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Dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study of  
Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*) berries. Ochoco Mountains, Oregon.  
September 22, 2025. Photo by Faye Streier.

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## **NPSO State Secretary Kim Brown Awarded the Botanical Society of America 2025 Service and Advocacy Grant**



Kim Brown, NPSO State Secretary and Portland Chapter member, won the Botanical Society of America's Advocacy and Service Grant for her proposal on creating accessible and educational native plant gardens.

Every year Kim organizes a community "bike-planting" event in Portland called the Beecycle. Beecycle seeks to boost native plant knowledge amongst the community and increase people-plant connection by utilizing spaces that urban residents see and use every day - street strips. Street strips are the greenspaces along roads, ubiquitous in the urban environment, and have been overlooked for their potential to serve as interactive and educational spaces for native plants. Each year Kim chooses two to three homeowners to assist in transitioning their street strip to native plants, prioritizing homeowners from marginalized communities. With the help of enthusiastic bicyclist volunteers, the group transports and plants hundreds of native plants over the course of

a day. After planting, the volunteers install a sign with a QR code so that people passing by can scan and learn about the plant species, their growing requirements, and their environmental benefits.

Additional details can be found at the [Beecycle website](#). -Kim Brown



Photo by Kim Brown

# Save the Date!

## 2026 NPSO Annual Meeting May 29 to 31

Mark your calendar! The Willamette Valley Chapter is delighted to host the next NPSO statewide Annual Meeting May 29-31, 2026, at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem, Oregon.



### Schedule Overview:

- **Friday, May 29:** Participants will be able to choose from six self-guided field trip options and attend a no-host dinner at [Lively Station](#) or another selected Salem-area restaurant. Attendees should bring a sack lunch and water.
- **Saturday, May 30:** There will be thirteen half- and full-day guided field trip options throughout the mid-Willamette Valley, Cascade foothills, and Oregon Coast, as well as two workshops and several presentations at the Willamette Heritage Center (see highlights, below). Lunch and dinner will be included.
- **Sunday, May 31:** The six self-guided field trip options will repeat on Sunday and

participants are welcome to round out the Annual Meeting activities at a no-host brunch at [Magnolia on the Green](#) or another selected Salem-area restaurant. The NPSO state Board of Directors will meet at [Pringle Community Hall](#) in Salem on Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

### **Annual Meeting Highlights:**

- A keynote presentation with Greg Archuleta, cultural educator and member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, on Indigenous uses of Willamette Valley native plants.
- A two-part guided wildflower hike along the North Fork of Silver Creek at Silver Falls State Park and at a vernal wet meadow adjacent to the park with Oregon State Parks Interpretive Ranger Matt Palmquist.
- A native plant pressing workshop using microwave-friendly plant presses with James Anello, cultural educator and member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.
- A presentation with Rose Grimson, Environmental Science major at Willamette University and recipient of a Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship, about her work to measure and map soil health and native plant populations at natural areas stewarded by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
- A tour of Willamette University at Zena, a 305-acre natural area owned by the university that supports academic research and environmental education and serves as a “living laboratory” for sustainability practices, with Director Weston Miller.

A comprehensive list of activities with descriptions and plant lists, as well as registration costs and lodging options will be shared with NPSO members in the coming months.

Registration for the meeting will open in Spring 2026 on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendance is limited to the first 150 members who register. Look for more information regarding registration and Annual Meeting activities in the *Bulletin* in February.

### **Call for Presentations:**

Do you have an Oregon native plant-related talk, slideshow, or poster presentation that you’d like to share with NPSO members at the Annual Meeting? Contact John Savage at [wv\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:wv_president@npsoregon.org) or at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@gmail.com) to request the presentation guidelines and a proposal form.

### **Call for Exhibitors:**

Do you have NPSO chapter activities or a native plant-related product, service, or

nonprofit that you'd like to showcase at the Annual Meeting? Reserve your tabletop display space in the exhibitors' area by emailing John Savage at the addresses above. Spaces are free for NPSO chapters and \$50 for other nonprofit, for-profit, and government agencies and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Exhibitors receive a listing in the Annual Meeting program.

### **Call for Sponsors:**

Increase your company or organization's visibility at the Annual Meeting!

- **Become a supporting sponsor for \$250** and receive a tabletop exhibitor space, a 2-inch by 3-inch ad and listing in the event program, the ability to include literature and giveaways in the participant welcome bags, and a listing in selected online materials.
- **Become a presenting sponsor for \$500** and receive a 10-foot by 10-foot exhibitor space, a full-page ad and logo placement in the event program, the ability to include literature and giveaways in the participant welcome bags, logo placement in selected online materials, and recognition from the podium during the evening program.

Contact John Savage at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up for one of the above sponsorship opportunities.

### **Call for Field Trip Assistants:**

The Willamette Valley Chapter is seeking volunteers to assist our field trip leaders during the guided field trips on Saturday, May 30. Field trip assistant responsibilities include:

#### **Before the trip:**

1. Communicate with your leader to clarify responsibilities. (The leader or a WV Chapter member will contact you.)
2. At the meeting place, hold a lollipop sign advertising the trip.
3. Keep a list of participants (this will be emailed to the leader in advance and provided to you at the group meeting site) and check them off as they arrive.
4. Have participants sign waivers, if this hasn't been done.
5. Help organize carpools at the meeting site, if needed.
6. Distribute hard copies of the driving directions, plant list, and other helpful information (to be provided by the Willamette Valley Chapter).
7. Make sure that all trip participants have cell phone numbers for you and the trip leader.

**During the trip:**

1. Take a headcount at the trailhead or parking area at the field trip site before the trip/tour begins.
2. Serve as a “sweeper” (bring up the rear) and make sure everyone remains accounted for.
3. Help ensure participants do not stray from the group or go off trail without the trip leader’s permission.
4. Carry a first aid kit (to be provided by the Willamette Valley Chapter) and make it available for use by the participants as needed.
5. Take a headcount at the trailhead or parking area at the field trip site after the trip/tour ends and before the participants depart.
6. Be a timekeeper and monitor the time so the trip is completed, and participants are back at the meeting venue by 4:00 pm.

Please reach out to John Savage at [wv\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:wv_president@npsoregon.org) or at [wvnpso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpso@gmail.com) if you are interested in assisting the trip leaders on one of the following field trips:

[Silver Falls State Park](#) (Wet Meadow & North Fork, Silver Creek)

[Kingston Prairie Preserve](#)

[Cascade Head Preserve](#)

[Oregon Garden](#)

[Shellburg Falls](#)

[Horse Rock Ridge](#)

[Heritage Seedlings](#)

[Baskett Slough](#)

[Delbert Hunter Arboretum](#)

[Herbert Farm & Natural Area](#)

[Willamette University at Zena](#)

[Oak Meadows Natural Area](#)



NPSO Willamette Valley Chapter Members. Photo by Jose Linares

### About the NPSO Willamette Valley Chapter:

Based in Salem, the Willamette Valley Chapter is one of eleven chapters comprising the Native Plant Society of Oregon. Our chapter, like the others, is dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats.

Willamette Valley Chapter activities serve NPSO members residing in Salem, Marion County, and parts of Polk County. This region includes important botanical destinations such as Kingston Prairie, Silver Falls State Park, and Baskett Slough National Wildlife Refuge. However, our field trips are wide ranging, from the High Cascades and Columbia Gorge to the Oregon Coast.

Established in 1977, the Willamette Valley Chapter also organizes outreach activities at regional events, habitat restoration volunteer opportunities, and a lecture series. In addition, the chapter administers two scholarship funds for sophomore, junior, and senior students enrolled at an Oregon college or university and majoring in botany, ecology, conservation biology, horticulture, landscape architecture, or other plant-related fields: the [Jean Davis Memorial Scholarship Fund](#) and the [Augusta Rockafellar Memorial Scholarship Fund](#).

### Join our Growing Community!

For more than 60 years, members of the NPSO have been visiting the wild places of Oregon to enjoy, conserve, and study their natural plants and habitats. Founded in 1961, NPSO has grown to more than 1,000 members (and counting)! Members receive announcements about plant walks, hikes, lectures, restoration projects, and other opportunities to learn about Oregon's native plants. To become a member of NPSO, visit <https://www.npsoregon.org/wp/membership/>. -Catherine Natasha Alexander and John

## Portland State University Herbarium and Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank Open House



**PSU  
HERBARIUM** **&** **RAE SELLING  
BERRY  
SEED BANK**

# Open House

**Monday October 6th  
12–3pm**

*Learn ● Collaborate ● Conserve*

Make some connections & get your questions answered while viewing historical botanical collections, seeds, and live rare plants!



Science Research and Teaching Center (SRTC building)  
1719 SW 10th Ave. Portland, OR 97201  
Herbarium Room: B1-34  
Seed Bank Lab: B1-81

*Enter through the doors down the accessibility ramp,  
below the main entry stairway.*

**Tours from the Seed Bank Lab to the Research Greenhouse  
will start every 45 min.**

OregonFlora has had numerous changes and challenges this year, and as we move into autumn, we are settling into our new circumstances with optimism.

**Staffing:** Taxonomic director Stephen Meyers stepped away from his position early this year. During his fourteen years of service, he developed the Contributors' Guide for the *Flora of Oregon*, interacted with floristic contributors, guided taxonomic decisions, and authored countless treatments in all volumes of the *Flora*. We are grateful for how he helped shape our program.



Much of our team has worked together for decades and consider one another friends as well as colleagues. Thus, we all deeply feel the pain of challenges that several of our staff members have faced this year in their personal lives. We continue to give support as these folks return to their OregonFlora roles.

This spring, we bid farewell to our software programmer, Eric Samelson. His work of the past year—with assistance from James Mickley, Oregon State University Herbarium curator—included security enhancements and upgrades to the operating systems and server configurations for our website.

And... we have new team members bringing expertise and energy to OregonFlora! Ash Gill joins us as taxonomic editor, Joie Beasley-Bennett as an editor and herbarium liaison, and graduate student Brian Phan as website developer. We are also grateful for the committed assistance of numerous volunteers, most recently Richard Halse, Steve Broich, Cree Foeller, and Matthew Sundberg. So many people have assisted OregonFlora through the years; we appreciate you all!

**Funding and partnerships:** Our quest for ongoing state legislative support did not pass this biennium; we will try again in the next session to get a funding bill passed.

In these tumultuous political times, we are fortunate to not have lost our federal grants, which make up approximately 25% of our operating budget. However, they both expire in 2026, and our agency contacts report that future funding opportunities do not look promising.

What do all these transitions mean for our program, and completion of the *Flora of Oregon*?

- We anticipate sending Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon* to the printer in 2026, probably toward the end of the year.
- We continue to look to charitable donations and foundation grants for financial support.

Your participation and your support have seen us through challenges, both now and in the past. It is this engagement that makes OregonFlora the valued and freely accessible program that it is.

Doing impactful work that benefits the places and the biodiversity we cherish is an antidote to the strife that is flooding our society; let's continue - together - to make a positive difference in our knowledge and appreciation of the plant life of Oregon.

Please see the pages under our website Contribute tab to [volunteer](#) or [contribute](#); we welcome you to become a part of the OregonFlora team! -Linda Hardison, Director

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## 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](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org). Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.



*Hulsea nana*, dwarf hulsea or dwarf alpinegold, is found in the alpine of the Oregon Cascades. Photographed here in California at 9500' elevation, Sargents Ridge, Mt. Shasta Wilderness, Siskiyou County. September 26, 2025. Photo by Ken Berg, Siskiyou Chapter.



Dwarf hulsea habitat with plants visible as a small patch of yellow on the rocky slope in the foreground. Mt. Shasta Wilderness, Siskiyou County, California. September 26, 2025.  
Photo by Ken Berg.

# Oregon Mystery Plant

## Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

Thanks to all who responded to last month's mystery plant. Karl Anderson, Roger Brewer, Alana Pass, khcritters, and David Predeek all correctly identified it as *Chamaenerion latifolium*, dwarf fireweed. This species will be addressed in Volume 3 of *Flora of Oregon*. In *Flora of the Pacific Northwest, Second Edition*, it is one of only two species in the genus *Chamaeneron*, the other being *C. angustifolium*, great willow herb or fireweed. The less common dwarf fireweed is a rhizomatous perennial and a "colonist on damp river gravel, seeps, and scree in montane to alpine meadows and rocky slopes." Both species are described as "showy but unruly in a garden."



Dwarf fireweed. Photo by Jess Beauchemin.

## Mystery Plant Do you recognize this plant?

This month's mystery plant, shown below in two views, was photographed by Gail Baker on August 23, 2025, at Three Mile Prairie County Park, north of Florence, Oregon. The small, clustered flowers were in full bloom. Send your identification to the editor at [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org).



Do you have an Oregon Mystery Plant to share? Send it to the editor  
at [bulletin@npsoregon.org](mailto:bulletin@npsoregon.org).

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## Pining for Fabulous Flora Photos



Betham's ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa* var. *benthamiana*). Photo by Judi Sanders.

Do you have a collection of stunning photos showcasing Oregon's native plants? Now that summer has passed and you're spending more time indoors, why not take a moment to select your best shots and submit them for next year's Native Plant Appreciation Month poster? Thanks to the passage of SB 547, April is now permanently designated as Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month. Let's celebrate this achievement with the best poster ever and maximize our visibility and outreach!

**Here's how you can participate:**

**Each person may submit two photos of Oregon native plants. Photos must meet the following requirements:**

- Taken in Oregon
- Include the photographer's name
- Include the scientific and common names of the plants
- Include the photo's location and date



All entries should be sent to [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com) and must be received by December 31, 2025. Photos will be evaluated by the poster committee based on subject matter,

composition, and technical quality. The poster designer reserves the right to exclude an image if it doesn't fit the overall design or if it's deemed unsuitable for the poster.

If selected, photographers must be able to provide a high-resolution version of their image (at least 300 dpi) and preferably an unedited file. By submitting your photo, you consent to NPSO's use of the image - free of charge - on our poster, website, social media, and related publicity materials.

Have questions? Feel free to reach out via email at [photosnpaw@gmail.com](mailto:photosnpaw@gmail.com). We can't wait to see your amazing photos! -Judi Sanders

Above photo: Cox's mariposa lily (*Calochortus coxii*). Photo by Judi Sanders.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:fellows@npsoregon.org). - Lisa Blackburn

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

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### A New Blog Series at Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants iNaturalist: Meet your Identifier

Who is assisting with identifications of our Oregon native plants? As of August 2025, over 11,000 people are contributing to plant identification on [Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants \(FOVP\)](#) community science project on iNaturalist.

Your NPSO iNaturalist Committee thought you might like to meet those people in our native plant community. Please take a moment to visit [Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants's Journal · iNaturalist](#) and learn about this project and all its contributors. You don't have to have an iNaturalist account to view the project or the Blog Journal posts. -Gail A.

*Baker Emerald Chapter, NPSO iNaturalist Committee Chair*

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## NPSO State Board Meeting Highlights August 23, 2025

Key actions included:

- **Action Item Alert:** The Board approved creating an opt-in action item email alert option for members.
- **Strategic Planning Session:** The Board approved providing funding for those who

need it to attend the fall strategic planning session at Siskiyou Field Institute.

- **Board Insurance:** The Finance and Governance Committee will move forward with accepting one of the quotes for Directors and Officers insurance.
- **Community Outreach:** The Board endorsed having two Board members present at the California Native Plant Society Conference in February 2026.
- **Membership:** Membership will move to a rolling membership renewal instead of an annual renewal. A new \$75 organizational membership level will be added to membership options.
- **Annual Meeting Planning:** Willamette Valley Chapter is hosting the Annual Meeting from May 29 to 31, 2026, and is looking for assistant field trip leaders. - *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](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

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

**Saturday, October 25, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Work Party #308: 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. Bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. For more information, contact Catie Anderson at [catie.fishback@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:co_president@NPSOregon.org). Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO](https://facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

**Monday, October 13, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Program:** Research and Internships at the Institute for Applied Ecology

**Presenters:** Interns Emme Obermire and Cole Hanson, Ecologist Denise Giles, and Research Director Scott Harris

**Location:** Cordley Hall Room #2602. Oregon State University and via Zoom

Researchers from the Institute for Applied Ecology will provide a brief overview of recent plant research initiatives and our internship program. Our interns from this past summer will present their projects: assisted migration and microhabitats for Taylor's checkerspot butterfly host plants.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/HVm2cjTdSO03JpSHUgRlrw>

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

**Sunday, October 19, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Event:** Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden

**Leader:** Esther McEvoy

**Location:** Avery House Nature Center, Avery Park, Corvallis

Come for fall pruning and mulching. Bring gloves, clippers, trowel, and bucket. Contact Esther for more information or to RSVP at 541-990-0948 or [estherco@peak.org](mailto:estherco@peak.org).

**Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am - late afternoon**

**Event:** Mushroom Foray

**Trip Leader:** Dan Luoma

**Location:** Meet at the north side of the Philomath Mary's Peak True Value Hardware parking lot.

Come prepared for the weather and mushroom hunting. Contact Dan Luoma for more information at: [daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu](mailto:daniel.luoma@oregonstate.edu).

## **Emerald**

**Saturday, October 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Field Trip:** Ramble at Wild Iris Ridge Park

**Organizer:** Karl Anderson

**Location:** Wild Iris Ridge Park, Summit Sky Trail Head, 3184 Summit Sky Blvd, Eugene

Rambles are leaderless walks where participants point out plants they see to each other and share their knowledge about them. Rambles are a fun way to meet other botanists in

the community and check out local parks in the “off” season. Come join organizer, Karl Anderson, and explore what plants Wild Iris Ridge Park has on display. You can be a beginner or advanced- everyone is welcome! Sign up [here](#)

**Monday, October 20, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Title: Lichen Habitats in the Pacific Northwest**

**Presenter: Dr. Daphne Stone, Lichenologist**

**Location: Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene**

Lichens grow all over the Pacific Northwest, but most are restricted to specific habitats. This is because they are very sensitive to the moisture, light, and nutrients available to them. The talk will cover a few habitats in which Dr. Stone has worked during her career, showing interesting lichens found in each.

## **High Desert**

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

### **New Chapter Officers**

High Desert Chapter’s election results are in, and we’d like to welcome our new Chapter President, Mara Huang, and Secretary, Kylie Lanuza. We also thank our Vice President, Ben Snyder, and Treasurer, Torrie Gordon, for their continued service.

**Saturday, October 4, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Work Party: Soil Prep Day for Native Planting at Crooked River**

**Location: Crooked River Park, S Main St, Prineville, OR**

Help ThinkWild prepare soil at their newest acquired land for native planting by Crooked River Park in Prineville. If interested, sign up here:

[https://secure.lglforms.com/form\\_engine/s/zi7VQD-Kv3VYvC\\_gbejj0A](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/zi7VQD-Kv3VYvC_gbejj0A)

**Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Work Party: Native Planting Day at Crooked River Park**

**Location: Crooked River Park, S Main St, Prineville, OR**

Join ThinkWild in planting native plants at their newly acquired land in Crooked River Park in Prineville. If interested, please sign up here:

[https://secure.lglforms.com/form\\_engine/s/O\\_skyOZBymofW1P\\_GH6D5A](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/O_skyOZBymofW1P_GH6D5A)

**Monday, October 20, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Event: High Desert Chapter Board Meeting**

**Location: Downtown Bend Library, 601 NW Wall St, Bend, OR**

This meeting will have new and old Board members together, passing the torch on to the new members. The President will discuss the NPSO strategic planning session they attended. Further discuss upcoming events, meetings, and fun activities for our chapter members. Contact us at [HighDesertNPSO@gmail.com](mailto:HighDesertNPSO@gmail.com) for information about web access.

**Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Presentation: Sensitive Species and Post-fire Restoration**

**Presenter: Ian Grinter, Botanist, Bureau of Land Management Deschutes Field Station**

**Location: East Bend Library Community Room, 62080 Dean Swift Rd, Bend, OR**

Join us for our first Chapter Meeting of the fall. We will be having a guest speaker: Ian Grinter, Bureau of Land Management Deschutes Field Office botanist. Contact us at [HighDesertNPSO@gmail.com](mailto:HighDesertNPSO@gmail.com) for information about web access.

**Wednesday, October 22, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Presentation: What's Next for Oregon's Sagebrush Steppe?**

**Presenter: Dr. Stu Garrett**

**Location: Worthy Brewing, 495 NE Bellevue Dr, Bend, OR**

Join Worthy Garden Club for an evening pub talk with Stu Garrett, founder of High Desert Chapter, NPSO. The talk will explore the ecology of the sagebrush steppe from both the plant and animal perspectives. It will highlight the essential role that shrubs and wildflowers play in shaping this ecosystem and examine how human history has altered it over time. We'll also take a closer look at some of the steppe's most iconic wildlife - greater sage-grouse, pronghorn, and pygmy rabbits - discussing the threats they face and the conservation work underway to protect them. Tickets available at [bit.ly/sagesteppe](https://bit.ly/sagesteppe).

## **Klamath Basin**

For information on the Klamath Basin Chapter, contact [kb\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:kb_president@npsoregon.org), visit our website: <http://klamathbasinnps.com>, or find us on Facebook: [\(13\) Klamath Basin Chapter - Native Plant Society of Oregon | Facebook](#).

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**

Welcome, NPSO members affiliated with the Portland chapter receive two email newsletters a month, one from the State NPSO, the *Bulletin*, and one from our local

NPSO Portland (PDX) chapter, *The Calochortus*. Please note when searching for these newsletters in your email: the sender of *The Calochortus* is [NPSO Portland](#) and for the *NPSO Bulletin*, the sender is [Native Plant Society of Oregon](#).

These are the only two direct ways to learn about upcoming field trips, programs, and other events. Check our [NPSO PDX PUBLIC EVENTS Calendar](#) for up-to-date information about registering for our events. Our social media type postings range from Facebook, to MeetUp, and Instagram, and are for members and non-members alike. These sites are used for posting photos of field trips and popup events.

You can find back copies of the *Calochortus* at our website [portlandnativeplants.org](http://portlandnativeplants.org). We also have links to our recorded Programs and Speakers on our YouTube channel: [Native Plant Society of Oregon - Portland Chapter](#). There is a Photo Gallery from our many field trips, and other information about our local chapter. We are hoping to update our Events page soon. Just a reminder that although each chapter has a section on the state website, the information may not be as up to date as we like.

### **October/November Field Trips (To be determined)**

Our field trip schedule is dwindling, but here are some other suggestions from our 2025 list that we didn't get to:

[Riverside Trail on the Clackamas](#)

[Ramona Falls Loop](#)

[Pioneer Bridle Trail / Enid Lake](#)

[Columbia White-Tailed Deer Refuge hike](#)

[Salmonberry Trail Project](#)

[North Fork Silver Creek Falls Loop](#) (get a preview for the 2026 Annual Meeting)

Another challenge that you might want to check out is [The 2025 Oregon Treasures Quest](#). There are many of the places and trails we love, listed. You still have a few weeks to get outside, visit different county trails and attractions and take a selfie.

Mark your calendar for NPSO PDX programs, the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm.

### **PDX Chapter Upcoming Programs**

We are trying out something different for our October Programming, so check our calendar for details.

**Thursday, November 13, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Zoom Presentation: Beyond Waterfalls: Exploring the Flora of Silver Falls State Park**

**Presenter: Matt Palmquist, Park Ranger, Silver Falls State Park**

Explore beyond the waterfalls in this presentation to discover the history of the park and some notable plants found there. In addition, there will be a preview of two hikes that will take place at Silver Falls during the 2026 NPSO annual meeting.

To Register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/gOZKCZG5TOa0rwITz335rA>

### **Portland Chapter Volunteerism: How to give back**

Become a Member of the Chapter Board of Directors. A call for nominations will be sent to you in early December to nominate yourself or others for these roles.

**Chapter President** - this is your opportunity to guide a team of dedicated members for the largest NPSO chapter in Oregon. Be that person who connects state and local naturalists. Chapter Vice President Chealsey Rosebrook is serving as the "Portland President Pro Tem" until chapter board elections in January 2026.

**Program committee chair** - this is your opportunity to shape the future of chapter programs, including in-person, locations, speakers, and hybrid programs.

**Publicity committee chair** - this is your opportunity to shape the future of chapter publicity, in conjunction with the membership committee, for how to best use newsletters, social media, and other avenues to allow for online and in-person interactions among members.

**Membership committee chair** - this is your opportunity to coordinate with state membership, to welcome and survey each new member to track volunteer interests.

**Member-at-large** - this is your chance to pitch in on ad hoc projects that arise through meetings of the board. The by-laws allow for four to "share the work," and currently two are filled.

Please send an email of interest in nominating to [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) with the subject line: "Board positions for 2026."

## **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](mailto: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, October 11, 9:00 am -1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Siskiyou Plant Explorers Trip to Lithia Park Trail**

**Trip Leader: Matt Dybala**

**Meeting Location: Pioneer Hall, 73 Winburn Way, Ashland**

As summer flowers have all but faded, the Siskiyou Plant Explorers will adjust our focus to an incredible diversity of trees located within Lithia Park. On this guided hike, we will explore the evolutionary history, reproductive cycles, and unique characteristics of trees. From ancient conifers to flowering hardwoods, we'll uncover how trees have adapted over millions of years, how they reproduce, and what makes each species distinct. Perfect for curious minds who want to learn more about the secret life of trees while visiting a public park from a unique perspective. The total hike consists of a 2.1 mile loop trail with minor changes in elevation. If you are interested in joining, please send an email in advance to [siskiyouplants@gmail.com](mailto:siskiyouplants@gmail.com)

**Thursday, October 16, 7:00 pm**

**Presentation: After the dams: Plant community recruitment in the Klamath reservoirs**

**Presenter: Dr. Chhaya Werner**

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

The removal of four dams on the Klamath River marks one of the largest river restoration projects ever conducted. The drained reservoirs - over 2,000 acres of bare ground - will change rapidly as plants come into this space, both through intentional seeding and planting of native species and unassisted spread of native and nonnative species common in our region. Our research group at Southern Oregon University worked in collaboration with the Yurok Tribe's Revegetation and Monitoring Branch to study plant community response in seeded and unseeded sections of the reservoirs. We present our observations of establishment patterns in the years immediately following dam removal, with a particular focus on the recruitment of willows and oaks, both species of high ecological and cultural importance.

Chhaya Werner, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Ecology in the department of Environmental Science, Policy and Sustainability at SOU. Her doctoral work at the University of California Davis examined the impacts of fire, drought, and priority effects on plant communities, and was advised by Dr. Truman Young and Dr. Susan Harrison. Her postdoctoral research included developing methods to quantify species interactions in diverse communities, applied to patterns of coexistence in California grasslands. Her current research focuses on mechanisms underpinning plant community dynamics in fire-dependent systems, mountain meadows, and the Klamath reservoirs.

**Sunday, October 19th, 9:00 am**

**Field Trip: Mushrooms of the Southern Oregon Cascades**

**Trip Leaders: Wayne Rolle and Cesar Garcia**

**Meeting Location: Medford BLM parking lot, 3040 Biddle Road**

Join Wayne Rolle and Cesar Garcia for an all-day field trip to look for mushrooms in the southern Oregon Cascades. The focus will be on finding, learning to identify, and appreciating our local fungi. Please meet for carpooling at 9:00 am at the Medford BLM parking lot, located at 3040 Biddle Road. There will be 60-90 minutes of driving in each direction, and the specific destinations will be based on seasonal factors. The group will move slowly and won't cover many miles; however, participants should be comfortable traveling cross-country in forested habitat with insecure footing. All NPSO Siskiyou Chapter field trips are free and open to the public. For more information and to sign up for this hike, please visit: [Mushrooms of the Southern Oregon Cascades](#)

## **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](mailto:westernstatesguy@gmail.com).

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

**Between September 16 to October 10, Date and time to be determined. More details will be provided soon.**

**Event:** Seed collection for endangered pink sand-verbena

**Contact:** Jeanne Standley, [jstandley@charter.net](mailto:jstandley@charter.net), (541) 294-2113

**Location:** Coos Bay North Spit, meet at Bureau of Land Management boat launch parking lot. Participants will be taken to the site by four-wheel drive.

The Coos Bay District, Bureau of Land Management, needs help collecting seed from pink sand-verbena on the North Spit of Coos Bay. Pink sand-verbena (*Abronia umbellata* ssp. *breviflora*) is listed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture as endangered. The population of pink sand-verbena on the Coos Bay North Spit is the largest known population in Oregon and currently the only population large enough to provide significant quantities of seed for restoration of the species.

## **Umpqua Valley**

Check out our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/UmpquaValleyNPSO](https://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**

**Thursday, October 16, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Zoom Program: Plants, People, and Common Ground**

**Presenter: Rose Grimson**

Rose Grimson - a senior in environmental science at Willamette University and the 2025 winner of a Jean Davis Scholarship from the Willamette Valley Chapter NPSO - will talk about her work to measure and map soil health, native plant populations, and First Food plant populations at the native plant nursery and restoration sites at the Natural Resources Department of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. She will discuss her measurement methods; how interactive mapping tools can be used to support restoration work, community-based foraging, landscape histories, and ecological education; and her plans to replicate her work at other sites. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at [wvnpso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpso@gmail.com).

**Saturday, October 18, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Willamette University at Zena**

**Trip Leader: Weston Miller**

Willamette University Professor Weston Miller - Director of Willamette University at Zena and Center for Land-based Learning - will lead a tour of Willamette University's 305 acre "Willamette University at Zena" property west of Salem. The property supports academic research and environmental education and serves as a "living laboratory" for sustainability practices. It features oak and mixed woodlands, Oregon oak savanna, upland prairie, riparian zones, wetlands, and freshwater habitats, and has diverse native plants and forbs including Roemer's fescue, yarrow, Oregon sunshine, common selfheal, checkermallows, and cinquefoils. The walk will cover 1.5 miles with a 250-foot elevation gain. For more information and to register for this field trip, email John Savage at [wvnpso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpso@gmail.com)

## **William Cusick**

Chapter notices and communications are done primarily through a Google group. For more information or to be added to the Google group, please contact Susan Geer at 541-963-0477 or [susanmgeer@gmail.com](mailto:susanmgeer@gmail.com). 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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