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Vine maple (Acer circinatum)

Near Oakridge, Oregon, October 15, 2002. Photo by Bruce Newhouse.

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## Oregon Mystery Plant

### Last month's mystery plant revealed:

According to *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*, *Potentilla newberryi* (Newberry's cinquefoil) is a short-lived perennial with a slender taproot. *Flora of North America* describes this species' habitat as "moist, sandy to clayey, more or less alkaline soil, especially where seasonally inundated near streams, ponds, and lakes." In central Oregon, it grows in playas where it is inundated in wet years or wet seasons but left "high and dry" in drought years/seasons. It is known from the Columbia River Gorge in Washington and from central Oregon south to northeastern California and northwest Nevada. In regards to the Columbia River Gorge population, *Flora of North America* states: "the only specimen supposedly collected in south-central Washington (W. N. Suksdorf 2718, WTU) was gathered in 1898." It is considered likely extirpated in Washington by the Burke museum and other sources.



Photo by Cindy Roché

## **New Mystery Plant**

### **Do you recognize this plant?**



Photo by Margaret Bernard

This plant was photographed in July, 2021, near the southern boundary of the Ochoco National Forest. It was found at the edge of a seasonally moist swale within sagebrush steppe on lithsol (scabland).

**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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## 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*

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## Submit your photos for the 2022 Native Plant Appreciation Month Poster!

Let's make the 2022 Native Plant Appreciation Month poster the best ever! To do so, we need your photos for the poster. Entries must be emailed to [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com). Each person may enter two photos of Oregon native plants (photographed in Oregon with photographer name, scientific name, common name, photo location, and photo date). All entries must be received by December 31, 2021. 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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## OregonFlora

OregonFlora's work with volunteers is one of the defining elements of our program. The sharing of time and talent from people statewide is not only a way for our team to interact with the many people we serve, it is also financially essential to our operations. Some of the help we have received from folks includes entering information into databases, sharing of species lists and photographs, organizing fundraising/outreach events, contributing writing and illustrations to the *Flora of Oregon*, editing, and reviewing website content for the Grow Natives tool. We are grateful for your help and for the partnership



of NPSO. Please contact us at [info@oregonflora.org](mailto:info@oregonflora.org) if you would like to help us in some of the ways mentioned above.

The OregonFlora website is the public face to the [Oregon State University Herbarium](#). Curator James Mickley has worked extensively with us to expand the online tools the Herbarium uses to capture and share information from the herbarium specimens. This benefits both programs: herbarium specimen data and images link to the OregonFlora website resources, and our knowledge of plant distribution is expanded by including specimen information in the website's mapping and plant identification tools.

Want to volunteer and help support both OregonFlora and the OSU Herbarium? We now offer an opportunity for people to transcribe herbarium specimen labels. Over 1000 Oregon herbarium specimen images are now available on the community science website *Notes from Nature*. Specimens are viewed online and information from the labels is entered into specified fields. To learn more and to get started, please visit [this site](#).

If your chapter is meeting online and would like a 10-minute introduction to this project, please contact either Dr. Aaron Liston, OSU Herbarium Director, [aaron.liston@oregonstate.edu](mailto:aaron.liston@oregonstate.edu), or Dr. James Mickley, OSU Herbarium Curator, [james.mickley@oregonstate.edu](mailto:james.mickley@oregonstate.edu).

You can add your financial support to OregonFlora with an [online contribution](#), or by mailing a check made payable to Agricultural Research Foundation (include "OFP" on the memo line) to: Agricultural Research Foundation, 1600 SW Western Blvd Suite 320, Corvallis, OR 97333. - Linda Hardison

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## Wanted: Volunteers for the *Bulletin*

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: [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org)

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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).

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

**Presentation during Zoom Chapter Meeting: Gardening for Hummingbirds**

**Presenter: Bill Proebsting**

Pre-registration is required for this meeting. If you would like to join the meeting please send an email to [daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu](mailto:daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu) 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.

### 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.npsor/>.

**Monday, November 15th, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Program: Fire and Weeds: A Growing Threat to Oregon's Native Plant Communities**

**Presenter: Claire Tortorelli**

The forests of the Inland Pacific Northwest have historically been resistant to grass invasions and their subsequent ecological impacts. However, a recent annual grass invader, *Ventenata dubia*, commonly known as ventenata, has rapidly spread throughout forest mosaic ecosystems of the inland northwest where it threatens to alter fuels and fire behavior. Our speaker Claire Tortorelli, a National Science Foundation graduate research fellow at Oregon State University, will explore the factors that drive the ventenata invasion and examine how the invasion impacts native plant communities and fire. The location of this program will be announced at a later date, but, considering COVID restrictions, may be offered virtually through a link to be provided on our website.

## **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: [\(13\) Klamath Basin Chapter - Native Plant Society of Oregon | Facebook](#).

## **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/npsportland/>. Visit our chapter website at <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. Be sure to register on our Meetup page to be notified of summer field trips: <https://www.meetup.com/NPSO-Portland/>.

**Thursday, November 11, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Program: Columbia Land Trust Project Highlights**

**Presenter: Glenn Lamb, Executive Director**

Glenn will highlight conservation projects underway on lands adjacent to the Columbia River and its tributaries in Oregon and Washington. CLT's mission is to conserve and care for the lands, waters, and wildlife of the region through sound science and strong relationships.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcldOuuqjgpEtAZR7CIQo70zA4gDtkwMhCx>

## **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/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>.

**Thursday, November 18, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Program: Botanizing the Trinity Ultramafic Sheet**

**Presenter: Julie Kierstead**

Description: What makes the Trinity Ultramafic Sheet in NW California special floristically? A combination of diversity of topography, elevation, and substrate; a lot of water—snowmelt, groundwater, springs, rivers, and perennial streams; a lot of rock; large continuous areas of serpentinite and peridotite; and the great age of the landscape are what makes this a special place for people who love plants. We will discuss geology, logistics of getting to the good places, and present information on endemic and disjunct plants of the area.

To register for this free Zoom talk: [bit.ly/sisk-npso-talks](https://bit.ly/sisk-npso-talks)

**Thursday, December 9, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Program: TBA**

The program will be announced on social media and in the Siskiyou Chapter eNews. To register for this free Zoom talk: [bit.ly/sisk-npso-talks](https://bit.ly/sisk-npso-talks)

**Meeting:** Siskiyou Chapter Member Meetings will resume after the holidays on the fourth Thursday of the month in 2022.

## **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**

**Thursday, November 18, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Virtual Presentation: Native Plant Programs of the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Presenter: Jenny Meisel**

Join Jenny Meisel, Native and Invasive Plant Specialist at the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), to learn how the Marion SWCD promotes the use of native plants in urban and rural areas in Marion County. Jenny will discuss the SWCD's education



and restoration programs to help landowners identify native and invasive plants on their properties, plan native plant projects, control invasive weeds, protect riparian areas, and create wildlife and pollinator habitat. In addition, she will discuss Marion SWCD's efforts to help landowners restore properties impacted by the Beachie Creek and Lionshead fires.

Jenny coordinates the Marion SWCD's Native and Invasive Plants programs, Annual Native Plant Sale, and Scholarship Fundraiser. Jenny also works with partner agencies to conduct invasive plant surveys and to implement control projects within Marion County. Jenny earned a Master of Science in Wildlife Science from Oregon State University and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. She joined the Marion SWCD in 2008.

For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@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). Find us on Instagram at [instagram.com/wm.cusick.chapter](https://www.instagram.com/wm.cusick.chapter). Our website is not currently functional.

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Native Plant Interest Groups:

Filipendula

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

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