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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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*Penstemon speciosus* on East Steens Road, May 2021. Photo by Karen Sturgeon.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

Last month's mystery plant revealed:

*Penstemon deustus* (hotrock or scabland penstemon) is widespread in eastern Oregon, normally found in warm, sunny, often rocky places. It also extends into southwestern Oregon.



Photos by Cindy Roché.

## New Mystery Plant

Do you recognize this plant?

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Photo by Karen Sturgeon

This shrub was photographed in May on Domingo Pass Road south of Fields. The species is found throughout much of the Great Basin; at this site in Oregon, it is near the northern limit of its range growing in a sagebrush scrub community with sagebrush, rabbitbrush, saltbush, and other shrubs. The plants consist of bright green photosynthetic stems with tiny vestigial leaves. Boiled stems were used medicinally by Indigenous people and can be used to make tea.

**Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share?**

Send it to the editor: [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org)

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## OregonFlora Receives Oregon Stewardship Award

The Museum of Natural and Cultural History at the University of Oregon has announced the winners of its annual Oregon Stewardship Award, recognizing two organizations, The Immigrant Story and OregonFlora, with the statewide honor.

Launched in 2018 by the museum's advisory council, the \$1,000 award recognizes an individual or organization for involving the community in an environmental or cultural heritage project, one that aligns with the museum's mission to inspire stewardship of the region's collective past, present and future. This year, donor support



enabled the museum to expand the program and offer two awards.

“We saw dozens of nominations this year, each one a testament to how deeply Oregonians care about our ecosystems and cultures,” said Ann Craig, public programs director at the museum. “We are delighted to be able to recognize two outstanding winners this year.”

Based at Oregon State University, OregonFlora is a comprehensive resource for learning about the nearly 5,000 species of trees, grasses, ferns, and wildflowers present in our ecologically diverse state. The organization presents detailed botanical information through its three-volume *Flora of Oregon* book series, a wildflower identification app, and website.

By sharing these tools with the public, from K-12 students to backyard landscapers to federal forest managers, OregonFlora helps Oregonians improve their environment, mitigate adverse human effects and plan for a healthier future.

“Plants define the human experience; they help feed, clothe, and house us. They also develop our sense of place,” said OregonFlora director Linda Hardison. “To get to know the species that create the habitats and landscapes we live in brings a better understanding and a sense of belonging to where we call home.”

The competitive award program, which annually draws nominations from around the state, also named four finalists this year. They are: the NATIVES Indian Education Program Parent Committee, which is part of the Eugene School District’s Indian Education Program, Portland State University archaeologist Virginia Butler, the Friends of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, and the city of Philomath for its Inclusivity Resolution.

In addition to the cash prizes, The Immigrant Story and OregonFlora will be recognized on the Oregon Heroes display panel in the museum’s Explore Oregon exhibition hall. - *Kristin Strommer, Museum of Natural and Cultural History*

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## Wanted: Volunteers for the *eBulletin*

Seeking new *eBulletin* editor! Responsibilities include correcting grammatical errors, editing for length and content (including fact-checking as needed), and placement in Mailchimp or a similar mailing program. The work takes about 6 hours per month. Please email [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org) if you'd like to help out or have any questions about the responsibilities. Training in Mailchimp will be provided!

NPSO is also 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 description of a new book you've discovered, or other 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 *eBulletin*!

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# NPSO Annual Meeting Returns in 2022!!

## “Ecological Restoration and Conservation of Willamette Valley, Coast Range, and Coastal Landscapes”

Hosted by the Cheahmill Chapter  
Spirit Mountain Lodge, Grande Ronde  
May 20-22, 2022

The Cheahmill Chapter is excited to host this meeting, which was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19. We look forward to a weekend of field trips, presentations, and reconnecting with our fellow NPSO members in person!

Field trips will visit Willamette Valley oak savannas and prairies, coastal forests, beaches, and estuaries. Featured will be efforts by groups, including the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (CTGR), the Nature Conservancy, Sitka Center for Art & Ecology, Institute for Applied Ecology, Yamhill Soil & Water District, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, all of which are actively involved in restoring native habitats.



UNESCO Cascade Head Biosphere Reserve: site of five field trips

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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, Lisa Blackburn, at [blackburnlisag@gmail.com](mailto:blackburnlisag@gmail.com).

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

### 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://www.facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

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**Saturday, July 10th, 8:00 am**

**Field Trip: Iron Mountain and Cone Peak**

Hike the Iron Mountain - Cone Peak loop, identifying wildflowers in this botanical hotspot. Over 200 species of vascular plants have been recorded across this botanically rich trail west of Santiam Pass. *Wildflowers of the Western Cascades* (Ross and Chambers, 1988) focuses on the flora of this area. A delightful post about the area by Tanya Harvey can be read here: <http://westerncascades.com/2019/06/18/a-rainbow-of-colors-at-cone-peak-and-iron-mountain/>. Tanya's plant lists are here: <http://westerncascades.com/plant-lists/>. The Iron Mt. list is under the "Santiam" heading.

The loop is about 5 miles through moderately difficult terrain and it takes all day since we go so slowly looking at all the flowers. It is about a 1,000 ft. elevation gain, mostly in the first 1/3 of the hike. We will return in the late afternoon. Bring a lunch and water, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes. Location: meet at the OSU Wilkinson Hall parking lot southwest of the Beanery at 26th and Monroe. Vaccinations or masks required for carpooling. For more information and to RSVP, contact Dan: 541-752-8860 or [luomad@fsl.orst.edu](mailto:luomad@fsl.orst.edu).

**Saturday, July 25th, 10:00 am - noon**

**Event: Avery Native Plant Garden Work Party**

Work party at the Native Plant garden at the Avery House, Corvallis. We are going to do some summer watering, seed collecting, and weeding. Come with water, hat, gloves, and appropriate attire. Contact Esther for more information: 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. Our Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/emerald.npso/>.

**Saturday, July 3rd, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Upper Elk Meadows**

Alan Curtis leads us to a mixture of coniferous forests and open wetlands with a great variety of herbaceous plants, including an unusual one, *Umpqua fraseri* (syn. *Swertia umpquaensis*). The old-growth forest is composed primarily of Douglas-fir and Pacific silver fir. Vine maple and Sitka alder are common on the edges of the wetlands. Nine springs arise in the wetlands. Elevation of the area ranges from 4000 ft. to 4385 ft. Wear boots and bring lunch, water, and sun protection. Meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot at the corner of 19th Ave. and Patterson St. at 10:00 am. Limited to 8 participants. Please register [here](#).

**Saturday, July 10th, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Moon Point Wildflowers, Moon Point "bog," and Warner Mountain Lookout**

Join Jenny Moore and Tanya Harvey on a 2-3 mile round-trip hike into the Moon Point Special Interest Area for high-summer wildflower enjoyment. As we hike leisurely towards Moon Point for a sweeping vista of the South Fork Willamette Valley, we will pass

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through mesic and wet meadows and forested stands of Pacific silver fir. We are likely to see rare or unusual species such as green-flowered *Asarum* (*Asarum wagneri*) and swamp white heads (*Sphenosciadium capitellatum*). We'll take a couple side trips to visit a bog and lookout. Be prepared for off-trail hiking. Wear boots and bring lunch, water, and sun protection. Meet at the South Eugene High School parking lot at the corner of 19th Ave. and Patterson St. at 8:30 am, or at 9:15 am at Middle Fork Ranger Station on Hwy 58. Limited to 12 participants. Please register [here](#).

### **Saturday, August 7th, All Day**

#### **Field Trip: Oregon Dunes Restoration**

Hike the John Dellenback Trail with Siuslaw National Forest botanist Armand Rebishke and see what the Siuslaw National Forest is up to with dunes restoration. This area is a “preserve the best” unit, meaning it has an abundance of native dunes plants - adapted to open sand conditions reminiscent of historic dunes conditions before the planting and expansion of European beachgrass, brooms, and other invasive species. We'll see seashore bluegrass, sand fescue, and bearberry plant associations among other native dunes species. The sand boundary was treated during late summer 2020 by cutting and wiping Scotch broom, spraying European beachgrass, and cutting small pines. Meet at South Eugene High School east parking lot (19th and Patterson St.) at 8:00 am to carpool or at Dellenback Trail at 10:30 am. (To get to John Dellenback Dunes Trailhead go to the junction of Hwy 101 and 38 in Reedsport and turn south on Hwy 101. Go about 11 miles. Turn west toward Eel Creek Campground and follow road to the end for trailhead parking.) Drivers will need a parking pass. Hike will be 3-4 miles round trip (it is an out and back trail). If you want to continue on to the ocean, the round trip is 5.4 miles. Sand dunes hiking can be strenuous, windy, and chilly. Bring water, lunch, and sun coverage. Sign up [here](#).

## **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).

## **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: [Klamath-Basin-Chapter-Native-Plant-Society-of-Oregon](#).

## **Mid-Columbia (currently inactive)**

For information on the Mid-Columbia Chapter, contact [mc\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:mc_president@NPSOregon.org).

## **Portland**

Our members receive *The Calochortus*, our monthly e-newsletter with field trips, programs, news, and events for the Portland area. If you are not receiving it, check your spam folder and notify us at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) of any email address change. You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page at <https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/>.

Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos; visit <https://www.facebook.com/nps.portland/>. Visit our chapter website at

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<https://portlandnativeplants.org/>.

Our monthly programs are now “virtual.” Members will find a link to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of *The Calochortus* newsletter and below. There will be no Programs in July & August. Be sure to register on our Meetup page to be notified of summer field trips: <https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/>.

**Next Program:**

**Thursday, September 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Book talk: *A Generous Nature; Lives Transformed by Oregon***

**Presenter: Marcy Houle, Author**

Marcy’s book offers profiles of 21 conservationists and activists who have made enduring contributions to the preservation of Oregon’s wild and natural places and its high quality of life. Marcy is well-known locally as a protector and defender of Portland’s Forest Park, the nation’s largest city park, and she’s also written a hiker’s guide to it. We’ll hear about her conservation efforts both locally and nationally.

## **Siskiyou**

To join the Siskiyou Chapter email list: Send an email, from the address at which you want to receive announcements, to: [announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org](mailto:announce-join@siskiyou.npsoregon.org). 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](mailto:detweiler.katelyn@gmail.com). Join us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>.

The Siskiyou Chapter has a YouTube channel, check it out at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLLSw>.

**Saturday, July 17th, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Plant Walk: PCT from Siskiyou Gap**

Walk the Pacific Crest Trail from Siskiyou Gap (5,899 ft.) along the Serpentine Siskiyou. Led by botanist and Siskiyou chapter president Rachel Werling, hike a moderate ~4 miles (out and back) of the PCT towards Big Red Mountain. This stretch of the trail traverses outcrops of serpentinite and open ridgelines, meanders through mountain meadows and under canopies of Siskiyou crest *Abies* hybrids. We will look to see the rare and showy *Epilobium siskiyouense* (Siskiyou willowherb) in bloom, three types of sword fern (*Polystichum lemmonii* (Lemmon’s holly fern), *Polystichum imbricans* (imbricate sword fern), and *Polystichum munitum* (western sword fern)), as well as *Pinus monticola* (western white pine), dense fields of *Xerophyllum tenax* (beargrass), and many montane favorites. Meet in Talent, Oregon, at 8:30 am to caravan. Carpool if possible. Approximate end time 2:00 pm. Contact [Rachel.werling@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Rachel.werling@oregonstate.edu) for details and registration. Limit 10.

**July 10th, 18th, 31st, and August 8th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Class: From Firs to Flowers - Beginning Botany Field Outings**

This summer, the Siskiyou Chapter is proud to offer a four-week plant class, “From Firs to

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Flowers,” to make accessible the world of native plants and regional plant communities. Led by West Coast Plant Enthusiast Nolan Richard, this class will meet four times in four very distinct ecosystems to cover plant identification, different habitat types, and plant adaptations, as well as the site-specific topics listed below. This is an introductory series intended for folks who are new to learning about plants or new to the region. You can sign up for the whole series or individual classes. Classes will be capped at 12 students so sign up now! To register or to ask questions, email Nolan Richard at [richardn@sou.edu](mailto:richardn@sou.edu) - if signing up, please make sure to specify which class(es) you would like to sign up for. Classes will begin at the field locations at 9:00 am and will end by 2:00 pm.

### **The Classes and Themes:**

**Week 1:** Field Trip - Saturday, July 10th - Rogue River Preserve  
Riparian Ecology, Invasive Species, Basics of Identification

**Week 2:** Field Trip - Sunday, July 18th - Grizzly Peak  
Conifers, Flower Anatomy, Flower Families, Fire

**Week 3:** Field Trip - Saturday, July 31st - Hobart Bluff  
Biodiversity, Pollination, Conservation

**Week 4:** Field Trip - Sunday, August 8th - Mt Ashland  
Subalpine ecosystems, Endemic Species, Climate Change

### **HELP US MAKE A COMMUNITY VIDEO!**

The Siskiyou Chapter NPSO wants to create another community video and we need your help. We are looking for short 1-2-minute phone videos featuring a few native plants you love, a flower-rich place, or even plants from your native plant garden. We hope you can provide some interpretation and would love to see people in the videos, too. Members can submit their videos here by August 31: [July 4, 2020 Community Videos folder - Google Drive](#).

## **Umpqua Valley**

Visit [umpquavalleynativeplants.com](http://umpquavalleynativeplants.com) for more information on chapter activities or to be added to our email list. Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO](https://www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO). Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

## **Willamette Valley**

For program information, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414, [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto:wvnps@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, July 13th, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Field Trip: Anvil Lake Hike**

John Savage will lead an all-day hike to view the wildflowers of Anvil Lake. This three-mile roundtrip hike (with light elevation gain) passes through old growth forest, the beautiful Black Wolf Meadows, and ends at a secluded lake. We should see a wide variety of moisture-loving wildflowers including western swamp laurel and king's gentian. Location: Meet at Willamette Heritage Center (1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR 97301) at 8

a.m. Pre-registration is required. To register and for more information, email John Savage at [wvnpsogmail.com](mailto:wvnpsogmail.com) or call 503-779-5414.

## **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). Find us on Instagram at [instagram.com/wm.cusick.chapter](https://www.instagram.com/wm.cusick.chapter). Our website is not currently functional.

## **Native Plant Interest Groups:**

### **Filipendula**

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

### **NPSO State Officers**

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- Publications: [Cindy Roché and Kareen Sturgeon](#)
- Bulletin Editor: [Cat Mead \(interim\) and Jamie Menzel](#)
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Chapter Presidents and contact information [can be found here](#).

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