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Royal penstemon (*Penstemon speciosus*). Photographed on the eastside of Steens Mountain. Harney County, Oregon. June 2019. Photo by Kareen Sturgeon.

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April Is Officially Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month!



Peacock larkspur (*Delphinium pavonaceum*). Photo by Judi Sanders.

Thank you to all the individuals and organizations who helped make it happen- Senate Bill 547 has officially passed both the Oregon Senate and House and has been signed into law by Governor Tina Kotek, designating April as Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month!

This milestone is the result of a remarkable collaborative effort. It began when Bennett Burns of the Portland Garden Club, in partnership with the Garden Club of America, approached the NPSO to support and lead legislation recognizing the value of our native flora.

Luci Moody, of NPSO's Portland Chapter, invited her state senator, Janeen Sollman, to champion the bill as a chief sponsor- and she agreed. Likewise, Judi Sanders, NPSO's Native Plant Appreciation Month coordinator, secured support from her senator, Sara Gelser Blouin, who also signed on as a chief sponsor.

A broad bipartisan group of legislators joined as regular sponsors, including Senators Brock Smith, Campos, Lieber, Meek, Reynolds, and Weber, and Representatives McLain, Nathanson, and Walters.

Behind the scenes, the Native Plant Appreciation Month Committee- Judi Sanders, Luci Moody, Virginia Bowers, Cydne Casper, and Morgan Barnett, with assistance from Dr. James Mickley and support from the Garden Club of America, prepared key documents in support of the bill. Their work was bolstered by the advocacy of many NPSO members and partner organizations who reached out to their legislators and submitted testimony.



Organizations that signed on to support SB 547.

This is a tremendous victory for Oregon's native plants and a meaningful step toward greater public awareness and appreciation of our botanical heritage. - Judi Sanders

Calling Writers, Editors, and Creatives- Get Involved with NPSO Publications!

The NPSO Publications Committee is relaunching, and we need creative minds to sustain and flourish! This committee is not just about maintaining our cherished publications like *Kalmiopsis* and the *Bulletin* - it's about expanding possibilities, finding new ways to connect with our community, and improve the tools we use to share knowledge about Oregon's native plants!

We are looking for members who want to be a part of the creative process of NPSO's print and digital media, develop fresh ideas for content, and explore new formats—such as essays, field reports, and digital storytelling. Whether you have experience in writing, editing, design, or simply a passion for native plants and communication, your input is valuable.

If you're passionate about writing, editing, or sharing knowledge about Oregon's native plants, we'd love to have you on board! To get involved or learn more, contact president@npsoregon.org. Let's work together to shape the future of NPSO's publications!

OregonFlora

OregonFlora brings you lots of ways to appreciate and learn about the plants you see on your botanical outings this season.

- Our [Facebook](#) page, which is managed by Paul Slichter, shares beautiful photos of plants, their habitats, interesting facts, and identification tips, along with links to a species profile page on the OregonFlora website.
- The Oregon Wildflowers app puts interactive keys and descriptions, maps, and photos of 1,287 wildflowers on your mobile device. It's the perfect identification tool when you're botanizing in remote areas without cell service. Available for [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices.
- The [Inventories](#) tool on the OregonFlora website has more than 5,000 plant lists for given areas such as hiking trails, state parks, and recreational areas.
- Use the [Identify](#) tool on our website to determine what your unknown plant is by filtering on features you recognize.



These resources all draw from the *Flora of Oregon* books and the research done to prepare them. Our digital tools rely on our books; that's why it's so important we complete the third and final volume!

Your financial support will help us finish Volume 3 and to keep providing free access to

the online, digital version of the Flora. Our program relies on competitive grants and donations from individuals and groups to fund all of OregonFlora's direct operating expenses. The contributions people give of their time and financial resources are a critical part of our budget. If you would like to be a part of the team that keeps OregonFlora progressing, please contact us at info@oregonflora.org.

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.

Your support is greatly appreciated! -Linda Hardison

Rare Plant Sites in Need of Annual Monitoring by NPSO Volunteers



White rock larkspur (*Delphinium leucophaeum*) at a city park site recently monitored by Jason Clinch. It is a federal species of concern and listed as endangered in Oregon. June 7, 2025. Photo by Jason Clinch.

Oregon Department of Agriculture's Plant Conservation Program has requested that local NSPO chapters adopt several rare plant populations/locations around the state for a multi-year monitoring project. NPSO volunteers would be responsible for visiting these known populations annually to collect data (i.e., survey date, plant counts, habitat, threats/disturbance, geospatial data, etc.) and provide that information back to the Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon Biodiversity Information Center. Most of these sites are on non-federal lands and/or sites that the land managers do not have the current capacity to monitor with any regularity, if at all.

If your chapter is interested in taking the lead on one or more of these assignments,

please reach out to Jason Clinch (Rare Threatened and Endangered Committee Chair) at rareplants@npsoregon.org for more information.

Portland Chapter Assignments

- *Castilleja levisecta* - at a local wildlife refuge
- *Delphinium leucophaeum* - at a local city park
- *Rorippa columbiae* - on local city property and federal lands
- *Meconella oregana* - on state park and federal lands in the Columbia River Gorge

Cheahmill Chapter Assignments

- *Erythronium elegans* - on federal lands in the Coast Range

Willamette Valley Chapter Assignments

- *Castilleja levisecta* - at a local wildlife refuge
- *Lathyrus holochlorus* - on local state park lands
- *Erythronium elegans* - on federal lands in the Coast Range

Corvallis Chapter Assignments

- *Lomatium bradshawii* - on county lands
- *Castilleja levisecta* - on county lands

Emerald Chapter Assignments

- *Lathyrus holochlorus* - on county lands

Umpqua Valley Chapter Assignments

- *Plagiobothrys hirtus* - on local city properties

South Coast Chapter Assignments

- *Phacelia argentea* - on local state park and state transportation lands
- *Abronia umbellata* var. *breviflora* - on local city property and state transportation lands

Siskiyou Chapter Assignments

- *Lomatium cookii* - at a local wildlife refuge and on state park lands
- *Rorippa columbiae* - on county and federal lands

Klamath Basin Chapter Assignments

- *Astragalus applegatei* - on local state-owned lands
- *Astragalus lemmonii* - on federal lands

High Desert Chapter Assignments

- *Astragalus peckii* - on federal and local private lands
- *Lomatium ochocense* - on federal lands

Jason Clinch, Rare Threatened and Endangered Committee Chair

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.





The three photos above were taken during the May 16 NPSO Annual Meeting field trip to McCord Falls in the Columbia Gorge, Oregon. First photo: Howell's fleabane (*Erigeron howellii*), second row left to right: white shooting star (*Dodecatheon dentatum*) and NPSO members on the trail. All photos by Marina Longdon.





These four photos were taken on Bullard Canyon Road between Lakeview and Rogger Meadow, Lake County, Oregon. First row: daggerpod (*Phoenicaulis cheiranthoides*), second row left to right: daggerpod fruits and bitterroot (*Lewisia rediviva*), third row: flatstem onion (*Allium platycaule*). The flowering daggerpods were at 6325 feet in elevation on a north-facing slope, while the fruiting daggerpods were at 6100 feet in elevation on a south-facing slope. June 4, 2025. All photos were taken by Lawrence Janeway, a northern California member of NPSO and supporter of the Oregon Flora Project!

Oregon Mystery Plant

Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

Jess Beauchemin correctly identified last month's mystery plant as *Chaenactis douglasii*, commonly known as Douglas' dusty maidens. According to *Flora of Oregon*, this biennial or perennial herbaceous plant is found in woodlands, shrublands, grasslands, dry hillsides, ridge tops, riverbanks, rock outcrops, and disturbed areas. It flowers from April to September and is widespread in Oregon. It is also found in California, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, and ranges north to British Columbia, northeast to Alberta, east to South Dakota, and southeast to New Mexico.



Douglas' dusty maidens. Photo by Kareen Sturgeon.

Mystery Plant
Do you recognize this plant?



This month's mystery plant was photographed by Kareen Sturgeon on June 17, 2019, at Camp Westwind near Otis, just north of Lincoln City, Oregon. It was growing on a coastal bluff. Send your identification to the editor at bulletin@npsoregon.org.

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

Check out the Keys to the (NPSO) Kingdom! Updated NPSO Handbook Now Available.

Behind every successful NPSO wildflower walk, *Bulletin* issue, or conservation win is a structure - and it's all in the handbook. We're excited to announce that the NPSO Handbook has been fully updated for the first time since 2015! This document turns 60

plus years of NPSO wisdom into one practical, easy-to-use guide. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Policies and Procedures Working Group (PPWG), the new version reflects the current structure, roles, and best practices that help our all-volunteer organization thrive.

This refreshed guide is a helpful resource for both new and longtime members, outlining how NPSO works at the state level. It includes updated descriptions for board roles, committee chairs, and coordinators; as well as helpful planning tools like annual meeting guidelines, field trip templates, and instructions for managing the organization’s P.O. Box. The handbook table of contents offers a bird’s-eye view of everything that keeps the organization working: from the Rare Threatened and Endangered Chair, Legislative Chair, and Field Research Grants Committee, to the OregonFlora Liaison, and iNaturalist Committee.

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Many things have changed since 2015 including volunteer duties and technological tools, and some components are still in a state of evolution such as the Conservation and Publications Committees. The PPWG reached out to current volunteer leaders for updates to language describing their roles and spent many hours editing and refining the

handbook. Thanks to all the wonderful plant lovers filling our volunteer positions for their updates! Key members of the PPWG deserve appreciation for their diligence: Judi Sanders, Jason Clinch, Marshall Doak, Dick O'Donnell, Megan Westby, Steven Yeager, and Rachel Werling. Finally, our working revision was passed through careful editing of the wonderful Faye Streier, editor of the NPSO *Bulletin*.

The original Handbook was spearheaded by Bruce Newhouse and the document has been vital in providing continuity for NPSO. In our officeless, volunteer-driven society, this document is an essential guide - preserving institutional knowledge and helping new volunteers step into their roles with clarity and confidence.

The PPWG has more work to do! We are diving into the bylaws and may tackle many other policies and procedures that come up along the way, including circling back on the evolving topics in the handbook. If you get pleasure out of working to get the details right, we could use your help!

Check out the new [handbook](#) on our website! It's a great way to learn how you can get involved and support NPSO's mission. - *Rachel Werling*

Willamette Valley Chapter NPSO Announces Scholarship Winners

The Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO administers the Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund. Jean and Gus were longtime members of the Willamette Valley Chapter and ardent advocates for the environment. Through these two scholarship programs, the Willamette Valley Chapter offers \$500 and \$1,000 scholarships for Oregon college and university students majoring in botany, horticulture, ecology, conservation biology, sustainable natural resource management, and related fields.

We are pleased to announce the winners of scholarships for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Neve Callens, Western Oregon University
- Rose Grimson, Willamette University
- Brian Hart, Portland Community College
- Zora Johr, University of Oregon
- Xochitl Quetzal, Portland State University
- Alex Relph, Southern Oregon University

- Liora Solomon, Southern Oregon University

We are honored to support such an extraordinary group of young scholars. In January 2026, we will be posting a general announcement about our scholarships and our scholarship application forms for the 2026-2027 school year. - *John Savage*

Call for Nominations for 2026 Fellows Awards

The Fellows Award is the highest honor bestowed in our Society, recognizing NPSO members for their exceptional contributions to the Society. The award comes with a certificate of recognition and lifetime membership in the Society.

In addition to honoring the recipient, the Fellows Award informs the general membership of the good deeds and long-time commitment of some members in supporting our mission, as well as outstanding contributions to knowledge of native plants. The award serves to inspire and encourage newer members to make their own contributions to the Society.

NPSO Chapters are encouraged to consider nominating a member who has served the organization over time and in different capacities. For inspiration, please refer to the variety of individuals who are currently Fellows at [Fellows - Native Plant Society of Oregon](#). We hope that individuals who are approached for nomination for the award will accept this recognition of their accomplishments. It's important for others to understand what it takes to run an organization staffed entirely by volunteers.

Guidelines for Fellows nominations are available online [here](#) or by request from the Fellows Committee at fellows@npsoregon.org. Nominations should be submitted to the Fellows Committee at that email address before December 31 (earlier submission is encouraged). Nominations must include an essay describing the nominee's accomplishments and a good quality digital photo of the nominee that is suitable for publication. The Fellows Committee will evaluate nominations that meet the submission criteria and recommend awardees to the State Board. Awards will be presented at the next Annual Meeting; biographies and photos of recipients will be posted on the NPSO website.

Additional Fellows Committee members are needed. If you are interested, please email to fellows@npsoregon.org. - *Lisa Blackburn*

Come Visit the Portland State University Herbarium and Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank!

The public is cordially invited to attend a joint open house tour of the Portland State Herbarium (Herbarium) and the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank at Portland State University on October 6, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

What is an herbarium? It is a collection of dried and mounted plants that are systematically identified and classified (by family, genus, and species) and the facilities in which the collection is kept.

Why is the Herbarium important? It provides archival documentation and voucher specimens of historical and contemporary vegetation which are used to examine, compare, and identify species and their localities. It can be used to document changes to vegetative communities over time (including invasive weed migration) and to provide baseline vegetation data useful in planning ecological restoration projects.

What is a seed bank? It is an 'ex situ' conservation facility that stores seeds from various plant species, often for extended periods of time.

Why is the Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank important? It preserves and supports the long-term viability and genetic diversity of plants (including rare species) for future generations through seed storage, which minimizes exposure to threats from such things as climate change and habitat loss. It is essential for research in plant germination and breeding studies and may provide materials for restoring ecosystems and/or re-introduction of species that have been lost from their native habitats.

The Herbarium visit will showcase both recent and historical botanical collections (including those by Joseph and Thomas Howell) and provide opportunity to discuss ongoing and past projects (including the Urbanizing Flora of Portland). The Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank visit will include a tour of the seed vault and greenhouse to learn the importance of seed banking, plant propagation and seed germination techniques, and to learn about rare plant surveys led by seed bank staff and volunteers. There will be ample opportunity to discuss with staff the importance of the Herbarium and Seed Bank as critical resources for our local natural resource community including land managers, conservation practitioners, and botanical hobbyists!

Please consider extending this invitation to your staff and other natural resource

partners!

The Herbarium and Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank are located in the basement of the Science, Research, and Teaching Center building on the Portland State University campus (rooms B1-34 and B1-81, respectively), 1719 SW 10th Ave. Portland, OR 97201. -*Portland State Herbarium*

Learn More about the Portland State Herbarium



**Interested in learning more about
the Herbarium?**
Find out how you can...
Volunteer and or
Donate to the
Herbarium Endowment Fund
(all donations are tax deductible)
Check out our website:
<https://sites.google.com/pdx.edu/herbarium>
Or scan our QR code:



Questions?
Contact the Herbarium Manager,
John Christy
E-mail: john.christy@pdx.edu

The graphic about provides information on how to volunteer or donate to the Portland State Herbarium

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 Nevada Native Plant Society newsletters [here](#).

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Botany in the Blues 2025 (Season 7)

Saturday July 19

Meet at 8:00 or 9:00 AM (see below which location works best for you and RSVP instructions). We will return to the trailhead by 3:00 PM.

Location and Description: This walk will include a wide variety of ecosystems and plant communities. We will visit Umatilla National Forest in Oregon at about the 5,000-foot level between Tollgate and Jubilee Lake, while making our way to a huge montane wetland “complex.” We’ll visit mosses, flowers, shrubs, and trees, including a small stand of western white pine. At the wetland, we will see firsthand how varied these ecosystems can be, including seasonally wet meadows, perennially wet meadows, fens, and riparian zones. The plants we’ll see will shift from upland and generalist species to “obligate” wetland species.

Meeting Place: (we will carpool as much as feasible given individual needs and try to keep the caravan at a minimum).

Walla Walla-area attendees will depart at 8:00 am from the Harper Joy Theater parking area at Whitman College. Attendees from other areas can meet us at 9:00 am at the Morning Creek Sno-Park parking area off Highway 204 just east of Langdon Lake, Oregon (near rest rooms.)

Registration: The field trip is free. Please RSVP to Emil Doyle at: emildoyle@gmail.com

I need to know how many people will be in attendance and where we will meet you.

Also, indicate if you want to purchase the booklet (see below).

Degree of Difficulty: Walking/hiking on mostly flat, gravel U.S. Forest Service roads with gradual grades, which are no longer maintained for vehicle travel, so expect some minor detouring around fallen snags. After 1.4 miles, we will leave the road and carefully walk through about 50 yards of forest while occasionally stepping over some downed trees, until we reach the wetland edge and our lunch break. We’ll also wander a bit along the forest edge.

Total Round-trip distance: about 3.25 miles (about 2.75 miles on gravel road, about 0.5 offroad)

Net Elevation gain/loss: +40 ft/-80 ft with some ups/downs both in and out.

Age Suitability: 14 to 100, if the difficulty rating above is not an issue.

What to bring: Two liters of water, snacks/lunch, hiking shoes (may get a little damp but not soaking wet), long pants, rain gear, walking sticks, hat, insect repellent, 10x hand lens if you have one (instructor will have some to loan.)

Class Booklet: The trip leader has written a 55-page color booklet covering much of the material that will be covered in the field trip. \$20 must be charged to cover printing costs. There will also be a set of free handouts to carry on the walk (do not need to carry the booklet.) -*Emil (Ame) Doyle*

NPSO State Board Meeting Highlights May 18th, 2025

Key actions included:

- **Handbook Approved:** The updated NPSO Handbook was approved. A copy will be posted to the NPSO website.
 - **Strategic Planning Session:** The board approved funding for a fall strategic planning session at Siskiyou Field Institute.
 - **Rare Plant Support:** \$500 from the Rare and Endangered Plant Fund will be allocated to the McKenzie River Trust to purchase a seed storage refrigerator.
 - **Conservation Advocacy:** The board endorsed a letter opposing a proposed federal change to narrow the federal Endangered Species Act's definition of "harm" to exclude habitat destruction.
 - ***Kalmiopsis* Revitalization:** The Board put out a call for members to form a Publications Committee to support future editions of the *Kalmiopsis*.
 - **Membership:** The Board is seeking a new Membership Chair and exploring how to enhance member engagement and outreach.
 - **Annual Meeting Planning:** Started discussing how the State Board can support local chapters while planning the Annual Meeting. - *Kim Brown, NPSO Secretary*
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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, July 26, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Work Party #305: 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, July 12, 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

It's time to do some summer clean up. Bring gloves, clippers, shovel, and bucket. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or estherco@peak.org.

Emerald

Saturday, July 12, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Field Trip: Groundhog Mountain and Waterdog Lake

Leader: Tanya Harvey

Spend a leisurely day with Tanya Harvey botanizing along wetlands, a small lake, and rocky roadcuts in the Groundhog Mountain area, southeast of Oakridge. There are no trails, but we'll probably walk about a mile up a gravel road to a great butterfly viewing

spot. The wetlands are by the road, but bring rubber boots if you want to explore them more carefully. Bring lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Meet at South Eugene High parking lot (19th & Patterson) at 8:30 am or Lowell covered bridge at 9:00 am to carpool. Road is somewhat rough, so high clearance vehicles are suggested. Sign up [here](#).

Monday July 14, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Special Event: Emerald Chapter's Annual Picnic at Amazon Park

Location: Grassy area in front of Amazon Community Center

Join your botanical friends for a picnic! We will brainstorm presentations and field trips for next season and share information about great places to see wildflowers. Bring a potluck item to share, your own plate/utensils, a folding chair, and drinks. Emerald Chapter will provide dessert.

So that we know how many desserts to provide, please RSVP to Claudia Crawford at: cgcbosque@comcast.net

Wednesday, July 30, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: haich ikt'at'uu, a tidal estuary restoration

Leader: Nathan LeClear, McKenzie River Trust

Join Emerald Chapter member Nathan LeClear of McKenzie River Trust on a tour of haich ikt'at'uu, a project that is returning a diked and drained pasture to a network of tidal channels, marsh, and tidal swamp. The vegetation is still primarily non-native, but the planting plan for the revegetation phase will be shared for discussion. Meet at Lowe's parking lot in west Eugene under the tall conifers to carpool to the site. The tour will begin around 9:30 am and go until around noon. We'll walk about 2.5 miles round trip on a road with some forays into marshy habitat. Bring lunch, water, hat, and shoes that can get wet. Sign up [here](#)

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>.

Saturday, July 12, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Lookout Mountain Summit Area

Leader: Jess Beauchemin

Location: Motherlode Mine Trailhead, FS Road 42, Ochoco National Forest

Be prepared for a 7.1-mile hike with 1,350' of elevation gain. The hike crosses forests and meadows with plenty of opportunities to view native wildflowers. We'll walk at a moderate pace, stopping to observe any plants that catch the group's attention. Pack plenty of water and lunch! Seven miles plus wildflower stops can make for a long day.

Plant genera to see: *Castilleja*, *Ipomopsis*, *Lewisia*, *Astragalus*, *Penstemon*, *Lupinus*, and *Veratrum*. If the false hellebore meadows are blooming, we'll be in for a real treat.

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lookout-mountain-summit-area-tickets-1345476830419?aff%3Doddtdtcreator>.

Saturday, July 19, 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Field Trip: Ecosystem Challenges in Smith Rock State Park

Leader: Sam Vanderbeek, Ranger, Oregon State Parks

Location: Smith Rock State Park Welcome Center

Sam manages the restoration efforts in Smith Rock State Park. He has ambitions to restore many areas of the park with their newest grant money. This tour will consist of him showing folks the native plant garden behind the Welcome Center yurt. It will be a flat 1-2-mile leisure hike between the garden and viewpoint areas. Sam hopes to discuss the changing ecosystem of the park and the challenges they face with invasive species and high use from visitors. Folks are welcome to bring a sack lunch to enjoy after the guided tour ends at 11:30 am. Sam will stick around to answer questions at the picnic shelter.

Smith Rock State Park gets dangerously hot during the peak of the day. Please bring plenty of water, appropriate hiking clothes, and sun hats! All visitors must pay a \$10 parking fee. Carpooling is encouraged!

RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1425015272039>.

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.

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/.

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.

Online programming

Mark your calendar for the months of September - December for the 2nd Thursday programs, 7:00 pm. *Follow Instagram @npsopdx a week or two in advance for reminders, details, and the link to sign up for these Zoom presentations.*

July/August field trips

These are on the chapter's public calendar

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=bnBzb3BkeGNoYXB0ZXJAZ21haWwuY29t>

Go to the calendar link for additional last minute field trips not yet posted on the calendar. *Follow Instagram @npsopdx a week in advance for reminders!* See below for detailed trip descriptions.

Portland Board Vacancies to Fill for the Remainder of 2025

Publicity Committee Chair: This person will be appointed by the Executive Team to fill the vacant board seat through 2025. The person has the option to be nominated for elections into this seat for 2026. The work entails oversight of monthly preparation of content for the NPSO State *Bulletin*, Chapter Newsletter, and postings to Instagram. This year is an opportunity to shape the overall publicity strategy with a strategic plan in concert with the membership team for enhancing in-person and virtual ways for members to interact and network, in addition to ensuring the regular digital communications occur.

Three fantastic volunteers (Denise Hanggi, Beth Nix, and Nancy Howarth) are already in place for you to work with keeping the Instagram posts and the chapter newsletter communications running.

Member-at-large Appointments: Our chapter by-laws allow for four appointed or elected member-at-large positions on the Board. The work varies based on the overall year's goals. Your current amazing member-at-large persons are Nancy Howarth, who is helping with the newsletter and the annual meeting, and Ran Hammock, who is coordinating the effort to pull together the Chapter Operations Handbook, our how-to reference for running the ship. The additional things for two more member-at-large nominees to add value to the Chapter are coordinating the effort to draft a 2-year strategic plan, and for the time being to work with the publicity team until the chair position is filled.

Programs Committee Chair: The current chair's term ends September 2025. A short-term interim appointment by the Board will be used to fill the seat through 2025 until the fall election occurs for the new chair. Monthly online programs are already lined up for the remainder of 2025. The primary goal for the remainder of the year is to identify locations to kick off in-person programming again (post-pandemic).

Please send an email of interest to npsopdxchapter@gmail.com with the subject line: Board positions for 2025.

Portland Chapter Seeking Short-term Volunteers

Planning for Chapter Leadership Election Season September-December Soliciting now two members to be a nominating team for coordinating this annual activity. No prior experience needed; you will coordinate directly with the executive team. Duties: late August to early October - 2x email for nominations to open Board seats; October - collate nominees and prepare voting ballot with nominee profiles; November (voting month) - email the ballot and friendly reminder follow up to vote; December 5 - report to the executive team with voting results. Want to do this? Send an email to the chapter Gmail at npsopdxchapter@gmail.com with the subject line: Nominating Team.

Saturday, July 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Soapstone Lake

Leader: Kira Taylor

Location: Clatsop State Forest (carpooling will be from Banks).

Venture out to a lesser-visited part of the Clatsop State Forest for a 3-mile lollipop loop hike around a small woodland lake. This moderate trail passes through thinned second-growth forest, skirts around Soapstone Meadow and a few remnant pioneer-planted cherry trees, and then rises and falls (elevation gain about 300 feet) on its way to meet the lake as it passes between large old hemlock and Sitka spruce trees. At the lake, we'll see huge skunk cabbage, northern bugleweed, orange honeysuckle, Hall's false rue anemone, and if we're lucky, tiny roundleaf sundew growing on the logs jutting out into the lake!

The carpool will meet at Banks around 9:00, about an hour's drive to the trailhead. Carpool drivers are advised to bring no valuables and leave nothing visible in vehicles; occasional break-ins have been historically reported at this trailhead. Bring lunch and maybe binoculars for long-distance sundew spotting.

Message Kira at kira.martel@gmail.com to register or with any questions. Limited to ten participants. A waiting list will be kept.

Thursday, July 10, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Lookout Mountain, Oregon

Leader: Ron Klump

Location: The round trip from Portland is 150 miles paved, 12 miles gravel. The trip

leader will provide carpool details. A Northwest Forest Pass is required.

This is a moderate hike of 2.6 miles with 570 feet of elevation gain. Lookout Mountain is east of Mount Hood and the Hood River Valley. We'll hike from High Prairie up to the top of Lookout Mountain and return. We will see a variety of forests, meadows, and rocky outcrops with lots of good plants. This is a joint hike with the Suksdorf Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society and the NPSO Portland Chapter.

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

Saturday, July 12, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Cedar Butte

Leader: Kira Taylor

Location: Meet for Carpool in Banks

Come along for a hike up Cedar Butte in the Tillamook State Forest. This is a steep and moderately difficult, though short, hike; gaining over 700 feet in three quarters of a mile. Moving at a botanical pace, we'll trek through several ages of forest, with the tree cover changing from recent replants to a closed, single-canopy forest planted after the Tillamook Burn. As we climb in elevation, the trail changes from soft earth to loose rock over basalt, passing starflower, queen's cup, paintbrush, harebell, goldthread, and more as we go. We'll have lunch at the summit viewpoint amongst the copperbush and scalloped onion before heading back down. A combination of good hiking shoes, sure-footed trail skills, and/or trekking poles is highly encouraged.

We'll meet up for a carpool in Banks at 9:00 am before making the 1-hour drive to the trailhead. Carpool drivers should have a capable vehicle and be comfortable driving on narrow gravel roads.

Email Kira at kira.martel@gmail.com with any questions and to register. The trip is limited to eight participants, subject to cancellation should active logging commence nearby. A waiting list will be kept.

Sunday, July 13, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Field Trip: Cathedral Ridge

Leaders: David Anderson and Andrew Stern

General Location: Mt. Hood

We'll start at the Mazama Trailhead parking area off Lolo Pass Road and walk fairly level terrain before climbing some forested switchbacks. Around noon, we'll stop at the Dollar Lake Fire burn scar (2011) for lunch and views of Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. We'll be looking for Pacific rhododendron (*Rhododendron macrophyllum*), white-flowered rhododendron (*R. albiflorum*), and mock azalea (*R. menziesii*, formerly *Menziesia ferruginea*) as well as plants and insects associated with them. Hike will be about 6 miles with 1,600 feet of elevation gain. Bring lunch, sturdy hiking footwear, and dress for any

weather. Trek poles, field guides, and binoculars are optional.

Carpooling is recommended. Meet at the Safeway (20151 SE Highway 212) in Boring to carpool at 8:15 am, otherwise at the trailhead at 9:00 am. Contact Dave at ujelang@gmail.com with questions and to register.

Friday, July 18, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Mount Hood Meadows Chairlift

Leader: Ron Klump

Location: Mt Hood Meadows Ski Area

This hike uses the Mount Hood Meadows chair lift to quickly gain the high mountain meadows for stunning displays of a wide variety of alpine flowers. From the chairlift, hike west and loop back down to the parking lot. When the wildflowers have dried out everywhere else, this is the place to go for stunning views of the high mountain meadows. Some of the most accessible and spectacular displays are on the Mount Hood Meadows ski slopes where a widely diverse panorama of alpine flowers bloom in this late season. Last year lift ticket prices were \$22 on the day of the hike or \$20 if purchased online; seniors 75 and older ride free. 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. The hike is limited to twelve people.

Saturday, July 19, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Multorpor Fen, Government Camp

Leader: Lecia Schall

Location: Mt. Hood SkiBowl

Join us to explore an amazing subalpine (elevation 4000 feet) wetland habitat near Government Camp. Expect an easy, mostly flat, mostly dry, two-mile walk in part sun and shade. We'll look for great sundew (*Drosera anglica*), round-leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), and marsh/purple cinquefoil (*Comarum palustre*) as well as many common Cascade plants, and a few uncommon ones unique to fens.

Bring lunch, water, and a charged cell phone. Footwear amenable to a little wetness is helpful, but rubber boots aren't necessary. Trekking poles, field guides, and binoculars are optional. A plant list will be available. Sign up by contacting the trip leader at schalllecia@gmail.com

What's a fen? Check out this [article](#).

Saturday, August 9, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Pioneer Bridle Trail

Leader: Ran Hammock

Check back later on our public events calendar for details

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=bnBzb3BkeGNoYXB0ZXJAZ21haWwuY29t>

Follow Instagram @npsopdx for final details a week in advance!

Saturday, August 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Anvil Lake, Black Wolf Meadows

Leader: Clarice Johnston

Location: Anvil Lake, Oregon

Black Wolf Meadows (4,165 ft) and nearby Anvil Lake is a beautiful, secluded, and little visited setting, northwest of Timothy Lake. It provides a chance to view a variety of high marsh, bog, and forest wildflowers depending on the timing.

This trip may include *Kalmia* (bog laurel, probably past bloom), staghorn clubmoss, elephant's head lousewort, gentian (pre-bloom), buckbean, bog orchids, western false asphodel (*Tofieldia glutinosa*), sundew (*Drosera* sp.), and gnome plant (but only if we're very lucky.) This will be a 3-mile round trip hike.

Carpooling is strongly recommended as parking space is limited. The driving time is 2 hours from Portland, via Highway 26 and 42 towards Timothy Lake, etc. Meet in Portland at 8:30 am. Group size is limited to ten people and is currently full. Contact Clarice Johnston ecclaricej@gmail.com or 503-860-9808 to sign up for the waitlist.

Saturday, August 23, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Field Trip: Bird Lake, Mount Adams

Leaders: Mary Hayden and Elly Adelman

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<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=bnBzb3BkeGNoYXB0ZXJAZ21haWwuY29t>

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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/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>

Our monthly chapter meetings will resume in September but see our exciting list of plant

hikes in the eNews.

Saturday, July 12, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Field Trip: Siskiyou Plant Explorers Hike to McDonald Peak

Leader: Al Collinet

Meeting Location: Rite Aid Pharmacy parking lot at 9:00 am, 2341 Ashland St., Ashland, OR

We will be going a little earlier this year to try to catch the giant fraseria or monument plant (*Frasera speciosa*), and Howell's tauschia (*Tauschia howellii*) in flower. Howell's tauschia is a rare plant in Southwest Oregon and is found near the peak of McDonald Peak. I will share my Southwest Oregon guide to the four mountain ashes (*Sorbus* sp.) and four owl clovers (*Orthocarpus* spp.). I have created a list of species seen on three different outings to McDonald Peak with additions from the Oregon Flora list. (I got the idea from Karen Brown.) The last time we were at McDonald Peak, a Hummingbird Hawk Moth, a Sheep Moth, and an Anise Swallowtail visited us. They know where to find good flowers too! The botany hike is 3 miles round trip with a maximum of 400 feet in elevation gain. Driving time to the trailhead is about 40 minutes. Please come prepared with plenty of food, water, and suitable footwear.

Saturday, July 26, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Field Trip: Siskiyou Plant Explorers Hike to Big Red Mountain

Leader: Al Collinet

Meeting Location: Rite Aid Pharmacy parking lot at 9:00 am, 2341 Ashland St., Ashland, OR

The most spectacular displays of explorer's gentian (*Gentiana calycosa*) will be found on this trail at this time. In addition, the rare plant Siskiyou fireweed (*Epilobium siskiyouense*) will make an appearance. I will share an OregonFlora plant list for Red Mountain. At lunch we will have a brief discussion about some reasons why there are so many Siskiyou plants.

The botany hike is 2.5 miles out and 2.5 miles back with about 900 feet in elevation gain. Driving time to the trailhead is about 1 hour and 3 minutes. We will be traveling on gravel roads from Mt. Ashland, but we will be able to avoid the worst part of National Forest Road 20. Please come prepared with plenty of food, water, and suitable footwear.

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>.

Tuesday, July 8, 8:30 am

Event: Plant Survey

Leader: Jeanne at jstandle@charter.net.

Location: Floras Lake

The Bureau of Land Management has invited the NPSO South Coast Chapter to assist with monitoring silvery phacelia (*Phacelia argentea*) on July 8 at Floras Lake. Monitoring will consist of laying out tape measures to form a grid, finding all plants within each grid section, and measuring and recording them. Typically monitoring takes 2-3 hours. Please RSVP to Jeanne at jstandle@charter.net.

The beautiful site is on the sandy wind-swept shore of Floras Lake adjacent to Boice Cope Park at the north end of Curry County just shy of the Pacific Ocean. From Hwy 101, turn west onto Floras Lake Loop, then right on Floras Lake Road. Park on the road shoulder across from the Boice Cope County Park Campground and walk a short distance down the hill to the bridge in Boice Cope Park. There is a day use fee to park by the bridge. Cross the bridge and walk out the trail until you see people working to the right of the trail. Coarse sand covers the area, and volunteers will hike a short trail to the population.

Silvery phacelia is listed as threatened in Oregon. Seaside gilia, an endangered plant, and beach cryptantha, a rare plant, are also on the site.

For more information on silvery phacelia, see: [OregonFlora Phacelia argentea](#)

Umpqua Valley

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

All Field Trips: Reservations are required. We ask that you text or call Rod Trotter at 541-672-1907 or text or call Donna Rawson at 541-643-0364 to reserve a spot and again the night before the trip to confirm your plan to attend and to be sure the schedule has not changed. Please join us.

The meeting place for all trips is the West Side Native Plant Garden in Roseburg. This garden is off Harvard at the First United Methodist Church, just west of the Westside Community Gardens in Roseburg. From Harvard Avenue, turn onto W Keady Court. Just before you get to Fremont Middle School (850 W Keady Court), turn left and drive a short distance through the parking lot to the garden area. Alternate meet-up locations along the route can be arranged.

Willamette Valley

Monday, July 7, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Field Trip: Parish Lake and Daly Lake

Leaders: Matt Palmquist and Elliot Drake-Maurer

Matt Palmquist and Elliot Drake-Maurer of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will

lead short hikes into Parish Lake and Daley Lake in the Willamette National Forest to view the wildflowers of the two lakes and their floating bogs. The bogs are home to two carnivorous sundews (*Drosera rotundifolia* and *Drosera anglica*). Bring water, snacks, lunch, and appropriate foot gear and clothing. Space is limited. 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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