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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Dry rock moss (*Grimmia anodon*). May 2013. East side of Steens Mountain. Harney
County, Oregon. Photo by Kareen B. Sturgeon.

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For membership inquiries, contact Rachel Werling, the Membership Chair, by [email](#), or send mail to P.O. Box 902, Eugene, OR 97440.

Save the Date!

NPSO 2025 Annual Meeting May 16 - May 18.

Native Plant Legislation

In this 2025 session of the Oregon Legislature there are two bills concerning native plants that your NPSO Legislative Committee will be working diligently to pass. They are HB 3173 and SB 547.

[HB 3173](#) was introduced by southern Jackson County Representative Pam Marsh - we are grateful for her support of OregonFlora. The bill will have its hearing by the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water (HALNRW) on Wednesday, February 5. Submitting written testimony and writing letters of support to committee members will likely be the only opportunity to show widespread public support for this issue! See the bulleted items below in “How you can help” for tips on communicating successfully with our legislators. Here is Representative Marsh’s summary:

“Issue

OregonFlora maintains an enormous database and website about plant diversity on behalf of Oregon. Since 1994, the resource has expanded to serve diverse users seeking plant knowledge. The program has relied upon grants and donations to fund 100 percent of salaries, employee benefits, and direct operating expenses for the past thirty years. Given the program’s significant growth, benefits to statewide agencies and institutions, and its value to Oregon’s natural resource-based economy, this funding approach is no longer sustainable.

Solution

Long-term and sustainable funding is needed to ensure that OregonFlora can continue to provide this service. House Bill 3173 will establish OregonFlora in statute and create an initial appropriation of \$400,000 to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University for OregonFlora.”

[SB 547](#) enshrines the month of April each year as Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month.

In so doing, the bill notes that Oregon has more than 3500 native plant species including 115 endemic species. The bill recognizes that “native plants provide unique environmental, economic and cultural value to this state” and details some of those values. Further, SB 547 indicates that “native plants are a major part of this state’s natural heritage, providing countless aesthetic, cultural, economic and ecological benefits” and gives examples of those benefits. The bill also identifies some detriments of invasive plant species and documents that more than 600 of our native species are at risk (uncommon, threatened, vulnerable, imperiled or critically imperiled). Among many benefits, passage of SB 547 can encourage community groups, schools, and citizens to sponsor activities to learn about Oregon’s native plants; to promote the conservation, restoration, and appreciation of Oregon’s native plants; and to foster more native plants in the nursery and horticultural industries to make more plants available to the public.

Another reason to be proud to be an Oregonian

The Oregon Legislature website makes it incredibly easy to participate in our democracy. Click on this link to get started:

[Oregon Legislature](#)

From this webpage, first confirm who your senator and representative are by using the “Find Your Legislator” link on the right. Then, go to your legislators’ websites to get their email addresses and to find their committee assignments. If your legislators are

members of the committees that our bills are assigned to, your request of them for bill support will be especially impactful.

Second, click on the link that follows to sign up for email alerts about the progress of SB 547 and HB 3173. You can also request alerts for committee schedules at this link:

[Oregon State Legislature E-Subscribe](#)

How you can help

- Send an email to your legislators telling them why SB 537 and HB 3173 are important to you and Oregon's economy and ask them for their support.
- Ask your legislators to sign on as sponsors of SB 537 and HB 3173.
- Most critical for HB3173: [Prepare your written testimony](#) in favor of HB3173 before the February 5 hearing by the HALNRW committee. The portal for submitting testimony will open February 2; have your letter ready and check the [website](#) on this date to post your testimony from the "submit testimony" tab at the top of [this webpage](#).
- If you own a native plant related business (nursery, garden center, farm or ranch, landscape architect, ecological restoration business, botanical services, etc.) that benefits from the resources provided by OregonFlora and want to support HB 3173 by including your logo on our information sheet, send it in an email to info@oregonflora.org.

You can go to the NPSO website for ideas and examples of letters supporting [SB 537](#) and [HB 3173](#). - *NPSO Legislative Committee*

OregonFlora

Exciting news - there is a bill proposed to the Oregon Legislature that would provide sustainable funding for OregonFlora. We need your help now to write your legislators and encourage their support of HB 3173.

The bill will have a hearing by the House Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Committee on Wednesday morning, February 5. Submitting written testimony is one of the best ways to demonstrate your



support; the link to [submit your letter](#) will be active on February 2.

A second way to ensure OregonFlora receives funding to keep it operating in the future is to write your legislator, asking them to support and/or co-sponsor the bill. Find your legislator [here](#). Emphasize that you are a constituent, and highlight the ways that OregonFlora brings economic, social, or recreational benefits to their district. Share how you use the resources OregonFlora provides, and how keeping this information up-to-date is essential to maintain its effectiveness.

You can read more about HB 3173 and how to support it in the accompanying article by the Legislative Committee in this *Bulletin*.

Checklist Version 2.3 is now released, clarifying some thorny issues

We have completed our annual update of the taxonomy of Oregon's vascular plants. This means all tools and fact sheets in our website now reflect 96 updates to scientific names and status. This includes twenty-six taxa - thirteen of which are native - that are new to our knowledge of Oregon's plant diversity.

One clarification the new [Checklist](#) provides is to western Oregon's ever-present [Himalayan blackberry](#), *Rubus armeniacus*. In our work to complete the floristic treatment of the genus *Rubus* for Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon*, we are examining the research that shows many of the blackberries we see are a distinct species, the aptly-named [false Himalayan blackberry](#) (*R. praecox*). Interestingly, this species is susceptible to a rust, which may have implications in the biocontrol of this exotic and invasive plant.

This is just one example of why sustainable funding for OregonFlora has important ecological and economic impacts! Stay tuned: as research progresses, we will share our findings and ways you can help us improve our online distribution maps.

Your support matters

Your financial support has - for 30 years - allowed OregonFlora to survive, thrive, and share biodiversity data freely with the public. We deeply appreciate your generosity, and continue to [welcome it](#). Asking your state legislators to join in your support for publicly accessible scientific knowledge is an important way to insure we can continue our work for the coming decades. Please submit testimony and write your legislator before February 5! - *Linda Hardison*

Remember to Pay your 2025 Membership Dues!

Please do not allow your membership to lapse so you will continue to receive this *Bulletin* full of botanical information and see your chapter and state activities. The renewal season began on December 1 and runs through February 28, 2025. To log in to your personal Membership Profile, go to <https://www.npsoregon.org/wp/membership/> located on the State Website of www.npsoregon.org. There, you will need to enter your email and be ready to add a new password of twelve characters. Follow the steps to pay with a credit card, the much-preferred method of payment by the state treasurer. Prefer to register by paper form and mail a check? [Download here](#). Note: Paying by check can take six weeks to process, and you must be an active member to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting with registration beginning in early March. Don't delay if you need to mail a check so you can choose the field trips you want to attend!

You can change your membership level if desired once a year when you renew by clicking on the level name and rate amount. The Student level rate of \$12 is the same as it has been for many past years, and a new category of "Living Lightly" is the same low rate of \$25 as the former "Regular" rate. The new sliding scale 2025 membership level rates are: Student - \$12, Living Lightly - \$25, Individual - \$45, Family - \$60, Sustaining - \$120, Patron - \$300, and Life - \$1,000. Thank you all NPSO members for your enduring support of the protection and conservation of Oregon's native plants by those who know how to make that happen!

I will be stepping down as your state membership chair in February and "passing the torch" to Rachel Werling in order to focus on final details of planning the 2025 Annual Meeting in May hosted by my Portland Chapter volunteers! I enjoyed corresponding with so many of you from every corner of Oregon, Southwest Washington, Northern California,

and beyond these last 18 months of big changes. Our graduate student at Oregon State University, Alex Kurowski, will carry on as your skilled state membership database manager. You are in good hands! - *Willow Elliott, Outgoing State Membership Chair*

Plan Now to Celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Month



April 2025 will be Native Plant Appreciation Month. What will you do to help promote

NPSO's mission to support "the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats?" What will your chapter do?

Chapter activities might include hikes or walks to view native plants in your area. Your chapter could also organize workshops such as how to propagate, grow, or care for specific native plants. Maybe your chapter would like to hold a native plant sale or wildflower show. For those chapters that maintain native gardens, April is an excellent time for spring cleaning and maintenance of that garden. Be creative; what else could your chapter do? Be sure you submit your activities to the *Bulletin*.

Celebrating Native Plant Appreciation Month can also involve many individual activities. For example, you might join a local restoration project. You could also visit a native garden, nursery or wildflower show. As you are enjoying our better weather that comes with spring, you might add some natives to your garden! Whatever you do, you can share your photos of the activities with other members of NPSO by submitting them to the photo gallery in the *Bulletin*. 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. Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.



Yellow bells (*Fritillaria pudica*) by Jennifer Barker
photographed 4/24/24 at Morning Hill Forest Farm

As you are out and about enjoying our native plants, you could join NPSO's 2025 Native

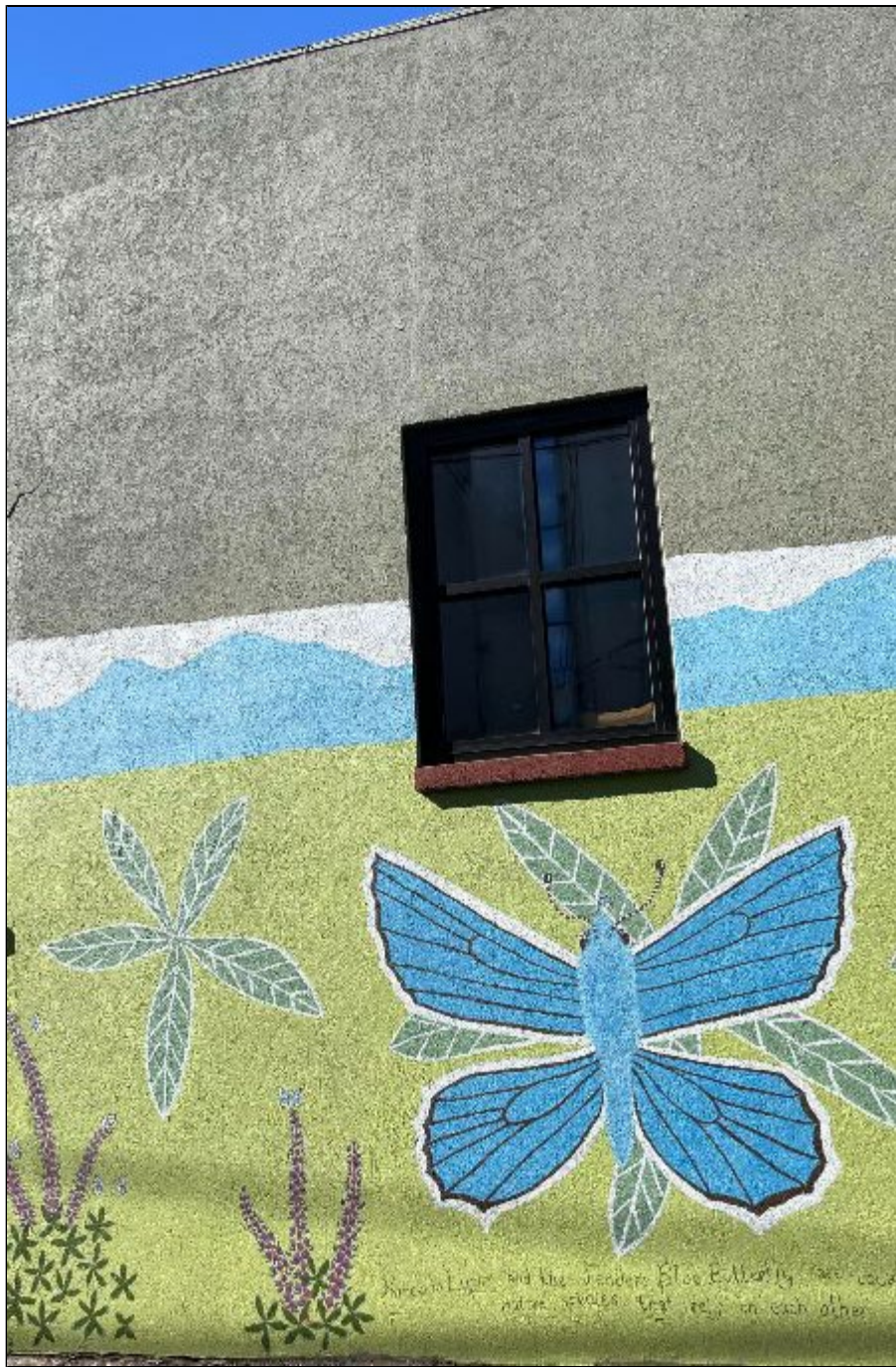
Plant Appreciation Month Blitz at <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2025-npso-s-native-plant-appreciation-month-blitz> on iNaturalist during April to document wild flowering plants evident in Oregon. You could join as an observer or an identifier and help us record what's happening in our beautiful state. Also, you don't have to actually "join" the project; you can just submit your observations to iNaturalist, and if they meet the taxa (Angiospermae), dates (April 2025), and location (Oregon) criteria, they will automatically be added to the project. Not yet a member of iNaturalist? You can join here: <https://www.inaturalist.org/signup> and you can find video tutorials on use of iNaturalist [HERE](#) or a tutorial on iNaturalist created by local users (for the Mt. Pisgah Wildflower show covering all the things you can do with iNaturalist, discussing how to make better observations, using iNaturalist for trip planning and to follow the blooms, and how your posted observations contribute to species discovery, range extensions, and conservation) [HERE](#).

A blog post on creating great observations is [HERE](#). A tutorial by NPSO members on being an identifier is [HERE](#) and a blog post on identifying is [HERE](#). For questions, email Judi Sanders, judi.sanders@gmail.com.

Whatever you do, go outside and enjoy our native flora to celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Month! - *Judi Sanders*

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. Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.



McMinnville Oregon's Art Alley featuring paintings of Fender's blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides fenderi*), a federally threatened species endemic to the Willamette Valley and federally threatened Kincaid's lupine (*Lupinus oreganus*), host of the Fender's blue butterfly. August 11, 2024. Photo by Marina Longdon.



Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) and sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*) with deer. September 14, 2024. Miller Woods, near McMinnville, Oregon. This property is owned by the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District and is open for public hikes and activities. Photo by Marina Longden.



Red columbine (*Aquilegia formosa*) at the native plant garden at the McMinnville Public Library. This garden is maintained by the NPSO Cheahmill Chapter. August 17, 2024.

Photo by Marina Longden.

Oregon Mystery Plant

New Mystery Plant
Do you recognize this plant?



This plant was photographed by Kareen B. Sturgeon on in May 2013 on Domingo Pass Road, southeast of Steen's Mountain in the northern Great Basin in Harney County, Oregon. It was growing in dry, sandy soil among sagebrush.

If you can identify this plant, email the editor at bulletinnpso@gmail.com.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor at bulletinnpso@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting Update



Great Camas Patch, Carson, Washington. May 2022. Photo by Lecia Schall.

The Portland Chapter is proudly hosting the statewide NPSO Annual Meeting at an iconic riverside setting at the award-winning Best Western Plus Hood River Inn during the peak of wildflower season in the Columbia Gorge! The meeting will be held May 16 to May 18, 2025. You must be a current active NPSO member to attend an annual meeting. Renew or have your family or partner join at www.npsoregon.org/membership. Note that each member with a two-person membership (Family, Sustaining, Patron, or Life) must pay the registration fee to cover the conference room costs and to ensure enough seating for the evening banquets.

Registration Fee

How much is the registration fee going to be? Attendance is limited to the first 120

"active members" who register, meaning your membership must be current to register. Registration for the meeting opens in the March *Bulletin* on a first come, first served basis via our website being built to hopefully accept credit card payments. Estimated costs and required gratuity fees for most services and food have increased dramatically since 2023 when we reserved the venue. Every effort is being made to keep the registration fee and required meals as low as possible below \$200 per person for the weekend. Abundant free parking is available on site; the award-winning Riverside Restaurant and Cebu Lounge Bar with local Hood River brewery and distilleries offerings are onsite, two jacuzzi spas (one outdoor/one indoor), and a large heated outdoor pool are open many hours of the day. River walkways for exercise and access to the waterfront begin at the Inn. It's a fabulous place to stay for the price! The March *Bulletin* will have all information about registration with access to the 2025 Annual Meeting website to view the reception, breakfast, and banquet menus as well as all field trip locations/choices.

Who will the evening Speakers be?

The Friday night speakers are Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust staffers Sara Woods and Frances Fischer offering "From Waterfalls to Desert Bluffs: Protecting the Columbia River Gorge", an introduction to the vast region they manage and updates on private land acquisitions adding more acreage to sensitive native plant and fauna habitats. Our keynote speaker on Saturday night is the venerable Paul Slichter, long-time NPSO member, telling us about his work with "Citizen Science - Rare Plant Monitoring in the Columbia River Gorge."

Field Trips

Where will the field trips be offered? We have so many incredible sites to choose from on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the Gorge! Ten hikes per day are planned to choose from with very knowledgeable guides. A U.S. Forest Service botanist, Washington State Department of Natural Resources ranger, local experts like Barbara Robinson and Paul Slichter, as well as our Portland Chapter hike leaders will be taking groups of twelve to see the endemic and unusual native flora and fauna of this unique landscape east from The Dalles, north to Husum and Trout Lake, Washington and west to Cascade Locks inside the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Note that NPSO state policy is firm about "no dogs allowed" on any field trip or left in a vehicle. Please make arrangements for your dog(s) if you leave a pet at our lodging, especially the Hood River Inn!

Hotel Reservations

How do you receive an NPSO discount on a room reservation at the Inn? We reserved a bank of fifty-five guest room accommodations at a special NPSO group discount rate until

they're gone. Room rates increase closer to "high season" which starts in April. Members should make room reservations now to have the best selection of the various accommodations with bed sizes and views of the river or budget offerings. "Dog-friendly" guest rooms are available at the non-discount rate by calling the Hood River Inn at 541-386-2200 to make that reservation. The popular Best Western Plus Hood River Inn will reach full capacity for the "high season" well before March. Reservations can be cancelled without a fee until mid-April 2025. Save this *Bulletin* to make your room reservation with the Best Western Hood River Inn's reservation site via the blue button link below to receive the "Native Plant Society" special rates. Do not call the Hood River Inn to ask for this special rate! Email the Portland Chapter organizers at npsopdxchapter@gmail.com if you need help with your guest room reservation.

[Reserve your Room Here](#)

Alternative Campground reservations are also highly recommended via a search of Oregon State Parks at the blue button link below with three maps of the Mid- Columbia River region within ten miles of Hood River. We like the Memaloose State Park the best; it's just east of the town of Mosier on the I-84 westbound river side. Note: all public campgrounds in the Columbia Gorge are either on the Columbia River prone to winds and commercial vessel traffic noise or adjacent to Interstate I-84 or a train track on the south side! Be forewarned this is not a quiet camping area. Thank you from *The Board of the Portland Chapter*

[Find your Campsite Here](#)

iNaturalist Winter ID-a-thon
February 15-23, 2025



Douglas-fir ([Pseudotsuga menziesii](#)). 2023. Mount Pisgah Arboretum, Lane County, Oregon. Photo by Gail A. Baker.

What to do on a rainy day? Join our iNaturalist Winter ID-a-thon February 15-23, 2025.

Because of our very successful November 2024 ID-a-thon, we are having a Winter ID-a-thon for Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants from February 15-23, 2025. There are over 300,000 observations that still need identification.

February is one of the rainiest months of the year in Oregon, and you are not as likely to be spending a lot of time outdoors looking at our wild vascular plants. Why not spend some time indoors looking at their pictures on iNaturalist and helping to identify them? You will be contributing to conservation and biodiversity research data by increasing the accuracy of observations. You may learn more about the geographic distribution and

flowering times of plant species that have captured your interest.

What do we want from you? We are asking you to add identifications to as many “Needs ID” plant observations for Oregon as possible, with a goal of reaching 25,000 identifications. The event will run from 12:00 AM Saturday, February 15, to 11:59 PM Sunday, February 23. You don’t have to be an expert botanist to participate; in fact, we encourage everyone, regardless of your level of botanical expertise, to contribute.

One of our goals for this event is to increase the number of people who identify Oregon plants on iNaturalist. Therefore, we are going to incorporate some mentoring by offering two Zoom drop-in sessions. These will be hosted by Mart Hughes and members of the NPSO iNaturalist Committee on February 15 and February 18 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Please register here:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/OnmZQgAgODKauPAQeZmfUQ>

Mart has also offered to coordinate helping people find a region or plant group of interest to work on. You can contact him directly via iNaturalist (carexobnupta).

The Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants iNaturalist project currently has 988,410 observations of 4765 plant species from across Oregon. An amazing 66% are RESEARCH Grade, verified by several different individuals as accurate, however, 34%; 334,538 observations, are in the NEEDS ID category and that is where your participation comes in.

Even adding accurate identification to some of our most familiar and iconic species would be a big help.

Flora of Oregon Vascular Plants Project: Some of the most Observed Species that could benefit from your identification. Including Oregon’s State Tree and Flowering Plant

Species	Observations	Needs ID	Oregon Flora Reference Where you can verify your identifications
Douglas-fir	7763	513	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i> https://oregonflora.org/taxa/index.php?taxon=7702
ponderosa pine	11354	366	<i>Pinus ponderosa</i> https://oregonflora.org/taxa/index.php?taxon=7309
common sword fern	6610	112	<i>Polystichum munitum</i> https://oregonflora.org/taxa/index.php?taxon=7561
salal	5612	8	<i>Gaultheria shallon</i> https://oregonflora.org/taxa/index.php?taxon=5285
shining Oregon-grape	5440	565	<i>Berberis aquifolium</i> https://oregonflora.org/taxa/index.php?taxon=3249

More details of the ID-a-thon will be posted at iNaturalist Flora of Oregon: Vascular

Plants' Journal, so watch this space leading up to and during the event. - *Gail A. Baker*

NPSO Grant Proposals Requested by March 1

The NPSO will continue to sponsor small field research grants. The objectives of the program are: 1) to stimulate basic field research into the biology and distribution of Oregon's native and naturalized flora and vegetation, particularly in the more remote areas of the state; and 2) to promote native plant conservation through better understanding of Oregon's flora and vegetation and the factors affecting their survival.

Research proposals are due by March 1, 2025. The program policy and guidelines may be downloaded from <https://www.npsoregon.org/documents/grantguide.pdf>. Questions about the guidelines may be directed to luomad@oregonstate.edu.

NPSO 2025 Annual Meeting Student Scholarship Awards

To encourage students to be active in NPSO activities and native plant studies, the NPSO State Board is offering three "stipends" serving as scholarships (each between \$200 and \$300) to college undergraduate or graduate students to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting at the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn in Hood River, Oregon. The dates of the Annual Meeting are from Friday night May 16 through Sunday morning May 18. The event is being hosted by the Portland Chapter. The gift does not require any labor by the students but invites them as guests.

The stipends will directly pay for the following items: registration fee, Friday night reception, Saturday breakfast, Saturday night banquet, and Sunday breakfast. The stipend will provide awardees a one-year membership to NPSO. The remaining funds may be used for out-of-pocket expenses for travel and lodging. To be reimbursed for the latter, students will need to submit relevant receipts to the NPSO state treasurer, whose address will be available after the stipend is awarded. NPSO members are encouraged to send this information to a qualifying student you know or have knowledge of.

To request an application for the scholarship to be sent or get more information, all interested students should email npsopdxchapter@gmail.com with the words "Stipend" in the subject line. The deadline to send a completed student scholarship application is

February 28, 2025. The three awarded students will be announced in the *March Bulletin*.
- Willow Elliott, Vice President NPSO Portland Chapter

Washington Botanical Symposium March 5, 2025

University of Washington Botanic Gardens and the University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum are pleased to announce the 2025 Washington Botanical Symposium, Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm PST, Seattle, WA. Sponsored by the Washington Native Plant Society.

Registration is now open [HERE](#).

Networks of professional, academic, and amateur botanists are actively engaged in the conservation, management, and study of Washington's diverse flora. Expertise ranges from how best to manage biodiversity, to understanding climate change impacts on plant communities, to naming and classifying the flora's rare, common, and invasive elements. Invited speakers and poster presentations will share new insights and discoveries about these topics and more. Participants from throughout Washington and adjacent areas will have opportunities to exchange ideas with colleagues within and across disciplines. This program will be presented in-person, with an option to attend online via a Zoom webinar. Scholarships are available for students, service corps members, or anyone with self-identified need. A discount is also available for those who opt to attend the event online.

Attendees are invited to present research posters and make announcements about related news and opportunities on the symposium website. Contributions may include video, text, and/or images. The first ten students to have research posters accepted will be able to attend the event at no cost.

Program information is available at: <http://bit.ly/wabotanicalsymposium>.

[Facebook event page](#) - Clayton Antieau

The Vine

The *Flora of Oregon* defines a vine as: "Trailing or climbing plant with a long, flexible stem, often supporting itself using tendrils." This section of the *Bulletin* is for those trailing stems and tendrils: short announcements, links to other articles, reminders, and

other short items of interest to all NPSO members for which a full *Bulletin* article is not needed. Send your submissions to the editor at bulletinnpso@gmail.com.

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The [Native Plant Appreciation Month bill](#) has been assigned to the [Senate Committee on Rules](#). Click on the bill to read the text or find out its status. Click on the Committee to see who is on it and current scheduled meetings and actions. Helpful resources:

[Why have a Native Plant Appreciation Month \(background and short summary\)](#)

[Constituent Request for Legislator Support for Native Plant Appreciation Month](#)

[Non-Constituent Request for Legislator Support for Native Plant Appreciation Month](#)

[Partner Organization Support Request for NPAM Bill](#)

For questions or to report legislator or partner support, email [judi.sanders@gmail.com](mailto:judi.sanders@gmail.com) or [morelucimoody@gmail.com](mailto:morelucimoody@gmail.com).

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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.

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

Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Work Party: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library

Location: McMinnville Public Library

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. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. Dress for the weather. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at 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. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO.

Saturday, February 8, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Event: Master Gardeners Insights into Gardening

Location: LaSells Stewart Center on the Oregon State University campus. Parking is free and available across the street at the Reser Stadium parking lot or behind the building.

Corvallis NPSO will have a table with information about using native plants in gardening and about our chapter. Come see us or take a shift at the table.

If you'd like to help staff the table, please contact Esther at estherco@peak.org or 541-990-0948 with an e-mail and a cell phone number for contact information.

Monday, February 10, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Presentation: Oregon State University Campus Arboretum: The past, present, and future

Presenter: Dan Blanchard, The Curator of Living Plant Collections for the Oregon State University Campus Arboretum and an Instructor in the Department of Horticulture.

From Oregon white oaks that are older than the Declaration of Independence to a woody plant collection of over 65,000 individual plants, Oregon State University has a remarkable landscape full of history and beauty.

Come learn about the campus landscape that became the Oregon State University Campus Arboretum!

To attend by Zoom register in advance for this meeting:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tuh2cLFxTfSBeb0JsUcHdg>

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

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, February 11, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Volunteer Outreach: Assist with Native Plant Nursery Tasks

Leader: Michelle Osgood

Location: Dorena Genetic Resource Center, 34963 Shoreview Drive, Cottage Grove

Dorena Genetic Resource Center is seeking volunteers to join us on the second Wednesday of each month to help with various nursery tasks, including transplanting, pruning, thinning, spacing, fertilizing, and weeding. Come and join us for a fun day of plant care!

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A8AA2FA4F4C34-50446437-dorena>

Monday, February 17, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Presentation: Creating Backyard Habitat to Benefit Nature in our Yards and Community

Presenter: Barbara Bryson

Location: [Amazon Community Center](#), 2700 Hilyard St., Eugene

Barb Bryson is Director of Habitat Haven, a backyard habitat certification program that began in May. Supported by grants from Upper Willamette Soil and Water District, the program has attracted over seventy participants and is growing. She will discuss the rationale behind this program, its components, and how it works. We will look at examples of yards in our area that have been certified at various levels.

Barb grew up in southeast Eugene, playing in the forest pools and climbing tall Douglas-fir trees, which led years later to a degree in Biology. After many moons raising children and working as a nurse practitioner, she returned to bird watching in the pandemic, read Douglas Tallamy's book "Nature's Best Hope," and realized her traditional gardening choices needed to change. She joined the board of Lane Audubon a couple of years ago. Gardening for birds and nature, not just for beauty, has become a passion.

High Desert

For information, visit our website: www.highdesertnpsoregon.org or Facebook page: [Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email us at highdesertnps@gmail.com. Find our latest field trip observations on iNaturalist, <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-nps-field-trips>.

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 pm

Presentation: Nevius' Onion in the Deschutes National Forest

Presenter: Elizabeth Johnson, Sisters Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest

Location: Community Room, East Bend Library, 62080 Dean Swift Road, Bend

We may live-stream this meeting - Check our [chapter calendar](#) for updates.

Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 pm

Presentation: Ecological Interactions of Soil Fungi and Native Plants

Presenter: Ariel Cowan, Oregon State University Extension Service

Location: Community Room, East Bend Library, 62080 Dean Swift Road, Bend

Check our [chapter calendar](#) for potential web connection information.

Klamath Basin

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact 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](#).

Chapter meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at the Klamath County Museum in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Presentations are held at the Meeting Room at the back of the Klamath County Museum (1451 Main Street).

The Native Plant Garden at the Klamath County Museum is a great example of how native plants can be incorporated into a garden setting. Volunteers help throughout the year to complete necessary weed abatement and maintenance to the existing plant beds. Typically, these workdays are Saturdays from 9:00 am - 11:00 am between April-August.

Monday, February 3, 6:00 pm

Presentation: Klamath Lake Wetland Restoration Project

Presenter: Kathy Sale, Restoration Biologist

Monday, March 3, 6:00 pm

Presentation: White Bark Pine Natural History

Presenter: U.S. Forest Service Silviculturist

Monday, April 7, 6:00 pm

Presentation: Traditional Ecological Knowledge and First Foods

Presenter: Klamath Tribal Member

May 2025

Discussions and seed sowing have begun already for a select number of native plants in preparation for the 2025 native plant sale in May. This event includes a variety of native flowering plants and shrubs in 3.5" and 1-gallon pots. The 2024 sale offered over thirty species and sold over 1,000 plants. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the native plant sale. Email klamathbasinnpso@gmail.com if you are interested in helping.

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

Thursday, February 13, 7:00 pm

Program: Cascade Forest Conservancy: Helping to Build Healthy Biodiverse Forest and Aquatic Ecosystems

Presenters: Amanda Keasberry, Science and Stewardship Manager for the Cascade Forest Conservancy

Location: Zoom, register [here](#)

Join us for an informative talk about Cascade Forest Conservancy, its stewardship efforts, and lessons learned about building biodiversity and robust ecosystems. [Register to attend the Zoom program here.](#)

Thursday, March 13, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Program: The Beauty of Weeds

Presenter: Mark Turner, Turner Photographics, LLC, Author and Photographer of *Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs*, and *Weeds of the Pacific Northwest*, Washington Native Plant Society Member

Location: Zoom

Maybe they just showed up in your garden, or you notice them as you walk your neighborhood or drive down the road. They're the plants we call weeds, the ones we didn't ask to join our gardens. But just because they are weeds does not mean they are ugly. In fact, some of our weeds are quite beautiful. Come on a journey showcasing some of our most unwelcome plants and get a few tips on controlling them, too. [Register to attend the Zoom program here.](#)

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

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

South Coast

The South Coast Chapter covers Curry and Coos counties. Guests or members of other chapters are welcome at our events. To join our mailing list, please contact Andrea Burke at andreasueburke@gmail.com.

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

Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 pm

Leader: Julia Bott, jbott@batnet.com or 650-520-5673

Event: Zoom Presentation on Veva Stansell and the Botany of Hunter Creek's Headwaters

Raised in Pistol River in Curry County, Veva Stansell was a self-taught botanist who became renowned for her knowledge of the unique serpentine botany of the Siskiyou Mountains. Distinctive wild plant habitats up Hunter Creek were among her favorite places. Join us for a presentation by Kalmiopsis Audubon Society President Ann Vileisis about Veva, the plant named in her honor, the unusual botany of Hunter Creek headwaters, and growing threats that these valuable resources now face.

This event will be via Zoom and is co-sponsored by the NPSO South Coast Chapter and the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82438298147?pwd=bXPTvyNb4HihRqOrnsNihsvsfaixa.1>

Meeting ID: 824 3829 8147

Passcode: 196000

Saturday, February 15, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Leader: Contact: Gail Perrotti, gperrotti@earthlink.net or 541-414-977

Event: Quarterly Membership Meeting via Zoom

This is our quarterly membership business meeting, and we will be discussing our volunteer opportunities and 2025 activities including plant sale and garden tour. Members and guests are all welcome

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86425501459?pwd=a8oitXQwcnxPo2kHBB8PGk2baQXTzg.1>

Meeting ID: 864 2550 1459

Passcode: 341059

Umpqua Valley

Check out our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO. Not online? - call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364.

Willamette Valley

Thursday, February 20, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Zoom Program: The Little Habitat Project

Speaker: Kassi Roosth

Kassi Roosth, urban conservation planner at the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, will give a Zoom presentation about “The Little Habitat Project.” The project is a certification initiative launched by the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District to promote healthy ecosystems for wildlife by transforming private gardens, community spaces, and other developed areas into certified wildlife habitats. The presentation will cover the certification process, the land practices that can be implemented this spring, and examples of projects. Kassi has worked with various public and private organizations as a conservation planner, educator, and horticulturist. Kassi received a B.S. from Oregon State University and is a certified master woodland manager, master naturalist, master gardener, and master melittologist. Registration is required. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at 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. 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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