:00 pm**

**Presentation: Biodiversity and Conservation from Space**

**Speaker: Cindy Schmidt, National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

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

This presentation will give a comprehensive introduction to National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Ecological Conservation Program, highlighting how satellite observations aid conservation and preservation at various scales. The talk will also discuss capacity-building initiatives and freely available educational materials.

Information on NASA Ecological Conservation can be found at: <https://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/what-we-do/ecological-conservation>.

This program will also be provided as a zoom for folks who cannot attend in person. To register for the zoom: <https://bit.ly/npsos2022-23talks>.

## **South Coast**

The South Coast Chapter has been recently re-established, with membership from both Curry and Coos counties. Guests of members of other chapters are welcome at our events. To join our mailing list, please contact our chapter president Charmane Mitchell at: [cmainie@gmail.com](mailto:cmainie@gmail.com).

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

**Tuesday, November 14, 5:00 pm to 6:30**

**Presentation: Native Plant Garden Design**

**Speaker: Maggie Daly**

**Location: Zoom: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89440816278?pwd=6V2dYJqKBNAbkEN8WitkWBnLLyo2hx.1>**

**Meeting ID: 894 4081 6278 Passcode: 6jYED3**

The presentation will address tuning into your own aesthetic, evaluating what your garden can give you, examining some useful design ideas, and making native plant choices. We'll also take a nitty-gritty look at how to convert lawn to planting beds. Time will be reserved at the end of the presentation for questions.

Maggie has a master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Oregon and worked for over 13 years as a landscape designer for a multi-disciplinary design firm in the Portland area. She is now retired and very happily building a native plant demonstration garden, replacing lots of "dead scape" (lawn) with a "thrive scape" (native plants).

## **Umpqua Valley**

Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO](http://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

## **Willamette Valley**

**Thursday, November 16, 6:30 to 7:30 pm**

**Zoom Presentation: Rewilding Ireland**

**Speaker: Aislinn Adams**

Join noted Irish illustrator, designer, horticulturist, and environmental educator Aislinn Adams as she discusses the growing rewilding movement in Ireland to boost the populations of pollinators, birds and other wildlife, and native plants. Her illustrated talk will also explore the public reaction to the movement and the possibilities for its growth in the United States. Adams is currently working on a major commission to illustrate thirty native species for the Friends of Silver Falls State Park.

Registration is required. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

- President: Steven Yeager, [president@npsoregon.org](mailto:president@npsoregon.org)
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- Rare & Endangered Plants: [Jason Clinch](#)
- Bulletin Editor: [Faye Streier](#), Proofreaders: Kaitlin Andersen, Ken Berg, Camille Stewart
- Webmaster: [Tom Pratum](#)
- More information about our NPSO Fellows [here](#).

Chapter Presidents and contact information [can be found here](#).



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