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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Hairy bigleaf lupine (*Lupinus polyphyllus* var. *prunophilus*) (syn. *Lupinus biddlei*) framed by big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*) and snowcapped peaks on the east side of Steens Mountain. Harney County, Oregon. May 2022.

Photo by Kareen B. Sturgeon.

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If you have any questions, please contact us at [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org).

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Student Stipends for the NPSO 2025 Annual Meeting Awarded

To encourage students to be active in NPSO activities and native plant studies, NPSO awarded three stipends to qualifying college students to attend the 2025 Annual Meeting in Hood River, May 16-18. The stipends include the cost of registration, as well as funds to defray expenses for lodging and food. All students who are keenly interested in Oregon native plants and have an academic background in plant-related science are eligible for the award. Eligible disciplines include botany (in the broad sense), resource management, conservation biology, ecology, ethnobotany, and pollination. Students wishing to be considered for the award submitted an application that provided a description of their background in botany and a brief essay on their major area of study and how it relates to native plants.

To publicize the award, emails were sent to botanists and environmental staff at Oregon

colleges inviting them to nominate and encourage all potentially eligible students whom they knew to apply. The strategy was successful, as nine excellent proposals were submitted from four local colleges. We sincerely thank the scientists who encouraged students to apply and who wrote recommendations. We also sincerely thank Jane Burch-Pesses, who generously donated funds that significantly increased the award for each recipient.

The number and quality of the applications were truly heartening, and we feel the program was highly successful. Each of the nine excellent applications demonstrated a strong commitment and enthusiasm to study and protect native Oregon plants. In addition, the students represent an incredibly diverse set of interests and skills in botanical science. We believe that all nine applicants qualified for the stipend. However, the response made choosing only three winners difficult. All nine applicants certainly deserve a stipend, and we wish we could present more awards. In lieu of the stipend, NPSO has awarded a one-year complementary student membership in the NPSO.

The following are the three winning applicants for the 2025 Student Stipends:

Lillie Case is a senior at Oregon State University (OSU), majoring in botany with an option in ecology, evolution, and conservation and a certificate in geographic information systems. At OSU's Garden Ecology Lab, Lillie has contributed to multiple research projects on Oregon native plant-pollinator ecology and is a co-author on three papers currently in preparation. In 2023, Lillie was awarded a prestigious Research Experiences for Undergraduates grant from the National Science Foundation to study *Castilleja* at the California Academy of Sciences. Lillie's primary career goal is "to save plant and insect species from extinction, with a particular interest in forbs native to North America."

Michael Mitchell (he/they), Master of landscape architecture student at the University of Oregon. Michael's research focuses on the use of soil microbes in restoration design to encourage the use of native species in urban landscapes. His professional background includes environmental education and public outreach. Previously, he managed the Clark College Native Plant Center, where he propagated plants for the U.S. Forest Service and restoration nonprofits. In this role, he taught students about plant propagation and led them on outplanting projects at Columbia Gorge restoration sites. He also worked as a rare plant botanist for the Institute for Applied Ecology, collaborating with ecologists from the Institute for Applied Ecology and the Bureau of Land Management to identify and survey rare plant populations to help inform conservation strategies.

Scott Mitchell, PhD candidate in the [Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences](#) at OSU, focusing on native bee pollination of native flora, in collaboration with the Oregon Bee Atlas. Scott developed plant identification skills while teaching outdoor education. His research explores the interactions between native bee communities and the native plant species on which they depend. Scott is the senior author of the Oregon Extension Service book: *“Shrubs and Trees for Bees: Attract a Diversity of Bees with Plants Native to Oregon.”*

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pub/em-9391-shrubs-trees-bees>.





The awardees in the field. Top row: Lillie Case, photo by Emily Bonazzola. Bottom row, left to right: Michael Mitchell, photographer unknown. Scott Mitchell, photo by Kensie Fleischman.

The six runners up for the award are the following:

Alexander Brau is a senior at Reed College majoring in biology and environmental studies. His research is a holistic study of the impact of wildfires on the inter-relationships among canopy epiphytes (lichens and mosses), arboreal mammals, and birds.

August Grossman is a senior at Reed College majoring in biology and environmental studies. His research examines wildfires on the ecology of canopy epiphytes in Douglas-fir forests.

Miranda Maple is a master of arts candidate in ethnobotany at OSU. Miranda's research program includes cultural resource management, first foods, plant-human mutualism, and traditional ecological knowledge with emphasis on Columbia River Plateau. She also has experience as an archaeological technician in cultural resource management.

Anna Mele is a senior at Portland State University (PSU). Anna's research interests include the study of the impacts of climate change on the phenology and pollination of native springtime flowering herbaceous plants across the West Coast of the United

States. Anna also volunteers in the PSU Herbarium.

Cecile Szollas is a senior at Reed College majoring in biology and environmental science. Cecile's research focuses on fire ecology and canopy lichens in tall trees. She is also employed as an environmental educator at elementary schools in Portland, teaching students plant identification and native food systems.

James Tracy is a senior at PSU and majoring in plant ecology. James is working towards an Indigenous Traditional Ecological and Cultural Knowledge Certificate at PSU, and his research focuses on the cultural uses of mosses.

Congratulations to both the winners of the stipends and to the six outstanding candidates who did not win this year. Please welcome these new NPSO members. -*Frank and Nancy Howarth*

HB3173—Legislative Funding Decisions are in the Works!

HB3173, which would initiate support for OregonFlora from state funding, is one of the thousands of bills before the Oregon Legislative this session. As the process to decide which bills should be selected for funding unfolds, we still have a chance to reach out to some of those decision-makers and remind them of the importance of OregonFlora. According to Rep. Marsh's office, now is a pivotal time to provide a very short, targeted message to the following legislators involved in the funding of HB3173:

Natural Resources Subcommittee of Joint Ways and Means co-chairs: [Sen. Lew Frederick](#), [Rep. Emerson Levy](#).

Joint Ways and Means co-chairs: [Sen. Kate Lieber](#), [Rep. Tawna Sanchez](#); co-vice chairs: [Sen. Fred Girod](#), [Rep. David Gomberg](#), [Rep. Greg Smith](#).

How short can your message be? Here are two examples:

(1) "Please support HB3173 as it comes before the Joint Ways and Means Committee. The modest appropriation (\$400,000) will have outsized impact:

- It will leverage 31 years of OregonFlora's data gathering and curation.
- It is a freely available, online resource that state agencies need to meet their mission in conservation, forest health, weed control, rare plant protection,

wildlife habitat, and fire recovery.

- It supports small business owners in the native plant horticultural industry statewide.
- It helps Oregonians be informed and scientifically literate residents that appreciate the natural resources of our state."

(2) "Please add your support for HB3173, which would establish OregonFlora in statute and appropriate \$400,000 for its work. OregonFlora provides agencies and educators with freely available plant diversity information. It has positive economic impacts in the business world as well, by providing resources for companies offering outdoor recreation, environmental consulting, and native plants for landscaping and wildfire recovery efforts. The modest support of HB3173 would ensure the 31 years of plant knowledge about the approximately 4,800 vascular plants of Oregon is maintained and updated for its users statewide."

Thank you for your continued efforts to bring sustainable support for OregonFlora. -Linda Hardison

2025 Annual Meeting Registration Has Reached Capacity

The 2025 Annual Meeting is sold out! The Portland Chapter of NPSO announced the opening of the 2025 Annual Meeting Registration on March 1 here in the *Bulletin*. The dates of the event are Friday afternoon, May 16th through Sunday, May 18th at the beautiful Best Western Plus Hood River Inn on the banks of the Columbia River in the Gorge. View the Annual Meeting website at <https://portlandnativeplants.org/annual-meeting-2025>.

Because of a very overwhelming response, we thank all 120 members who registered early and regret to inform other members that we cannot take additional registrations at this time. The contact email for this year's website and registration navigation is pdxannualmeeting2025@gmail.com.

Learn more about the Columbia River Gorge with the blue button links below. *Thank you from the Annual Meeting Registration Team!*

Watch the video "Geology of the Columbia River Gorge" by Central Washington University geology professor, Nick Zentner, at the link below. Featured courtesy of Nick Zentner.

[Watch the Geology Video Here](#)

From Friends of the Columbia Gorge and filmmaker Monique Trevett, “**The Wildflower Woman**” profiles renowned Columbia River Gorge conservation icon Barbara Robinson. - *Featured courtesy of Friends of the Columbia River Gorge.*

[Watch the Wildflower Woman Film Here](#)

OregonFlora

A hearty thank you to those who have written letters to legislators in support of HB3173, a bill that would bring sustainable support for OregonFlora. We are awaiting the Joint Ways and Means Committee to decide on which bills they will recommend be funded, advancing those pieces of legislation further down the law-making path. It is not too late to individually write (please do not use cc: or address one message to multiple recipients) to the co-chairs and vice chairs of the Joint Ways and Means Committee; their contact info is below. Additionally, if your legislator is on the Joint Ways and Means Committee, a letter to them - pointing out that you are a constituent - encouraging support of HB3173 is extra impactful. You can find your legislators by entering your address [here](#).



A critical point to raise in your email is the economic sense it makes to fund HB3173: the modest \$400,000/biennium would leverage thirty-one years of OregonFlora’s work on the plants of our state, and would keep identification, mapping, and other tools available for agencies and businesses to do their plant-related work effectively.

Joint Ways and Means co-chairs: [Sen. Kate Lieber](#), [Rep. Tawna Sanchez](#); co-vice chairs: [Sen. Fred Girod](#), [Rep. David Gomberg](#), [Rep. Greg Smith](#).

Some new taxa in Oregon

We recently partnered with Dr. Don Mansfield to integrate taxa in his recent publication

on the [flora of the Owyhee region](#) that are not in the OregonFlora Checklist. From the list of five candidate species that were documented in Oregon, we requested a specimen loan of the five candidate species that were documented in Oregon from the herbarium at the College of Idaho. Dr. Richard Halse confirmed their identifications, resulting in the addition of two taxa new to us: *Acer glabrum* var. *diffusum* and *Opuntia polyacantha*. As Dr. Mansfield said, “We need each other now more than ever in our pursuit of understanding our rich botanical heritage.” OregonFlora is pleased to confirm and reflect the focused work of smaller regions into the context of our statewide flora.

Sponsor a part of Volume 3

There is still time to sponsor a part of Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon*! You or your honoree will see their name included in the front acknowledgements of the published book and be part of Oregon’s botanical legacy. Visit the Publications\Flora of Oregon webpage to see the [sponsorship opportunities](#).

OregonFlora at the annual meeting

Yes, we will have a variety of books to purchase at this year’s Annual Meeting! All proceeds go toward the operating expenses of our program - that is, staff and student salaries and the costs to maintain our website. Come prepared to score some great botanical finds, or to purchase the first two volumes of the *Flora of Oregon*.

Your financial support of any amount is deeply appreciated. Contributions to OregonFlora can be made online through our [PayPal](#) account, or by sending a check to the address on our [Donate](#) page. Please make checks payable to the Agricultural Research Foundation and include “OregonFlora” on the memo line. -Linda Hardison

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 bulletin@npsoregon.org. Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.



Tom Pratum photographed this unusual yellow variant of scarlet fritillary (*Fritillaria recurva*) at Jacksonville Forest Park, Jackson County, Oregon on April 8, 2025.



Calypso orchid (*Calypso bulbosa*) growing on forested hillside. Eugene, OR. April 2025.

Photo by Kimberly St. Hilaire.

Oregon Mystery Plant

Mystery Plant Revisited
Do you recognize this plant?



Your editor accidentally included an incorrect email address in the April *Bulletin*. The April Mystery Plant is making a second appearance this month to allow readers another chance to submit their identifications. The mystery plant was photographed by Karen B. Sturgeon on May 14, 2013, along the East Steens Road north of the community of Fields, in Harney County, Oregon. It was growing in rocky soil with sagebrush.

Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor at bulletin@npsoregon.org.

Update on nickel laterite mining claims on Eight Dollar Mountain, Josephine County

An article entitled “Southern Oregon Botanical Areas Threatened by Nickel Laterite Mining” in the November 2024 issue of the NPSO *Bulletin* alerted NPSO members to the location of new mining claims in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. So far, there has been no mining activity on the 2,736 acres of these Homeland Mining claims on the west side of Eight Dollar Mountain.

Before Homeland Mining can do any exploratory core drilling on their claims, they must submit a very detailed “Notice of Intent” or “Plan of Operations” for National Environmental Policy Act analysis. The National Environmental Policy Act analysis

requires an Environmental Assessment and, if necessary, an Environmental Impact Statement. These would be public documents with opportunities for public comment.

In a discussion with a knowledgeable Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest staff member, I was told: “At this time I know of no current plans to submit a plan to start this process.”

To keep their claims, all Homeland Mining has to do is submit annual paperwork with a small payment.

The passage of Senate Bill 4449 “The River Democracy Act” sponsored by Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley would protect these botanical areas on Eight Dollar Mountain from future mining. We will see if SB 4449 makes any progress in the 2025-2026 session of Congress. -*Dave Garcia*

Candidates for NPSO Board Positions - 2025

The NPSO Nominating Committee offers the following list of candidates for the state offices. Newly elected individuals will assume office during the Annual Meeting. Please consider serving our society. Interested persons and people with suggestions for future candidates may contact Kim Brown at secretary@npsoregon.org for more information.

Voting instructions will be sent via email to NPSO members-of-record in late April.

President:

Steven Yeager (Emerald) Originally from Philadelphia, Steven moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1994 and has been rooted in Eugene ever since. He is vice president of quality and regulatory affairs at Mountain Rose Herbs. Steven Yeager has been exploring Oregon’s wild places and studying the Pacific Northwest’s native flora since 1995: botanizing, wildcrafting, and preparing herbal preparations for himself and his family. Steven is also an herbal educator and former co-owner of the Columbine School of Botanical Studies. He believes cultivating a relationship with plants and the natural world is vital for a healthy existence on this planet. He also serves as a board member for the American Herbal Products Association (AHPA) and is currently participating with many of AHPA’s committees. He also serves on the boards for the AHPA Foundation for Education and Research on Botanicals, United Plant Savers, NPSO, and NPSO Emerald Chapter. When not at work or volunteering with various non-profits, Steven enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, hiking, camping, wildcrafting, and botanizing in the Cascade

Mountains.

Vice President:

Jason Clinch grew up in southwest Washington but has lived in Oregon since 1995. He graduated from Linfield College in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in biology. Jason worked for several years as a federal and contract biologist throughout many Pacific Northwest forests before turning his interests towards wetlands and wetland consulting. After nearly twenty years working for a small consulting company, he started his own business, Three Creeks Consulting LLC. While he still does a fair amount of wetland consulting, Jason has gotten back to his roots as a biologist and naturalist focusing as much as he can on biological inventories, consulting with farms and landowners on invasive/non-native species vs. native species and their management, as well as habitat identification and mapping. He's been a member of NPSO since 2001 becoming more actively involved around 2010. Besides helping to start the Citizen's Rare Plant Watch program through NPSO, Jason has served as the Rare and Endangered Committee chair for a number of years, is/has been a director-at-large, and serves on multiple committees and working groups. He was recently honored as an NPSO Fellow in 2024.

Treasurer:

Seán Cawley (Siskiyou) immigrated from California in 2019. He spent a year working in the Worldwide Organization of Organic Farms program in Ireland where he lived and worked on various organic farms including goat dairy farms. He has a master's degree in business and a bachelor of science degree in environmental business. He is a certified master gardener. He just completed the Land Steward program. He is passionate about enhancing biodiversity in gardens, companion planting, and using native plants whenever possible. He prefers to grow plants for consumption, herbal health, and soil/planet health. If he can't eat it or use it, he doesn't want to waste water growing it.

He stepped down as treasurer of the Jackson County Master Gardener's Association this past year. He had served on the board since 2020 and as treasurer for the past two years. As treasurer he moved the financial practices of the association to paperless operation - utilizing QuickBooks online (cash accounting), online banking and check writing including all expense requests digitally. He is not a certified public accountant but worked for twelve years as the assistant to the chief financial officer of a non-profit university in San Francisco. He has technical experience with Microsoft Office including Excel and most Adobe products. He prefers using Apple computer platform but can "muddle" his way through a personal computer.

He is a veteran having served sixteen years in the Navy, trained in electronics. He

volunteers at the White City Veterans' Administration Rehabilitation Center in Jackson County by teaching Veterans how to grow food for sustainable living. Volunteers utilize the nutritionists at the rehabilitation center to devise recipes and diets to augment the various foods harvested.

He owns and lives in a tiny house which has less than 250 square feet of living space. The house is designed with grey water plumbing and compost toilet. He designed the electrical system so that he uses less than two kilowatts per day including HVAC. He is proud of the very small footprint that he leaves on this planet.

Secretary:

Kim Brown (Portland) is originally from Colorado but has lived in the Pacific Northwest for the past decade. She has her masters degree in environmental science (2021) from Portland State University where she studied the effects of the invasive green crab on Oregon's coastal eelgrass. Currently, she is a cartographer for the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Outside of work, Kim collects and studies Oregon's native bees and their plant associates through Oregon State University's (OSU) Master Melittologist program and has converted her yard from grass to a native oasis. Kim has served as NPSO Secretary and is Member at Large for the NPSO Portland Chapter.

Director at Large

Judi Sanders (Corvallis) is originally from the Roseburg area and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon. She did her graduate work in California and spent much of her professional career there. After retiring from the Communication Department at Cal Poly Pomona, she returned to Oregon in 2005 and subsequently spent ten years teaching communication at OSU. Her lifelong fascination with wildflowers drew her to NPSO in 2006. Judi currently serves as NPSO Vice-President and has previously served as NPSO State President, Vice-President, and as an at-large board member as well as Corvallis Chapter President. She has been the coordinator of Native Plant Appreciation Week/Month since about 2007 and has served on various other NPSO committees. She also previously served on the Oregon Invasive Species Council.

Director at Large

Rachel Werling was born in California, raised in Minnesota, and has lived in Oregon since 2006. She holds a master's degree in plant biology from Arizona State University, where her thesis focused on an illustrated flora of native trees and shrubs of the central valleys of Oaxaca, Mexico—work that included species new to science. She also earned a bachelor's degree in environmental biology with a minor in botany from Cal Poly

Humboldt.

After college, Rachel served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador, where she worked in forestry and conservation. Her primary project was establishing the Bilsa Biological Station to help preserve endangered tropical forests. She is a contributing artist for *Usnea in the Pacific Northwest, Aide Mémoire* by Daphne Stone. As a field biologist, she has worked with birds, mammals, riparian systems, and most extensively, plants. From 2006 to 2017, she conducted rare plant surveys in the Pacific Northwest—and may return to that rewarding work soon.

Rachel worked for OSU Extension in Jackson County for thirteen years, gaining extensive experience in program development, management, grant writing, and marketing. Under her leadership, the OSU Land Steward Program grew from an informal county-based effort to one with state and national reach. She also developed the Siskiyou Ecoregion Course for the Oregon Master Naturalist program.

A longtime member of the NPSO, Rachel served as president of the Siskiyou Chapter for five years. She has since supported NPSO's organizational development, first as a volunteer and now as a contractor.

Director at Large

Catherine Alexander was born on a farmstead in Oregon's Coast Range surrounded by temperate rainforests. After studying fine art and art history at the University of Oregon and Portland State University, she worked in the New York art world for a decade before relocating to Sarasota, Florida, where she taught art and ecology programs at the Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and studied natural science illustration under the tutelage of Olivia Marie Braida-Chiusano. After returning to Oregon, Catherine served as the Director of the Bush Barn Art Center in Salem, Oregon, from 2009-2014 and as Executive Director of Straub Outdoors, an outdoor education provider, from 2015-2024. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Programs for Red Alder Group, LLC, a provider of ecology programs and educational resources for young people and adults.

Scholarships Available for Students in Botany and Plant-Related Fields

The Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO is offering \$500 and \$1,000 scholarships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled at an Oregon college or university for the 2025-2026 school year and who are majoring in one of the following fields of study:

- botany;
- horticulture with a focus on native plants;
- any biological, environmental, or natural resource science with a botany emphasis or;
- any biological, environmental, or natural resource science combined with a demonstrated intent to pursue studies or a career in a plant-based field focused on or related to native plants (e.g. ecology, systematics, sustainable natural resource management, conservation biology).

Half-time students are eligible.

A limited number of qualified applicants will be selected to receive the \$500 and \$1,000 scholarship awards. Applications will be accepted by mail or electronically until June 1, 2025.

Applicants must submit a completed application that includes name, address, email address, phone number, college or university name, and college or university address.

Applicants also must submit:

- a statement of academic and career intent, with a discussion of relevant coursework, extracurricular activities, and interests. Student's statement should show a demonstrated interest in native plants and the intent to pursue studies or careers related to native plants;
- One letter of reference from a person able to judge the student's ability to successfully complete study in the student's area of major study and;
- Full collegiate academic record (transcript).

Completed applications and documents can be sent by mail to:

John Savage
Jean Davis and Augusta Rockafellar Scholarship Funds
2114 Thoreau Avenue SE
Salem, OR 97302

Or completed applications and documents can be sent by email to: wvnpsso@gmail.com.
For any questions about the scholarship, or to obtain an application form, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414 or at wvnpsso@gmail.com.

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 bulletin@npsoregon.org.

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Read the "Adopt a Rare Plant Project 2024 Summary Report" at the link below. The Adopt a Rare Plant Project was developed by the Siskiyou Chapter of the NPSO and their partners the Rare Plant Monitoring Network of Southwest Oregon, a program of The Understory Initiative.

**[Adopt a Rare Plant Program 2024 Summary Report](#)**

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Chapter Notes

Important Note to Field Trip Participants: Trips may be strenuous and/or hazardous. Participation is at your own risk. Be prepared to sign a release form indicating this. A sample waiver form is available at [NPSO-Waiver-of-Liability-2015](#).

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, May 24, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Work Party #303: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library

Location: McMinnville Public Library

Help the garden crew with maintaining the Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library. The garden has matured and will be beautiful this month, making our work very enjoyable! Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. 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, May 3, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Field trip: Flower and Bird Walk around Woodpecker Loop

Leader: Esther McEvoy

Location: Woodpecker Loop Trail, W.L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge

This will be a short two-mile gentle walk around the Woodpecker Loop Trail. For more information, contact Esther McEvoy, estherco@peak.org or 541-990-0948

Monday, May 19, 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm

Program: “*Fritillaria gentneri*: A Biography”

Presenter: Alex Kurowski, Oregon State University

Location: Cordley Hall Room 2602, Oregon State University, Corvallis or by Zoom

Description: In southern Oregon and northern California, two species of *Fritillaria* overlap, *F. affinis* and *F. recurva*. In the northern part of their overlapping ranges, an endangered species known as *Fritillaria gentneri* was first discovered in 1942. *Fritillaria gentneri* shares morphological traits with both *F. affinis* and *F. recurva*, leading to the hypothesis that *F. gentneri* is a hybrid of the two species. These species have giant genomes that would be expensive to sequence and assemble into a full genome, meaning that traditional genomic analyses of *F. gentneri* origins are difficult to perform. After an introduction to the fascinating historical and conservation background of *F. gentneri*, Alex will share her two years of research regarding the unknown origin of this mysterious rare species.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/WGsCk3iXQO61ekRg9sFwvQ>

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

Saturday, May 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden

Leader: Esther McEvoy

Location: Avery House Nature Center, Avery Park, Corvallis

Spring is upon us, and we need to work on the gardens with pruning, weeding, and

clipping. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, shovel, and clippers. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or estherco@peak.org.

Emerald

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Amazon Community Center Wildflower Walk

Leader: Emerald Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon Volunteers

Location: Amazon Community Center, Front Lawn, Eugene

Come meet the Native Plant Society at Amazon Community Center as we take a nature walk to identify plants around the park. Bring comfortable shoes and appropriate outerwear. Attendees must register each family member; children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register [here](#) with Eugene Parks and Recreation.

For questions, email em.president@npsoregon.org.

Saturday, May 10, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Event: Bikes to Blooms, Emerald Chapter Booth Volunteering and Botany Walk

Location: Bake Stewart Park, Dorena (12 miles east of Cottage Grove)

All activities are accessible by car; carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. If cycling, wear a helmet and be cautious of variable trail conditions. Please leave dogs at home. Bikes to Blooms is hosted in partnership with the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Land Management, Walama Restoration Project, Native Plant Society of Oregon, Eugene Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, and Kennedy High School - Youth Conservation Corps.

8:00 am: Guided Bird Walk

9:00 am - 1:00 pm: Educational Booths and Self-Guided Walk Materials

10:00 am, 11:00 am, and 12:00 pm: Guided Wildflower Walks

For additional event information, visit coastfork.org, CFWWC Facebook page (@CoastFork), or call the CFWWC office at 541-767-9717.

Monday, May 12, 2025, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Event: West Eugene Wetland Walk

Leader: Rachel Schneiderman

Location: WREN Headquarters, 751 Danebo Ave, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Join us on a walk in the west Eugene wetlands, led by WREN (Willamette Resources and Education Network) staff, at the peak of bloom. We'll get to see some rare Willamette Valley prairie species along with the more common natives. Bring your cameras and binoculars too. Sign up [here](#).

May 16, 17, and 18

Event: Mount Pisgah Wildflower Show: Collection, Set up, and Show Booth

Leader: Jenny Lippert

Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 34901 Frank Parrish Rd, Eugene, Oregon 97405

If you'd like to volunteer, there are several opportunities. If you know your plants and have a special place in mind to collect, bring them to the Arboretum by noon Saturday, May 17th. If you are just learning your native plants, come help set up the show at the Arboretum on Saturday morning any time after 9:00 am. Or if you just want to come to the Show, visit our booth by the entrance to the Wildflower display and buy a t-shirt or one of our new NPSO hats on Sunday.

Please reach out if you would like to help. Jenny Lippert (jlippert2218@gmail.com) can help set you up with a place to collect and permits, if necessary.

For more Mount Pisgah Wildflower Show information, visit:

<https://mountpisgaharboretum.org/festivals-events/wildflower-music-festival/>

Saturday, May 3, 2025, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, May 31, 2025, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Volunteer Outreach: Westmoreland Park Wetlands Enhancement Work Party

Leader: Nancy Bray

Location: Westmoreland Park, East wetland on Polk St., South of the pickleball courts on W. 20th Ave, Eugene.

Please join our work parties. The tasks are simple and geared for all ages and physical abilities.

This is the fourth year of our enhancement project to remove invasive weeds from the Westmoreland Park wetlands to help our native plants to flourish. These wet prairie remnants have protected status, with significant native plants including two species with the largest populations anywhere in Eugene.

If you can help out on May 3 and/or May 31, please RSVP to braynj@gmail.com. Parks and Open Space provides all the tools, so RSVP'ing allows us to let them know how many tools to bring. Hope you can join us!

Tuesday May 13, 2025, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Volunteer Outreach: Survey for rare *Lathyrus holochlorus* at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum

Leader: Dr. Nora Dunkirk, ORBIC's director of Citizen's Rare Plant Watch (CRPW) out of Portland State University

Location: Buford Park, exact start location to be announced

Citizen's Rare Plant Watch will be conducting a survey of the rare plant *Lathyrus holochlorus* - thin-leaved pea - near Eugene at the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum on Tuesday, May 13. We will meet at 10:00 am at Buford Park for an all-day survey. Please wear hiking boots, bring lunch and water, and be prepared for some off-trail hiking. Please reach out to CRPW coordinator Nora at ndunkirk@pdx.edu if you are interested in joining us.

Sunday, May 25, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Central Coast Dunes

Leader: Dina Pavlis

Location: Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area - Siuslaw National Forest, 855 Highway Ave, Reedsport, OR, 97467

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A parking pass is required for this event and can be purchased on site for \$5 per vehicle. A Northwest Forest Pass, Oregon Coast Pass, or Golden Age Pass may be used in lieu of the parking fee.

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 highdesertnpso@gmail.com. Find our latest field trip observations on iNaturalist, <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-npso-field-trips>.

Friday, May 2, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Event: Spring Social

Location: WinterCreek Nursery, 63405 Deschutes Market Rd, Bend

Join High Desert Chapter at their annual Spring Social. Enjoy snacks, drinks, and conversation while browsing the new spring plants at WinterCreek!

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Workshop: Beginner Botany

Presenter: Sarah Fuller, Professor of Biology, Central Oregon Community College

Location: Central Oregon Community College Science Center, NW College Way, Bend

A presentation on plant taxonomy and major groups of plants and how they are classified. We will learn to apply botanical terms to floral structures. There will be hands-on activity using dissecting scopes to key to plant family, genus, and species.

Members will be given priority sign-up. Please email hdceventscoordinator@gmail.com to register. 24 maximum participants.

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Scout Camp Trail

Leader: Ben Snyder

Location: Scout Camp Trailhead, 9505-9445 SW Scout Camp Trail, Terrebonne, OR

The hike begins on bluffs above the river and winds through different ecological communities down into the canyon. About three miles round trip, we'll be walking at a relaxed pace. The group will hopefully be checking out species of *Penstemon*, *Cymopterus*, *Maianthemum*, and a wide variety of species of *Astragalus*, *Phacelia*, and *Eriogonum* among many other wonderful plants. RSVP by emailing hdceventscoordinator@gmail.com with Scout Camp in the subject line.

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.

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 klamathbasinnps@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/nps.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. 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, May 8, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Program: Bull Run Watershed - Native plants, restoration projects

Presenter: Angie Kimpo, Vegetation Stewardship Manager, Portland Water Bureau (PWB)

Learn about the botanical work of the Vegetation Stewardship Program at the PWB, including the protection of rare plant communities and invasive species management. The PWB works cooperatively with Mt. Hood Forest Service staff to manage a variety of tasks inside the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit. See photos of the area and plants found at Latourelle Prairie, Township Meadow, as well as in the Camp Creek burn area. There will also be a summary of the invasive species management work done by the PWB inside the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit.

Zoom Registration Link. You must have a personal Zoom account (free) to register.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/nZhiNY7hSWCecDgqkLG4Kg>

Saturday, May 3, 9:45 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Lacamas Prairie Hike

Leader: Lecia Schall

This premium field trip is offered to NPSO members only and is by special arrangement with the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Lacamas Prairie is the best (known) remnant of Willamette Valley wet prairie ecosystem occurring in Washington. It protects one of the largest populations of endangered Bradshaw's lomatium as well as other rare plants including Oregon coyote-thistle, Hall's aster, dense sedge, Nuttall's quillwort, Hesperius penstemon, and small-flowered trillium. It's a flat two mile walk of about two-three hours through Oregon white oak and ash woodlands and wet meadows. Bring water, lunch, and \$5 cash for your driver if carpooling from Portland. Dress for any weather, including footwear for mud and marsh. Carpooling advised.

Complete the Google Form <https://forms.gle/pS6ZFeBqmMn11Vnd7> to register or schallecia@gmail.com, if you have other questions.

Location: Meet at 9:45 at the site and park inside the gate, just north of the intersection with 28th, on the left side of NE Ingle Rd Camas, WA. (Navigate using 3607 NE Ingle Rd. but look for the gate on the left before getting to 3607.) A restroom is available at Lacamas Heritage Trail on NE Goodwin Rd. (On the right, half a mile before the site.)

Saturday, May 3, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Canemah Bluff Hike

Leader: Mary Hayden

Location: 917 4th Ave, Oregon City. Parking is limited

Come with us for a leisurely stroll on mostly level trails across thin-soiled basalt bluffs of oak and madrone overlooking the Willamette River. We'll explore seasonal wetlands, camas meadows, and shady mixed forests for a kaleidoscope of spring bloom. Poison oak abounds but is avoidable. Long pants are advised. Contact hayden.mary.k@gmail.com if you have questions and to register. Contact Mary if available to carpool from nearby [Oregon City Library](#).

Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Field Trip: Camassia Preserve Walk

Leader: Mary Hayden

Location: 5000 Walnut St. West Linn, OR

Join us for an easy one-mile stroll through a Nature Conservancy preserve named for the abundant common camas (*Camassia quamash*) which bloom there late April and early May. This preserve hosts more than 300 plant species across a forested bluff and basalt plateau exposed over 12,000 years ago as Missoula Floods roared down the Columbia River Gorge and up the Willamette Valley. We'll start at the entrance at 5000 Walnut St. Parking is restricted. Contact hayden.mary.k@gmail.com to register or if questions.

Thursday, May 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Upper McCord Falls Hike

Leader: Mary Hayden

Location: Upper McCord Falls, Warrendale, OR

Climb a moderate hillside for two miles through conifers and lush undergrowth ending at vertical cliffs supporting unusual flora sustained by rocky seeps. Find sunny swaths of *Corydalis* sp. and coltsfoot bordering the creek as it tumbles over 100' Upper McCord Falls. Contact hayden.mary.k@gmail.com if you have questions and to register.

Tuesday, May 13, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Field Trip: Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Leader: Ron Klump

Location: 100 Wildlife Refuge Rd., Glenwood, WA

The Willard Springs Foot Trail is a 3.8-mile loop along the edge of the open marsh and into the pines. Beginning at the refuge headquarters, it parallels the west shore of the old Conboy Lake lakebed, with views across the lakebed and north to the 12,000-foot Mount Adams. The trail is mostly flat with a couple gentle grades on the return. The different habitats along the trail provide a diverse variety of wildflower species. This is a joint hike with the Suksdorf Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society and the

NPSO Portland Chapter. Hike participation is limited to twelve people. To sign up for the hike or for more information contact Ron Klump at klumpron@gmail.com.

Thursday, May 22, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

Field Trip: Saddle Mountain Hike

Leader: Linda Moore

Location: Saddle Mountain in the Coast Range

The hike up Saddle Mountain isn't easy, but the trip to this botanist's Mecca in the Coast Range is worth it. We'll leisurely ascend 1,700 feet over a challenging five-mile, out-and-back hike to the highest point in Clatsop County. Along the way, we'll see plants that have found refuge there since the last ice age, some that can't be found anywhere else for dozens of miles, and some that can't be found anywhere else in the world. Among the many wildflowers, expect to see saxifrages, larkspur, *Lomatium* ssp., prairie smoke, Saddle Mountain bittercress, chickweed, checkermallow, wallflower (aromatic!), countless chocolate lilies, and monkeyflowers carpeting the hillsides below the mountain summit. Enjoy an amazing "big bloom" wildflower display and fill your senses. Cameras are encouraged. Bring lunch and be prepared for a moderately difficult hike in potential variable weather. Hiking poles are strongly recommended. An Oregon state park pass is required for each vehicle at Saddle Mountain.

A carpool will leave early from Hillsboro at 7:30 am with the aim of arriving at the trailhead by 9:00 am. This trip is limited to eight participants. Contact Linda at abenteuerbc@yahoo.com to register or if you have questions.

Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

Field Trip: Cape Horn Trail Hike

Leader: Ron Klump

Location: Cape Horn Trail, Washington

We will hike from Salmon Falls Road Park and Ride to Nancy Russell Overlook and back. This is a moderate hike of five miles round trip with 700' elevation gain and some difficult footing. Lush woods, fantastic views and a wealth of spring wildflowers make this a must-hike. Meet at the trailhead at 9:00 am. This is a joint hike with the Suksdorf Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society and the NPSO Portland Chapter. Contact Ron Klump at klumpron@gmail.com to sign up for the hike or for more information.

Saturday, May 24, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: The Hobbit Trail

Leader: Lecia Schall

Location: 91892 Oregon Coast Hwy, Florence, OR

Enjoy mystical spruce and trees, on the Hobbit Trail. We will wander through magical pathways through giant rhododendron and evergreen huckleberry, down to sand dunes to aptly named Hobbit Beach. Options will be to continue northward along the beach or retrace your steps until the trail forks and heads up the cape to Heceta Head, where

leather polypodium sprawl under massive Sitka spruce.

The trail to Heceta Head Lighthouse offers coastal views, incredible forest scenery that seems straight out of a storybook, and then you can enjoy the history of this cute Oregon lighthouse.

The parking area is located on the side of Highway 101 (there is a small gravel pull-off that has a small hiking sign by it). We will meet there and cross the highway to get to the trail. We will go to Hobbit Beach first. Later we might head left to Heceta Head Lighthouse. Since both trails are extremely short, combining them makes for a nice 3.2-mile hike. To reserve your spot contact schalllecia@gmail.com.

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Field Trip: Central Coast Dunes

Leader: Dina Pavlis

Location: Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area - Siuslaw National Forest, 855 Highway Ave, Reedsport, OR, 97467

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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/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLISw>

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>

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Buck Rock Tunnels Loop with the Siskiyou Plant Explorers

Leaders: Barbra Settles and Al Collinet

Meeting Location: Rite Aid Pharmacy, 2341 Ashland St. Ashland, OR at 8:30am

The hike is 5.7 miles roundtrip with 967 feet of elevation gain, mostly along old fire roads. Options for shorter distances exist if necessary. Enjoy the huge early spring bloom of buckbrush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*). We should be able to find a number of our flower friends in this mixed forest at an elevation of about 3600 feet. We will check out two partially made railroad tunnels made for the Oregon and California Railroad. The interesting history of these tunnels will be discussed. For more information, you can Google "The Buck Rock Tunnel Archaeological Site." For more information and to register for this hike, email siskiyouplants@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 10, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Sterling Mine Ditch Trail, Tunnel Ridge with the Siskiyou Plant Explorers

Leader: Al Collinet

The Tunnel Ridge section of the Sterling Mine Ditch Trail passes through oak and ponderosa pine woods, madrone groves, fir forests, and open grassy areas with excellent views of the mountains and Little Applegate River. The round-trip hike will start at the Tunnel Ridge trailhead on Little Applegate Road and is five miles long with about 500 feet of elevation gain. Al will share his Southwest Oregon Species Guide on the genera *Dipterostemon*, *Dichelostemma* and *Garrya*. You are probably more familiar with blue dicks, ookow, round tooth ookow, Fremont silk tassel, box-leaved silk tassel, and wavyleaf silk tassel. Bring lunch and water and be prepared for the weather.

Meeting options:

- Meet at Tunnel Ridge trailhead on Little Applegate Road at 9:00 am
- To carpool from Medford, meet at Walmart, 1360 Center Dr, Medford at the SE corner of the parking lot at 8:10 am.

For more information and to register for this hike, email siskiyouplants@gmail.com.

Saturday May 10, 2025: 9:30 am - about 2:00 pm (All day with travel to and from Ashland)

Field Trip: A Botanical Exploration of the Sycan Marsh, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Preserve

Leaders: Sarah Ratay and Rachel Werling

Explore the beauty and biodiversity of [Sycan Marsh Preserve](#) with us on a guided botany walk through this stunning TNC property. Nestled in the heart of Oregon's high desert, Sycan Marsh is home to diverse plant communities, wetlands, and rich wildlife habitat.

This hike will be led by knowledgeable botanists, Rachel Werling (Siskiyou Chapter NPSO) and Sarah Ratay (TNC Sycan Preserve Manager). The hike will highlight native flora,

wetland ecosystems, and conservation efforts in the preserve. Whether you're a seasoned plant enthusiast or just curious about the landscape, this is a great opportunity to learn and connect with nature.

The hike will happen on May 10. There will be an option to travel there the evening of May 9 for those who want to camp at the preserve.

Watch our 2022 YouTube [Presentation on the Sycan Marsh](#) as an introduction.

Register here: <https://npsosycanpreserve.eventbrite.com/>

Thursday, May 15, 7:00 pm

Presentation: Where David Douglas found the largest *Pinus* trees in the world

Presenter: Erich Reeder

Location: In-person presentation at the Siskiyou chapter meeting at Southern Oregon University Science Building, Room 161. Join us in-person or via Zoom from home. To register for Zoom, go to <https://bit.ly/npsotalks>.

Based on a detailed analysis of Douglas' journal entries, correspondence, aerial imagery, and topographic maps, coupled with a deep familiarity with the region's geography and native plant species, Erich Reeder has confidently identified the site where Douglas discovered and measured a remarkable 215-foot tall, 18.5-foot diameter sugar pine. Douglas himself noted that this tree, impressive though it was, was not the largest he encountered during his expeditions.

Erich, a Rogue Valley native, developed a deep appreciation for nature from an early age. After graduating from Medford Senior High School, he studied civil engineering at Oregon State University. He then ventured into the field with a backpack and field guides to explore the flora and fauna of southwestern Oregon and northern California. In recent years, Erich has worked as a wildlife surveyor for the Bureau of Land Management in the Umpqua Valley, extensively traveling and hiking throughout the region once traversed by David Douglas nearly 200 years ago.

Saturday, May 17, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Eight Dollar Mountain with the Siskiyou Plant Explorers

Leader: Matt Dybala

Meeting Location: Albertson's parking lot, 1690 Allen Creek Rd, Grants Pass

This outing will explore plant identification on serpentine soils. We will make several stops along the T.J. Howell Botanical Drive to view a large diversity of Siskiyou native and endemic plants. Our stops will consist of a one-mile loop at Little Falls and plant explorations closer to our vehicles at Josephine camp and the Days Gulch Botanical area. Overall, we will only be hiking short distances on easy terrain at several stops along the botanical drive with lunch along the Illinois River.

Please come prepared with plenty of food, water, and footwear suitable for any type of hiking conditions. There are public bathrooms at the trailhead. Please register in advance at siskiyouplants@gmail.com.

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 Mark Collins at westernstatesguy@gmail.com.

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

Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Meeting: In person chapter business meeting and elections Leader: Gail Perrotti
gperrotti@earthlink.net

Location: (tentative) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2000 Jackson Street, Port Orford, OR 97465

Speaker to be determined. Please contact Gail Perrotti to confirm location.

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Umpqua Valley

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

Willamette Valley

Saturday, May 10, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
Sunday, May 11, 10:00 am and 11:00 am
Field Trip: Silver Falls State Park
Leaders: Willamette Valley Chapter Members

As part of the Silver Falls State Park Mother's Day Birding and Wildflower Festival, members of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead one-hour wildflower walks near the South Falls. Meet at the South Falls Stone Circle at 10:00 am or 11:00 am on Saturday or 10:00 am or 11:00 am on Sunday for the start of the walks. For more information about the festival, visit <https://stateparks.oregon.gov/index.cfm?do=things-to-do.event&eventId=48881>.

Thursday, May 22, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
Field Trip: Finley Wildlife Refuge
Leader: John Savage

John Savage will lead a walk to view the wildflowers at the William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge near Corvallis. Golden paintbrush, Nelson's checkermallow, peacock larkspur, and other rare and endemic species grow in the untouched Natural Resource Area. Bring water, lunch, snacks, and sturdy walking shoes. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at wvnpsso@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 31, 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
Field Trip: Kingston Prairie Preserve
Leader: John Savage

John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead a morning walk to view the blooming wildflowers at the 152-acre Kingston Prairie Preserve southeast of Stayton. The preserve is one of the best examples of native prairie remaining in the Central Willamette Valley. Bring water, snacks, and sturdy walking shoes. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact 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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