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D.C. Endangered Species Act Report: July 18-19, 2005

by Bruce Newhouse, Emerald Chapter

Last spring, Native Plant Conservation Campaign Director Emily Roberson contacted NPSO to find out if NPSO would send a representative to Washington D.C. in July to participate in a “fly-in” to support the Endangered Species Act. I volunteered, as it sounded like a great thing to be a part of, and since they offered to pay some of the expenses. At the board meeting during the annual meeting in Roseburg, the board was introduced to the idea, and approved. About then, things started happening!

I have visited Washington only once before: in 1980, when I had one day to visit museums. This time, I knew I would again have little free time, as I could not afford to take off extra days during peak summer field season. So I booked the two-day event in mid-July with one day on either end for travel. And before I go further, I must thank the Center for Biological Diversity (for covering many of my expenses) and Earthjustice (which organized most of the event). For those of you who may not know, there are a great bunch of people in D.C. working hard on behalf of all our rare plants and animals.

I departed the Eugene Airport at 5:45 am on Sunday morning (no kidding), and arrived in D.C. about 4 pm local time—but my bags didn’t. After waiting, dinner and more waiting at the airport, they finally arrived at about 8:45 pm, and my small window to visit the Smithsonian Natural History Museum Butterfly Garden was lost. I took

the Metro to the hotel and met my roomie—from the NRDC in LA.

Day One

The first day of the two-day “Endangered Species Fly-In” was packed with back-to-back presentations by Brock Evans www.snre.umich.edu/ecomgt/events/bios/evans.htm, Chris Arthur (a very seasoned veteran of Capitol Hill), and lots of “local” folks from around the U.S.—almost all addressing vertebrate animal issues. There were about 75 of us flown in for this event, with our main purpose to visit swing voters from our home state, and refute the “leaked” draft legislation being considered by some House members. We visited the two Oregon senators’ offices as well, with the goal there to not have any legislation come out of the Senate, thereby keeping the status quo—for now.

This is a good place to explain what is going on right now with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in Washington D.C. The ESA is supposed to be reauthorized every few years, but if it isn’t, it still remains functional. This has been the case for several years. The ESA has withstood many attempts to weaken it over the last few years (it is just over 30 years old!), but none have gone anywhere because the act enjoys broad public support. But as we all know, nothing is sacred in politics, and the times they are a changin’. So there may be quite an effort in the works to try to revise the act in the near future.

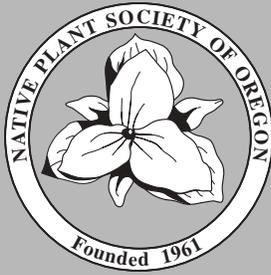
The “leaked” potential house bill

includes language to weaken protection for threatened species, to redefine the act to target “protection of species at the current rate of decline” as the goal of the act (rather than species recovery), redefine critical habitat to limit it to the area currently occupied by a species (rather than the area critical to its recovery), sunseting the act in 2015 if it is not reauthorized, and so forth. This all is being couched under the premise that “we can do better for them” (the species), and that the act “is

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Editor's Note

This year's NPSO Annual Meeting was hosted by the Umpqua chapter and was held at the Phoenix School in Roseburg, a school for disadvantaged youths. The students took care of all the catering and did a wonderful job of taking care of all those in attendance. They wanted to thank NPSO and the Umpqua chapter, and sent in this letter.

Many thanks from NPSO to the Phoenix School and its students, and also to Ron Hatt and Judy Kent and all the hard working members of the Umpqua chapter of NPSO who contributed to another successful and enjoyable meeting.

June 26, 2005

Dear Native Plant Society of Oregon:

We wanted to say thank you for the wonderful experience you provided our program by allowing us to step-up our serving experience. We have served many groups and have done various caterings, but haven't got to 'play' like we did with you! The students involved were exposed to more quality expectations than before. This really helped them to understand that possibilities are limitless with the proper resources. The potential for growth of this program can always reach further, this event proved that to all involved. We relished the opportunity to show the community what we are capable of. Every event teaches both staff and students new lessons to improve the next one.

Your organization was wonderful to get a glimpse of. We enjoyed the atmosphere that the dynamics of your group provided. I think everybody learned at least a few things about the beauty that Oregon possesses. The flowers were cheerful and delightful, and the displays had a psychologically calming effect. You have exposed all of us to broader interests and information that surrounds the area. You brought a positive energy to all of us.

Thank you very much for the generous gratuity. We have received very little from prior groups, when we did all of it went to fund a field trip that the students chose to do and work for. They were ecstatic to go home with money in their pockets. Every bit was greatly appreciated. It motivates the students to always take pride in their work when they receive tangible rewards out of their efforts. There are times when students feel overwhelmed and consider quitting (in fact, some have) then they remember the appreciation that they got and it helps them get through the days when patience and perseverance is a struggle to keep. This is stressful work, and when the job is done, they feel proud of the fact that they were strong enough to make it through.

Sincere Thanks,

Phoenix School Culinary Program and Volunteers

State

October 8, Saturday, 10 am

Board Meeting: The High Desert chapter will host the fall board meeting which will be held from 10 am to 2 pm at the Bend Public Library.

Blue Mountain

For information on the Blue Mountain Chapter call Jerry Baker at 541-566-2244.

Cheahmill

September 22, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Adaptations of Oregon Native Plants. Tanya Harvey will show slides and talk about some of the many ways our native plants have adapted to deal with such things as the climate, pollinators and reproduction. Tanya is an artist and the current editor of the *NPSO Bulletin*. Carnegie Room, McMinnville Library, 225 NW Adams St., McMinnville OR. For info contact Susan Williams 503-538-1865 or helgesusan@comcast.net. Check our chapter website: www.oregon-native-plants.com.

Corvallis

September 24, Saturday, 10 am

Field Trip: Seed Collecting in the Cascades. Matt Blakely-Smith and John Syring will be leading a fall plant ID and seed collecting trip to an undetermined location in the Cascades. Seeds collected from this trip will later be cleaned, stratified, germinated, transplanted, and exchanged. We will be working on these and other seed collections throughout the year as part of a 2005/2006 theme. Meet at 10 am at the OSU parking lot SW of The Beanery, 26th and Monroe, Corvallis. For more information contact John Syring at 541-752-0414.

Emerald

August 21, Sunday, 5 – 8 pm

Event: Hendricks Park Potluck/Picnic. We have rented the picnic shelter at Hendricks Park in Eugene. NPSO members and families are invited. Bring a table setting and a dish to share. There will be a board meeting at 6:30 pm at the shelter. For more information call Dave Predeek at 541-345-5531.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO FIELD TRIP PARTICIPANTS

Field trips take place rain or shine, so proper dress and footwear are essential. **Bring water and lunch.** Trips may be strenuous and/or hazardous. Participation is at your own risk. Be prepared to sign a release form indicating this. For a sample copy check out the NPSO website. Please contact the trip leader or chapter representative about difficulty, distance, and terrain to be expected on field trips. Dogs are not allowed. All NPSO field trips are open to the public at no charge (other than contribution to carpool driver) and newcomers and visitors are always welcome. National Forests require a Northwest Forest Pass for many field trip locations. Permits can be acquired at forest headquarters and ranger districts.

NOTICE TO FIELD TRIP CHAIRS AND LEADERS

The Forest Service and other agencies have set policies limiting group size in many wilderness areas to 12. The reason is to limit human impacts on these fragile areas. Groups using wilderness areas should be no larger than 12.

September 8, Thursday, 9 am

Work Party: Rowe-Love Herbarium.

Assist with mounting and organizing specimens in the Rowe-Love Herbarium at Lane Community College. Meet in the Science Building Rm. 117 from 9 am to noon. Refreshments provided. No background necessary and all assistance is appreciated. Learn some valuable collection and preparation skills and contribute to adding to our collection of over 3000 specimens. Notable and historic herbarium specimens from the Herbarium will be on display. Contact Gail Baker, Science, LCC, 541-463-5085 or bakerg@lanecc.edu.

September 26, Monday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Interdependencies of an Endangered Animal and its Threatened Host Plant. Jim Reed and Mary O'Brien will talk about critical habitat considerations for Fender's blue butterfly and Kincaid's lupine in West Eugene. Room 115, Science Building, Lane Community College, 4000 30th Avenue East, Eugene.

High Desert

August 20, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Broken Top Volcano. Our annual trek to view the spectacular glaciated scenery and alpine wildflowers in the High Cascades west of Bend is a 6-mile round-trip, moderate-to-strenuous hike with a 1700 foot elevation gain. We will do mostly off-trail hiking through the Three Sisters Wilderness, so hiker numbers are limited to 12. If we can't go to Broken Top we will hike Black Crater. Meet at Pilot Butte Lot at 8:30 am. Pre-registration is required! Call trip leader Stu Garrett to sign up: eves 541-389-6981.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact Sarah Malaby, 541-884-5703, smalaby@cs.com.

Mid-Columbia

September 7, Wednesday, 7:30 pm

Meeting: Seeds Seeds Seeds. This evening we'll take a longer look at identifying and growing our native bunch grasses. I will also spend time reviewing the needs of some forb seeds prior to fall planting. Mike Igo Presenter. *The Dalles Chronicle* Meeting Room, 317 E 3rd Street, The Dalles.

North Coast

Wanted, new memberships for our group, located in Tillamook County. Trips subject to suggestions. Please phone Janet Stahl 503-842-8708.

Portland

September 8, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: From the Backyard to the Watershed—Planting Natives at Multiple Spatial Scales. Come welcome Steve Roelof, the new Portland Chapter

president, in a presentation that discusses the challenges and opportunities of planting natives at a variety of spatial scales. Steve is a landscape designer specializing in native vegetation. He will talk about the role of native plantings in parks, schools, bioswales and natural areas. Steve will also offer design tips for backyard native plant enthusiasts and highlight some of his favorite underutilized plants! Fireside Room, First United Methodist Church, 1938 SW Jefferson St., Portland. Located just uphill from the Goose Hollow MAX stop.

Siskiyou

August 6, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Squaw Meadow (Mt. Shasta). We will look at subalpine flowers, including Pasque Flower, Partridge Foot, Cobwebby Paintbrush, and Mountain Jewelflower, and savor the heady fragrance of *Eriogonum pyrolifolium*. Moderate 3-mile round-trip hike, elev gain 600 ft; return to Ashland by 5 pm. Meet 8:30 am behind the Oil Stop

on Ashland St, just west of the Shop 'n Kart parking lot, about 1/4 mi west of I-5, exit 14. Leader: Alex Maksymowicz, 541-482-1964.

September 15, Thursday, 6 pm

Meeting: Potluck Picnic and Members' Slides. Glenwood Park (Mountain St. to Ashland St., right one block). Bring a dish to share, utensils, chair, and folding table if possible. 7:30 pm meeting at SOU Science Building room 171 to show your favorite recent slides of wildflowers.

Umpqua Valley

August 6, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Mt Ashland. Sam Friedman will lead us to see higher elevation wet meadow plants such as *Rudbeckia*, *Monarda* and *Eriogonum*, and high elevation ridge species including *Tauschia howellii*, *Horkelia hendersonii* and many others. Meet at the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave, Roseburg or at Tri City McDonalds, exit 103 at 9 am. For information call Sam 541-673-0589

August 13, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Grassy Ranch and Reynolds Ridge. Join Dan Luoma on a visit to Grassy Ranch seep and Reynolds Ridge wet meadow. We'll look for late blooming plants, a few straggling Lupines and Clarkias. Meet at the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave, Roseburg. For information call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

August 20, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: King Mountain. Join Ron Hatt for an exciting field trip to this fascinating natural rock garden to see many plants that appear to behave differently than they should. An unknown phacelia graces this botanically rich spot, as do many curious sedums, penstemons, phloxes and lilies. Meet at the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave, Roseburg or at Tri City McDonalds, exit 103 at 9 am. For information call Ron at 541-863-7024.



TANYA HARVEY

Senecio canus, Woolly groundsel, is one of many gorgeous alpines blooming at the Cloudcap Overlook along the rim of Crater Lake, on July 21. For a trip to see later-blooming plants join the Umpqua chapter on September 3rd. See next page for details.

August 27, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Old Man Camp. Visit the amazing bogs at Old Man Camp meadow to see *Pedicularis groenlandica*, *Penstemon*, carnivorous plants such as *Drosera*, and many exciting mosses and ferns. The group will attempt to find *Collomia mazama* as well. Join Ron Hatt at this fascinating place that is cherished by botanists in the area. Meet at the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave, Roseburg. For information call Ron Hatt 541-863-7024.

September 3, Saturday, 8:30 am

Field Trip: Crater Lake. Sam Friedman will take us to several areas at Crater Lake looking for monkeyflowers, penstemons and various high elevation plants that are still in their flowering prime. Whitebark pine and Mt. Mazama collomia can also be seen at the park during this time. National Park pass or fee required. Meet at the parking lot behind the Douglas County Courthouse, 1036 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg. For information call Sam at 541-673-0589.

September 8, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Chapter Field Trips. Ron Hatt, chapter president, will present a slide show featuring slides from various field trips enjoyed by the group this year. Everyone is welcome. Mercy Education Building 2459 Stewart Parkway, Roseburg. For information call Ron Hatt at 541-863-7024.

Willamette Valley

August 20, Saturday, 10 am

Field Trip: Seed Collection at the Kingston Prairie Preserve. We will collect native wildflower seeds at the Kingston Prairie Preserve southeast of Stayton from 10 am to noon. The 152-acre Nature Conservancy preserve hosts several rare wildflowers including Bradshaw's Lomatium, Willamette Daisy and White-Topped Aster. For directions, carpooling information or general information, please call John Savage at 503-399-8615. Free and open to the public.

September 22, Thursday, 7 pm

Meeting: Whitebark Pine Preservation Efforts. Mike Roantree, botanist with the Willamette National Forest, United States Forest Service, will discuss efforts to preserve the Whitebark Pine tree. This five-needled pine is a key component of subalpine ecosystems. The pine is threatened by White pine blister rust and Mountain pine beetles, among other factors. Roantree will also explain the important role Clark's nutcracker, a large songbird, plays in the life cycle of the Whitebark Pine. Straub Environmental Learning Center, 1320 A Street NE in Salem (right next to Olinger Pool, near North Salem High School), 7–8:30 pm. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please call 503-399-8615.

William Cusick

For information on the William Cusick Chapter call Frazier Nichol at 541-963-7870.

NPSO Items for Sale

Vascular Plants of Lane County, Oregon: An Annotated Checklist Emerald Chapter, NPSO. More than 1,740 species and varieties representing 39% of the 4,460 plants currently recognized by the Oregon Flora Project are listed with information on habitat, ecoregion, occurrence frequency, and native or non-native origin for every species. To order, send **\$15** payable to Emerald Chapter, NPSO to Lane County Checklist, Emerald Chapter, NPSO, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.

Oregon's Rare Wildflower Poster depicts Punchbowl Falls and three of the Columbia River Gorge's endemic wildflowers. Stu Garrett, 21663 Paloma Drive, Bend, OR 97701, 541-389-6981. **\$12 each**, plus \$3 per order for shipping. Posters are mailed in tubes.

Camas Tee Shirt. Beautiful moss green or tan tee shirts with botanical drawing in color of *Camassia quamash* by Carlton, OR artist and Cheahmill chapter member Marilyn Karbonski. Short sleeve, high quality, **\$15 plus shipping**. Call 503-852-7230, or send order to PO Box 291, Carlton, OR 97111.

NPSO Membership Directory lists names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail address of NPSO members (April 2005). Available from Jan Dobak, 2921 NE 25th Avenue, Portland, OR 97212-3460. **\$3 postpaid**.

The "Atlas of Oregon Carex" was NPSO's first Occasional Paper. The Atlas has 128 location maps, one for each Carex taxon in the state of Oregon. Also included are a synonymy,

fun facts about sedges, a history of the project, and Oregon geography maps. **Price: \$5.**

"Louis F. Henderson (1853-1942): The Grand Old Man of Northwest Botany" by Rhoda M. Love. NPSO's second Occasional Paper is the only existing publication with detailed coverage of the long and fascinating life of this John Muir-like western character. Included: 56 pictures, 133 notes, chronology, list of plants named for Henderson. Fourth printing, February, 2004. **Price \$10.00.**

To order either or both Occasional Papers, send check for the appropriate amount (made payable to NPSO) to: **Occasional Papers, Native Plant Society of Oregon, PO Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440-0902.**

OTHER EVENTS

The Berry Botanic Garden Fall Plant Sale

**September 24, Saturday,
11 am – 3 pm**

Whether your love is rhododendrons, primulas, penstemons, alpines, or native plants, plan to be there early for the best selection. The sale is held at Montgomery Park in NW Portland. Call 503-636-4112 x22 for information, or visit www.berrybot.org. Berry Garden members get in early at 10 am! Free!

Leach Botanic Garden Events

All classes will be held at Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Ave. Portland, OR. For more information or to register call Nancy at 503-823-1671.

**Plants for Fall and Winter
October 4, Tuesday, 7-8pm**

Is your fall and winter garden drab? Let Stefan Bump introduce you to plants for fall and winter interest to liven up the garden during the colder season. \$15.00/\$12.00 members.

North Mountain Park Nature Center Events

620 N Mountain Ave, Ashland, 541-488-6606, www.ashland.or.us/nmpnews.

**Weave a Traditional Tule Mat
August 13, Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm**

Tule, a wetland plant also known as Bulrush, has long been used to provide bedding, shelter and baskets for native people. This one day workshop with Ea Murphy will cover the basic uses and characteristics of this native reed. Learn twining techniques and material preparation and construct a tule mat of your very own! No experience necessary. \$20/person

Siskiyou Field Institute Events

Don't miss the rest of Siskiyou Field Institute's (SFI's) field season! SFI offers fun and engaging field programs for people aged 6-80, and our 2005 programs are still underway! Join SFI's cadre of dedicated naturalists in exploring the natural features of the Klamath-Siskiyou region. SFI will be holding courses into February this year! For more information, or to sign up for a class, call 541-592-377 or go online at www.thesfi.org.

**Klamath River Traditional
Ecological Knowledge Rafting Trip
Sept 1 – 4, Happy Camp, CA**

Raft down the Klamath River with Redwoods and Rivers rafting company and Frank Lake, a Karuk Native American who is both a committed scientist and knowledgeable in native ecological knowledge. Participants will be introduced to indigenous management practices, fire ecology, fish ecology, and natural history, including uses of plants and fishing techniques. \$380.

**Wild Salmon Weekend
October 21 – 23, Cave Junction, OR**

Spend the weekend at the historic Oregon Caves Chateau learning about the incredible life of our native salmon. We'll join expert naturalists to watch the salmon spawn, visit a botanical area to view the area's native plants, look for owls in old-growth forests, and even do a bit of wine tasting. It's a nice mix of fine lodging and active exploring with the region's experts. \$255 each, \$379 per couple.

**Demonstration Garden Tours
August 25, Thursday,
9:30 – 10:30 am**

Soak up the sights and smells of early summer while learning about the gardens at N MT Park with volunteer docent, Susan Lander. Discover how to attract wildlife in the Butterfly, Amphibian-Reptile Gardens or Native Plants Gardens. Step into the past in the Heirloom Garden and enjoy the fragrance of the Herb Gardens. Free.

**Fall Fruiterers I & II:
Mycology in SW Oregon
November 11 & 12 and 13 & 14
Ashland, OR**

Join fungi experts Eric McEwen and Ron Hamill in an exploration of the diverse species of Siskiyou fungi. Learn how to identify common mushrooms, including some edibles. The first two days will be geared toward beginners and the second for those who are more experienced. \$90 per session.



TANYA HARVEY

While many of our dryland orchids would not be considered showy, their delicate flowers are always worth a closer look. Piperia transversa, Suksdorf's rein orchid, is recognizable by its long, straight, sideways spurs. Like other Piperias, it is usually found in dry woods.

Henderson's Checkermallow: Further Efforts to Save a Rare Oregon Species

by Rhoda Love, Emerald Chapter

This letter is to formally notify the Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO) that its December 2003 petition to list *Sidalcea hendersonii* (Henderson's checkermallow) as a threatened species under Oregon State law has been denied."

With these words, Director Katy Coba of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, began her 4-page letter (March 3, 2005) explaining why *Sidalcea hendersonii* would not be listed as threatened in Oregon. This despite the fact that our petition showed that, of eleven historic sites for the species, only a single one, the Siuslaw estuary of Lane County, still supports this tall, vivid pink checkermallow.

NPSO was turned down, not because our petition did not make the case that the plant is endangered in Oregon, but because our former Oregon populations did not "constitute a significant portion of its overall distribution." In other words, we were informed that a species, which was previously found in at least 10 or 11 coastal Oregon estuaries from the Umpqua to the Columbia, and has now been reduced to a single site, cannot be formally listed here because populations exist outside our state in Washington and British Columbia.

As a person who helped spark the 1987 passage of the Oregon Endangered Species Act, I was amazed and abashed at this result. In my opinion, an Oregon law should protect Oregon plants. When we passed the law, I never dreamed that it would be interpreted in this narrow fashion. Now, at my request, an ad hoc committee within NPSO has been formed to look into this weakness in the law. Perhaps at some time in the future our Endangered Species Act can be amended to close such a loophole. In addition, as we continue to learn more about the origins and spread of *Sidalcea hendersonii*, its biology and ecology, threats of predation, and dangers to its habitat, we can, perhaps, submit a revised petition.

For example, if you read the article on Henderson's checkermallow in the latest *Kalmiopsis*, you know that weevil predation can significantly decrease the number of pollen-bearing plants in any *Sidalcea* population. If female-only individuals come to dominate a population, pollination and seed production will drop, and there will be little recruitment into the next generation. At the present time, the only remaining population known to exist in Oregon in the Siuslaw River, has a preponderance of female-only plants.

We do not know the number of healthy of *S. hendersonii* populations in Washington and British Columbia, but they need to be carefully monitored to assess sexual ratios and the extent of weevil predation. Simply scanning for pink flowers in an estuary does not provide an accurate picture of the health of a population or of the species.

I would like to make a further point before closing: I am personally convinced that Henderson's checkermallow originally evolved in an Oregon estuary. Genetic investigations by a

Berkeley team have shown that the closest relatives of *S. hendersonii* are Oregon endemics. In addition, the genus *Sidalcea* is known to have spread northward in its radiation from its presumed origin in the southern Sierras—speciating as it has moved into diverse ecosystems. Furthermore, unpublished research by a Washington state ecologist has shown that on-shore Pacific currents move predominantly north, and that *Sidalcea hendersonii* seeds remain viable in ocean water for over month. This is long enough for the propagules to move northward from one estuary to the next. Thus, my personal conclusion is that this lovely and unique plant evolved in Oregon, making it a true native of our state.

This summer, supported by funds from NPSO's Leighton Ho Memorial Grant, botanists will be re-introducing Henderson's checkermallow to several protected sites on the Oregon Coast. In addition we will continue our efforts to see this beautiful Oregon seaside plant formally listed so as to receive the protection it deserves in our state.



LES HELGESON

Rhoda Love and Nature Conservancy Steward, Kevin Anderson, studying Henderson's checkermallow on Cox Island, June, 2004.

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broken” and “needs fixing.” In reality, the ESA has very little impact on development, but when it does, it can make headlines. Hopefully, I have the correct statistic here: less than 1% of the 280,000-plus projects with federal involvement (generally, that means on federal land, or on private or local public land with federal funding involved in some way) during the history of the act have required significant modification. That is a pretty small number!

So back to Washington. After our day of speakers and “prepping” for the following day, we had an evening dinner at our hotel, and again were blessed to hear Brock Adams speak. Although he lives in D.C. now, he is from the Seattle area, and was instrumental in creation of North Cascades National Park. He spoke of how the conservation movement has achieved the impossible over and over again, and that the current challenge in Washington D.C.

was no different. He used the analogy of how he defeated his highly-invasive bone cancer (“I had to grow my hair back out three times after the radiation treatments”) as how he personally approaches seemingly undefeatable odds. I think about half of the room had tears welling when he was done. I hope that each of you reading this will get to hear him speak some day.

Day Two

After one more “go get ’em” speech from a congressional staffer, we were off. I was part of the “Oregon contingent,” and spent the day on the hill lobbying with a representative from the Oregon Natural Resources Council, the Pacific Rivers Council, the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Project, Save Our Wild Salmon, and a local (D.C., that is) Audubon Society representative. In the morning, we visited staff of senators Wyden and Smith, and in the afternoon, staff of Wu, Hooley and Blumenauer. With the exception of the Smith staffer, we were extremely well

received, and almost seen as unnecessary by them as they are so supportive of the ESA. The staffer for Sen. Smith began the meeting by presenting arguments to us, but she was very knowledgeable, and had some good points. I hope she also recognized that we had some good points, too!

In all honesty, my role as a “plant person” took a pretty distant back seat to the “hot button” issues of the day: Columbia River salmon, and Klamath Basin fish issues. Nonetheless, I worked in something about plants during each meeting, and was proud to leave them a copy of our latest *Kalmiopsis* (with Gentner’s fritillary and Henderson’s checkermallow as great examples of protected vs. unprotected species under the ESA), and the April issue of *PlantTalk* (<http://www.plant-talk.org/>). Although the April issue is not yet available on line, it soon should be. In it is a splendid article on the rare habitats and species of the Willamette Valley-Puget Trough-Georgia straits ecoregion by Ed Alverson. (Watch for it, but in the mean time, check out previous online editions of this wonderful publication.) I also left a couple of our beautiful new refrigerator magnets at each office, and they were highly admired. I may be biased, but I think that our NPSO “schwag” was very appropriate to leave behind to keep our name and issues alive.

At the end of the day, we met nearby at the Stuart Mott House for a reception, where several Senate and House “champions of the ESA” came and received awards. During the two hour event, as a champion arrived, they were presented (by Earthjustice staff) a framed photo of an endangered species in their home state. Surprisingly to me, most of the recipients included anecdotes about their photo-award species in the short little acceptance speech each one gave, indicating a familiarity with local ESA issues.

To celebrate the end of the fly-in, we went to Adam’s Morgan (the restaurant/night life capital of the capital) for Ethiopian food. Up to that point, it had been a very interesting, rewarding and educational way to spend my 50th

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Friends of the Oregon Flora Project



www.oregonflora.org

We need your help!

The Friends of the OFP, a committee of the NPSO, is charged with increasing the awareness of and raising funds for the Oregon Flora Project. As the Flora Project enters its second decade, we are seeking individuals to take an active role on this committee to help us accomplish our mission. Activities can be coordinated from any location, with attendance at occasional meetings in Corvallis appreciated,

but not required. Please consider offering your skills to ensure the success of the OFP: the information we produce is a cornerstone for the study and enjoyment of Oregon’s native plants!

Contact Linda Hardison for more information:

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birthday! But I hadn't told anyone that, and was saving that for the next stop. But then the phone rang to say that my flight out late the next morning was canceled, and before I knew it, the rest of my evening on the town with all those great folks evaporated, and I was on the phone scrambling for a new flight. The best I could do was a flight out the next day requiring me to get up at 4:30 am. (Similar to my Eugene departure coming to D.C.!). So after the others had crossed the street to a rooftop night spot, I was stuck getting a cab back to the hotel to pack so I could get up super-early.

Unfortunately, I lost the little free time I had hoped to have on both ends of the trip, but I think it definitely was worthwhile to have Oregonians present in the offices of Oregon congresspeople and senators. I learned a lot, and felt very empowered to share those two days with so many kindred spirits from Oregon, Rhode Island, Florida, California, Arkansas, Washington and Washington D.C., Maine, and all the folks from other places whom I was fortunate enough to meet and share a little time with. I even met someone there from Eugene whom I did not know previously (with the Pacific Rivers Council), and we are now scheming a plan to visit our Representative here in town (after I coordinate that with our NPSO state and Emerald Chapter folks).

So, aside from the AmericaWest airline bumbles, and the fact our two days there were a heat index (temp x humidity) of over 100°, it was great! I'd definitely do it again in a heartbeat. I hope to continue assisting with NPSO involvement in ESA issues if possible, at least until this latest "ESA-gutting" episode ends. Thank you for letting me represent you in Washington D.C.

And thank you, Bruce, for speaking on behalf of all of us!

Call For Papers

by Cindy Roché, *Kalmiopsis* editor

The new issue of *Kalmiopsis* has been published, which means that the editor is looking for articles for next year. All materials submitted should pertain to Oregon's native vegetation and flora. *Kalmiopsis* publishes two series articles: Plant of the Year, and Oregon Plants, Oregon Places, as well as articles about historical botanists and other features related to native plants or plant communities in Oregon. Please refer to previous issues of *Kalmiopsis* for length and content of articles; maximum length is 5,000 words. I would like to extend a particular invitation to authors writing about parts of Oregon not recently covered in *Kalmiopsis*.

Also, if you would like to be placed on a call list for writing book reviews or suggest titles for review, please contact the editor. Articles, artwork, and photographs submitted by October 1, 2005 receive priority for publication in *Kalmiopsis* in 2006. Contact the editor for a copy of "Instructions to Authors":

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TANYA HARVEY

*Sometimes it is disappointing to find the plant you have hiked a ways to see is not in bloom yet. But not when the buds and leaves are as exquisite as these of *Chaenactis douglasii*, Dusty maidens. The entire plant is covered in white hairs which may diminish with age. The flowers are made up of rayless heads of tiny white to pale pink tubes with exerted stamens. It is a highly variable species with a number of named varieties. While it grows mainly in the drier eastern and southern areas of the state, this population is just to the west of the Cascades in Douglas County in a fascinating jumble of rocks called Devil's Slide.*

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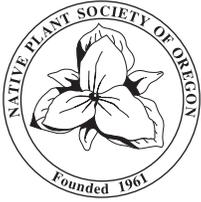
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Highlights of NPSO State Board Meeting, June 26 in Roseburg

by Leslie Rossmell, NPSO secretary

The Umpqua Chapter hosted the 2005 Annual Meeting in Roseburg. Dan Luoma was our guest speaker for the evening banquet and social gathering. Dan spoke on the phyto-geographic aspects of Douglas County botany (aka why botany is better in Douglas County!). New state NPSO Board officers were also sworn in. We welcomed three new directors-at-large: Jan Dobak, Kareen Sturgeon and Darlene Southworth.

The following morning the NPSO Board held its quarterly meeting. Praise and appreciation was expressed to the very busy Umpqua chapter members for creating a successful and well-attended Annual Meeting. This meeting generally focused on business for next year's programs.

The 2006 Annual meeting will be jointly hosted by Cheahmill and Willamette Chapters. A committee is forming to plan for the 2006 Native Plant Awareness Week. Matt Blakely-Smith reviewed the successes and challenges faced in organizing this year's event. Discussion shifted to promotional items to promote the public's awareness of NPSO and its mission. An Ad hoc Promotional committee is working on a variety of ideas. The Strategic Committee presented the draft Handbook which describes the basic responsibilities of volunteer positions. Revisions have been requested and the handbook will be put into a PDF format. Members of the Strategic Committee led a discussion on the various forms of non-profit status and or-

ganization. Updating chapter bylaws and articles or incorporation is underway. The Oregon Flora Project requested additional funding. The Board approved a \$3000 grant for assistance.

Umpqua chapter has doubled its membership since April, an astounding feat! Ron Hatt and Judy Kent have worked diligently to bring about this success. The new members from the Umpqua chapter enabled statewide membership to remain about the same as 2004, reported by Clay Gautier. Renewals are below average for the large chapters of Portland and Emerald. Chapters reported well-attended meetings and hikes for the spring and are already beginning to focus on providing Native Plant Awareness events for 2006.