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Oregon's native plants and habitats

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Red baneberry (*Actaea rubra*), found across Oregon in forests and riparian areas, at Mt. Ashland, 6600' elevation, Jackson County, Oregon. August 30, 2025. Photo by Ken Berg.

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

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

Save the Date! 2026 NPSO Annual Meeting May 29 to 31

**Native Plant Appreciation Month Photos are
Due December 31**



Horse Mountain Botanical Area, June 2, 2025. Photo courtesy of Jen Hayes.

The deadline to submit your native plant photos for the annual Native Plant Appreciation Month Poster Contest is approaching fast! Now that winter is upon us, it's time to take a moment to reflect and look through all the photos of amazing and interesting plants you saw this year. Send us your favorites for a chance to be featured on 2026's Native Plant Appreciation Month poster! Submissions are due December 31.

Poster Contest Rules:

Each person may enter two photos of Oregon native plants (photographed in Oregon with photographer name, scientific name of plants, common name of plants, photo location, and photo date). All entries must be sent to photosnpaw@gmail.com and received by December 31, 2025. Photos will be rated and selected by the poster committee based on subject matter, composition, and technical excellence. The poster designer has sole discretion of not using an image should it not work into the overall layout or is deemed to not be of satisfactory quality. The selected photographer(s) must be able to provide a high-resolution and preferably unedited image (at least 300 dpi) version of the image. All photographers who submit photos to be considered for the poster give consent for NPSO to reproduce the submitted images free of charge for our poster, website, social media, and related publicity material. - *Native Plant Appreciation Month Committee*

**Rooted in Community, Giving,
and Growing with NPSO**

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF OREGON

YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

DEDICATED TO THE ENJOYMENT, CONSERVATION
AND STUDY OF OREGON'S NATIVE PLANTS AND
HABITATS.



FIELD RESEARCH GRANTS

We awarded **\$5,000** across **5** research projects



LEGISLATION

We sponsored two legislative bills, **HB 3173** (OregonFlora) and **SB 547** (NPAM)

**SB 547 PASSED AND APRIL IS OFFICIALLY
NATIVE PLANT APPRECIATION MONTH!**



STRATEGIC PLANNING

State Board gathered to have their first strategic planning meeting in **20+** years!

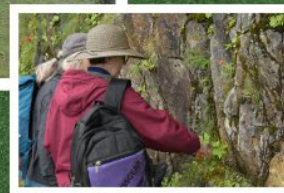


INATURALIST

Flora of Oregon project membership has grown over **25%** in one year.



Please consider donating or becoming a member to support the NPSO mission at www.npsoregon.org/wp/make-a-donation



PARTNER SUPPORT

We gave over **\$35,000** to organizational partners, including OregonFlora, Institute for Applied Ecology, and the McKenzie River Trust



CHAPTER ACTIVITY

Across our 11 chapters, we had **62** programs hosted, **84** hikes, and **30** stewardship events



RARE PLANTS

In partnership with Citizens Rare Plant Watch, NPSO members surveyed populations of **7** rare plants. Volunteers with Siskiyou Chapter's Adopt a Rare Plant gave **+300** hours.



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Reflecting on the season's explorations, we're reminded of why NPSO holds such meaning for so many of us. From the stately Steen's mountain thistle to the brilliant golden bog-asphodel, Oregon's native plants sustain wildlife, weave ecosystems, and deepen our sense of place. In the same way, NPSO is sustained by the participation, curiosity, and generosity of our members. Together, we share, celebrate, study, and conserve the remarkable plant diversity that enriches our landscapes and our lives.

This year, your engagement and support helped to:

- Connect hundreds of members and friends through field trips, educational programs, and volunteer plant surveys.
- Provide more than \$40,000 to support OregonFlora, student research grants, and conservation partners.
- Continue to strengthen our capacity to serve our ever-growing membership of plant lovers.

As we set our sights on an exciting year of flourishing plans, we invite anyone feeling energized and abundant to join us with a year-end gift that helps propel NPSO forward. You can make a donation on our website [Make a Donation](#) | [NPSO website](#).

We also celebrate that NPSO thrives because members bring far more than financial support - your knowledge, enthusiasm, and commitment are what keep this organization vibrant and connected statewide.

With deep gratitude - *The Native Plant Society of Oregon*

Important NPSO Membership Reminders and Updates

Dear NPSO Membership,

As NPSO continues to work to improve our systems to serve membership and support the amazing volunteers who run them, we have some reminders and updates for you as we approach the new year.

Membership Rate Changes: This is a reminder that our membership rates and levels were updated for 2025. Please look carefully at the new options as you renew. Consider choosing “automatic renewal” to never miss your renewal! Also notice our budget friendly options of “student” and “living lightly.”

New “Rolling Membership”: We have traditionally operated on a calendar year membership renewal. As of 2026, each member’s renewal cycle will be *based on when they sign up* or renew. Existing members will be assigned a renewal date between January and February. This will remove the holiday crunch for our hard-working volunteers. Members will receive reminders at renewal time and a grace period beyond their renewal date.

New Organizational Membership: For the first time we have an Organizational Membership level for our business and organizational partners! Each organizational membership comes with two memberships for their representatives.

Membership Chair Needed: NPSO is seeking a volunteer Membership Chair to help strengthen our growing community. This role is an opportunity to support chapters and members and improve how we connect across the state. If you enjoy helping people feel they are part of something meaningful, this position offers a chance to make a tangible impact on NPSO's future. Interested members are encouraged to reach out to membership@npsoregon.org and learn more.

New Opt-In Email Categories for Conservation and Legislative Alerts: NPSO is committed to keeping members informed about issues that affect Oregon's native plants, while also being respectful of members' inboxes. Some conservation and legislative matters require rapid action and cannot wait for the deadlines of the *Bulletin*, so the NPSO state board has approved two new opt-in email categories for time-sensitive alerts.

Beginning with this year's membership renewal, members will have the option to subscribe to:

- Conservation alerts
- Legislative alerts

These categories will be used sparingly. Members who choose not to opt in will continue to receive regular NPSO communications but will not receive these rapid response messages.

Members may change their choices at any time - either opting in or opting out - by logging into their member profile on Wild Apricot and updating their email preferences. Watch your email in December for a tutorial on how to do that.

We hope these new options will help NPSO share important conservation and policy information more effectively, while giving every member control over what types of messages they receive.

We appreciate you and look forward to another inspiring year together! -*The Membership Team: Rachel Werling, Interim Membership Chair and Alexandria Kurowski, Database Manager*

OregonFlora

Along with completing the writing and artwork that will comprise the final volume of the printed *Flora of Oregon*, our team is also maintaining the oregonflora.org website. It is our digital *Flora*, augmented with interactive tools, maps, and images to give you accurate information that addresses your needs. We recently updated the thumbnail distribution maps on 5,592 plant profile pages and added approximately 2,000 new field photos this calendar year. We also continuously add new plant specimen data from herbaria throughout the western United States; one of the benefits of being a Symbiota portal is our ability to exchange such information. A new edition of the vascular plant checklist will be published online in January 2026, capturing taxonomic changes finalized in the upcoming Volume 3 and in the scientific literature.



If you are searching for a thoughtful holiday gift that's carbon neutral, doesn't collect dust, and will be useful for decades, consider sponsoring a part of the final volume of the *Flora of Oregon*! Your honoree will see their name included in the front acknowledgements of the published book and will share with you the chance to be part of Oregon's botanical legacy. Visit the Publications\Flora of Oregon webpage to see the [sponsorship opportunities](#) for the front chapters, floristic treatments, and illustrations of select taxa.

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

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.

Oregon Mystery Plant

Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

Congratulations to Willow Elliot, Steve Sheehy, Kristi Mergenthaler, Julie Kierstead, khcitters, and Jess Bechemumin. They all correctly identified the November Mystery Plant as *Raillardella argentea*, silky raillardella. This perennial herb is in the Asteraceae family. *Flora of Oregon*, Volume 2 describes its habitat as "dry, open, gravelly sites in conifer forests, semi-barren subalpine and alpine slopes, and flats. In Oregon it is found in the Cascade and Siskyou Mountains. It is also found in California and Nevada. Its range in Oregon overlaps with the very rare in Oregon *Raillardella scaposa* (the only other *Raillardella* described in *Flora of Oregon*), but the two species are not known to occur together.



Silky raillardella. Photo by Ken Berg.

Mystery Plant Do you recognize this plant?

This month's mystery plant was photographed by Jess Bechemumin on Mt. Ashland on July 5, 2023. It was growing in gravel not far from the summit of the mountain. 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 with species, location, and brief habitat information.

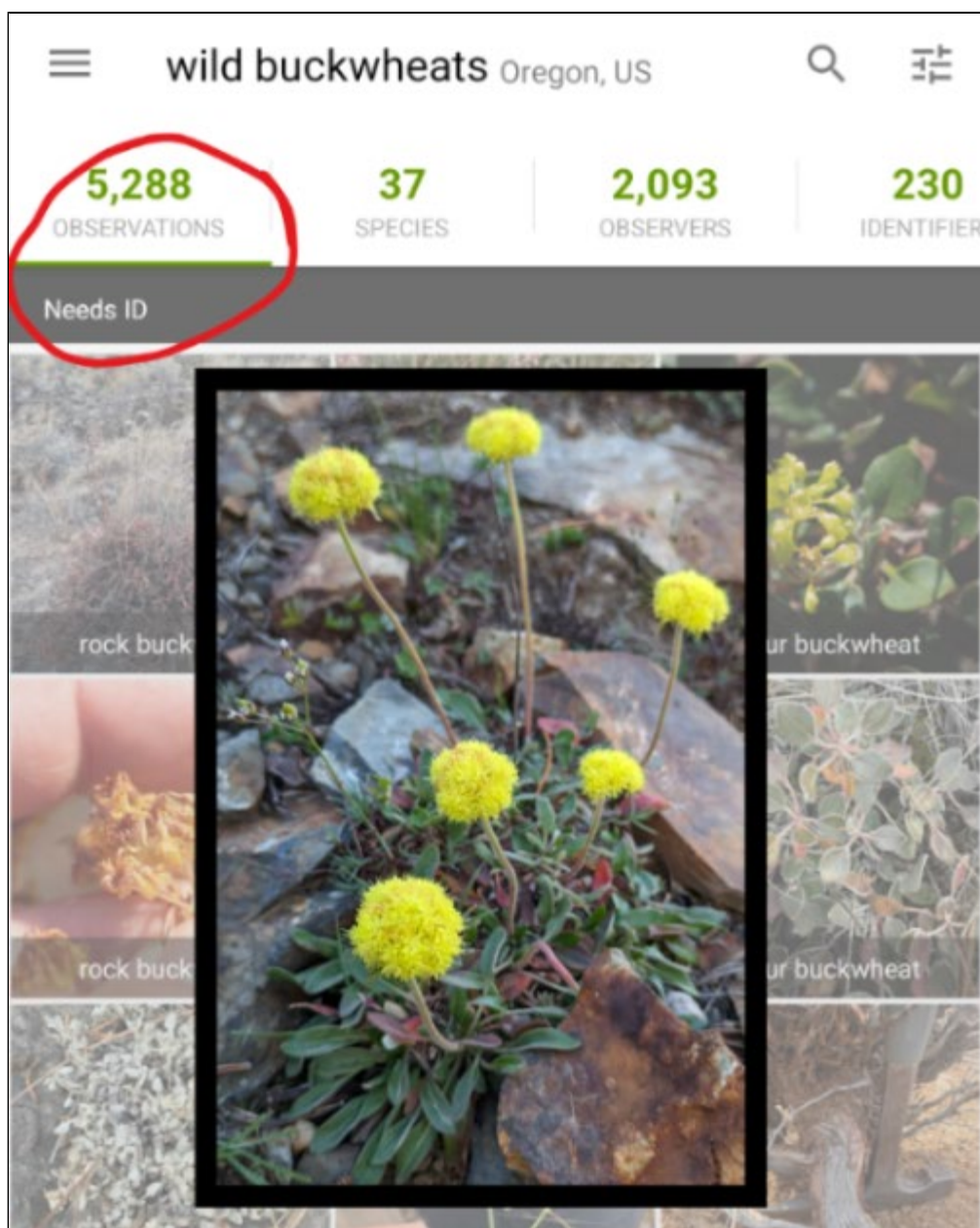
Back by Popular Demand! iNaturalist Winter ID-a-thon Returns on January 17-25, 2026

Event: NPSO iNaturalist Winter ID-a-thon

Dates: January 17-25, 2026

Location: iNaturalist Online event for [Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants](#) ·

[iNaturalist](#) information posted in the Project Journal at [Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants's Journal](#) · [iNaturalist](#)



Alpine golden buckwheat, ([Eriogonum flavum](#)), is just one of over 5,000 observations of wild buckwheat in Oregon that need ID. Many other observations from the eastern part of Oregon could use some ID'ing attention. Can you help? Join the ID-a-Thon January 17-25, 2026! Photo by Jess Beauchemin.

Shake off those winter blues and get ready for Oregon's spring blooms! Join NPSO and the Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants iNaturalist Project for our Third Annual Winter ID-a-thon, running from 12:00 am Saturday, January 17, through 11:59 pm Sunday, January 25, 2026.

After the incredible success of our November 2024 and February 2025 ID-a-thons, we're thrilled to make this an annual tradition! These events have inspired new and seasoned identifiers alike—see what motivated them in our Meet Your Identifiers series on the

[Flora of Oregon iNaturalist Journal.](#)

New This Year: A Special Webinar

For this ID-a-thon, one of those identifiers profiled, [Jess Beauchemin](#), is hosting a webinar: “Curiosity to Connection: Exploring Oregon native plants One ID at a Time.” She will talk about the benefits of making identifications on iNaturalist (for science and for the identifier), how everyone, regardless of current knowledge and skill level, can contribute IDs and make connections with other native plant enthusiasts through iNat and NPSO. We will provide date and time of this webinar soon through NPSO media and at the [Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants's Journal · iNaturalist](#). You do not have to have an iNaturalist account to access the Journal or attend the webinar; you do need to have an iNaturalist account for ID-a-thon participation

What do we want from you?

We are asking you to add identifications to as many “Needs ID” plant observations for Oregon as possible, with a goal of reaching 24,500 identifications. You don’t have to be an expert botanist to participate; in fact, we encourage everyone, regardless of your level of botanical expertise, to contribute. Every observation you help identify - whether it’s a trillium, lupine, or Douglas-fir - strengthens the scientific record. One of our goals for these events is to increase the number of people who identify Oregon plants on iNaturalist.

Why it matters

[The Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants iNaturalist project](#) currently has 1,257,782 observations of 5230 plant species from across Oregon. An amazing 65% are RESEARCH Grade, verified by several different individuals as accurate; however, 35%; 438,752 observations, are in the Needs ID category and that is where your participation comes in. Even adding accurate identification to some of our most familiar and iconic species would go a long way towards contributing to conservation and biodiversity research data by increasing the accuracy of observations. You may learn more about the geographic distribution and flowering times of plant species that have captured your interest. And this might inspire your next native plant outing in 2026!

Join the Fun

Mark your calendar, sign up for an iNaturalist account, and plan to spend a few cozy winter hours helping Oregon's native plant data bloom. Together, we can make this the most successful ID-a-thon yet! - *Gail Baker*

NPSO 2025 Strategic Planning Session: Charting a Sustainable Future

The Native Plant Society of Oregon held its 2025 Strategic Planning Session this October 17- 19 at the Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma, Oregon, bringing together fourteen board members, chapter presidents, and committee leaders for a focused weekend of assessment and goal setting. The purpose of the session was to identify strategic goals that will strengthen NPSO's long-term sustainability, support volunteer capacity, and clarify the organization's conservation role as it prepares for its next phase of growth.



Group photo from left to right: Mara Huang, Judi Sanders, Alexandria Kurowski, Rachel Werling, Elaine Plaisance, Karl Anderson, Kim Brown, Steven Yeager, Marshall Doak, Matt Dybala, Rod Trotter, Lecia Shall. Missing: Dick O'Donnell and Gail Perottii who had already departed. Photo by Mara Huang.

The three-day process, facilitated by Rachel Werling, combined large-group conversations, small-group exercises, and consensus-based decision-making. Each component of the session identified related goals for the organization. Participation in these goal-working groups is welcome, and details and invitations will be coming soon.

The session opened with a review of member and board survey findings from 2024, followed by a SWOAR (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Aspirations, Results) assessment. This exercise helped establish a shared understanding of the Society's current condition and framed the weekend's work. The SWOAR discussions highlighted several core strengths, including NPSO's strong conservation ethic, deep botanical

expertise across its membership, and solid financial footing. Participants also acknowledged ongoing challenges such as volunteer shortages, declining leadership capacity in some chapters, and the need to strengthen diversity and inclusion. Opportunities identified included expanding collaboration with tribes, universities, and community partners, as well as developing additional conservation and educational initiatives.

The SWOAR session ultimately identified five priority goals: increasing botanical education, developing gardening education initiatives, improving board mentorship, enhancing inclusivity efforts, and strengthening volunteer-driven rare plant monitoring.

Mission and vision discussions affirmed NPSO's long-standing focus on the study, enjoyment, and conservation of Oregon's native plants. Participants continued refining draft vision and values statements to better reflect the organization's commitment to science-based education, inclusivity, and public engagement.

A significant portion of the weekend explored NPSO's conservation role. The group clarified that NPSO's public voice should remain science-based, nonpartisan, and educational. Participants emphasized the importance of constructive communication, partnership with agencies and community groups, and clear internal processes for reviewing conservation-related statements. A key outcome was the recommendation to expand the Conservation Committee to include multiple members, ensuring shared responsibility for review, coordination, and communication.

Organizational structure and capacity were also central themes. Participants examined the strengths and limitations of NPSO's current federated model (more on this later) and reviewed structures used by peer organizations. There was broad interest in exploring hybrid approaches that could improve coordination, efficiency, and chapter support while maintaining local identity. Strengthening the Chapter Round Table was identified as an important next step in improving communication and shared problem-solving across the Society.

Recognizing the limits of an all-volunteer structure, the group explored options for part-time staffing or contracted support. Participants identified financial management, administrative coordination, and membership support as areas where added continuity would be most beneficial. Priorities include defining an initial staffing role, developing the fundraising capacity needed to sustain it, and assessing Customer Relationship Module systems to improve membership and communications management.

On Sunday, participants synthesized and ranked strategic goals, identified potential champions, and outlined next steps. The board will continue the work of refining these goals, establishing clear metrics, and communicating outcomes to chapters and members in early 2026.

The 2025 Strategic Planning Session strengthened shared understanding, clarified NPSO's direction, and set forward-looking goals that position the Society to continue its mission—studying, enjoying, and conserving Oregon's native plants—well into the future. -*Rachel Werling*

Small Field Grant Proposals Requested

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

Research proposals are due by March 1, 2026. The program policy and guidelines may be downloaded from <https://www.npsoregon.org/documents/grantguide.pdf>. Questions about the guidelines may be directed to luomad@oregonstate.edu. - *Dan Luoma*

Key NPSO Committee Positions Open

The NPSO state board is seeking individuals to serve as chairperson for the Membership, Legislative, iNaturalist, Publications, and Conservation Committees.

The NPSO Board Handbook provides more information on the responsibilities of these positions. The handbook can be found at: [NPSO Handbook 2025.docx](#). If you are interested in these roles, please contact president@npsoregon.org. Those who are interested in the Membership Chair position may contact membership@npsoregon.org. -*Steven Yeager*

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

NPSO State Board Meeting Highlights November 15, 2025

Key actions included:

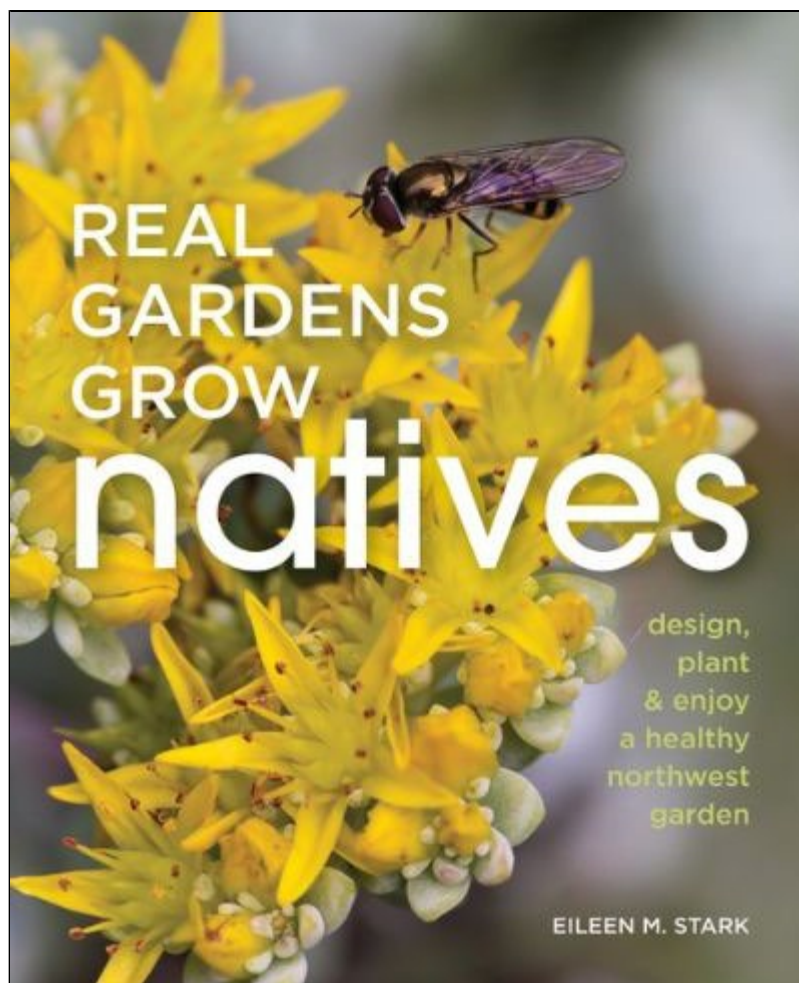
- **Committee Vacancies:** The Board is looking for committee chairs for our Membership, iNaturalist, Publications, and Conservation Committees.
- **Rare Plant Conservation:** The Board approved \$5,000 in funding for the Institute

of Applied Ecology to support the endangered *Lathyrus holochlorus*.

- **Board Members:** Kristi Mergenthaler was voted in to fill a director-at-large vacancy on the State Board.
- **Member Outreach:** The Board approved creating two email opt-in categories for members, Legislative and Conservation.

- Kim Brown, NPSO Secretary

Cheahmill Chapter Meeting and Presentation by Eileen Stark, January 24, 2026



Ecological and native plant landscape designer, Eileen Stark will speak at the January 24, 2026 Cheahmill Chapter meeting. Book cover image courtesy of Eileen Stark.

The Cheahmill Chapter of NPSO will be hosting an in-person meeting on Saturday, January 24 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at the McMinnville Library Carnegie Room. In advance of the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District annual native plant sale, join us for a presentation by ecological and native plant landscape designer, Eileen Stark.

Eileen Stark is a Portland-based ecological landscape designer, consultant, author, and photographer. Her academic background includes studies in biology, wildlife ecology, and landscape design. A deeply committed conservationist, she strives to create awareness of the myriad creatures with which we share this fragile planet. Her book, *Real Gardens Grow Natives: Design, Plant, and Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Garden* is a passionate guide to gardening for both biodiversity and beauty using humane landscaping methods. Visit her website at realgardensgrownatives.com.

Following Eileen's presentation, you are invited to join us to discuss ideas for revitalizing the local NPSO Chapter and opportunities for volunteering in 2026. Bring your ideas and energy for this discussion! - *NPSO Cheahmill Chapter*

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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The November 2025 newsletter of the Utah Native Plant Society, the *Sego Lily*, can be read at: [Sego Lily November 2025](#). - *Reprinted courtesy of the Utah Native Plant Society*.

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The Northwest Plant Materials Program at the Institute for Applied Ecology collects seed from a variety of native plants for a wide array of projects. In 2025, our Corvallis crew made collections across Oregon and Washington, and we were able to host two remote seed collection crews in Washington for the Bureau of Land Management's Seeds of Success program. These collections will be used directly for restoration, to create seed amplification fields, and for seed banking.

Take a more in depth look at some of the work we do with the biggest projects we worked on in 2025 here: [2025 Seed Collection Season](#). -*Reprinted courtesy of the Institute for Applied Ecology*

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Register for the 2026 National Native Seed Conference [here](#)- *Institute for Applied Ecology*

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Order *Nevada Plants: An Annotated Checklist of the State's Botanical Diversity* by Arnold Tiehm and Jan Nachlinger [here](#).

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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.Cheahmill>.

**Saturday, December 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Work Party #310: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library**

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

We will work around the Carnegie building with a friendly crew to maintain the beauty of this demonstration garden. Dress for the weather and 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.

**Saturday, January 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Work Party #311: Native Plant Garden at McMinnville Public Library**

**Location: McMinnville Public Library**

We will work around the Carnegie building with a friendly crew to maintain the beauty of this demonstration garden. Dress for the weather and 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.

**Saturday, January 24, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Event: Chapter Meeting and Presentation**  
**Presenter: Eileen Stark**  
**Location: McMinnville Public Library Carnegie Room**

See the article "Cheahmill Chapter Meeting and Presentation by Eileen Stark, January 24, 2026," in this edition for details.

## **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, December 8, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Holiday Gathering: dessert potluck and photo sharing**  
**Location: Amy Rossman, 1808 NW Sunview Dr. Corvallis**

Bring a potluck dessert. If you have pictures to share, please bring up to ten on a thumb drive. Please RSVP to Amy, especially if bringing pictures to share at [amydianer@yahoo.com](mailto:amydianer@yahoo.com).

**Monday, January 12, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Program: Greenbelt Land Trust - Conservation Updates**  
**Presenter: Carolyn Menke, Stewardship Director at Greenbelt Land Trust**  
**Location: Cordley Hall Room #2602, Oregon State University**

Carolyn Menke will share plans for upcoming floodplain forest restoration and planting at Luckiamute Confluence, located in Polk County, adjacent to the Luckiamute State Natural Area, plus give an update on prairie restoration at Oak Creek Preserve in Benton County, near Bald Hill Farm.

## **Emerald**

**Monday, December 15, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Event: December Holiday Social**  
**Location: Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene**

Emerald Chapter celebrates our members and their wildflower discoveries as they share photos and stories of their wildflower destinations from the past year. Bring 10-15 slides of plants on a flash drive and share an adventure you had this year. Bring a snack to share. This is an opportunity to get to know your fellow plant enthusiasts a little better. We will have T-shirts and hats to buy if you like to give plant-themed gifts to your friends and family.



**Monday, January 19, 2026, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Title: Street Trees of Eugene**

**Presenter: Erik Burke, Friends of Trees**

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

For updates on presentation details, check back at:

<https://emerald.npsoregon.org/emchapevents/>

## **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

[highdesertnps@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnps@gmail.com). Find our latest field trip observations on iNaturalist,

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-nps-field-trips>.

**Friday, December 5, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Event: Wild Wreath Making Workshop**

**Location: Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave, Redmond, OR**

Join the NPSO High Desert Chapter in this cozy, do it yourself, holiday event! We will be making wreaths and centerpieces with native tree and shrub species of Central Oregon. This will be a fun and educational way to identify your local and native tree species, as well as create something artistic and homey for your home. Warm holiday refreshments and cookies will be provided at the event. Come and support us this holiday season!

We will provide all materials. There is no charge for entry but the fee to make a centerpiece will be \$20, a wreath \$30. Accepted forms of payment are cash or Venmo.

Workshop attendance is limited. Registration is required at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1968809033819?aff=oddtcreator>.

**Monday, December 8, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

**Event: Sagebrush Planting in McCaffery Fire Scar**

**Location: Redmond Airport (exact coordinates given the day before)**

Join us in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to plant 200 Wyoming sagebrush plugs in the McCaffery fire scar before winter comes! This is the second planting of sagebrush plugs in the McCaffrey fire scar. The first planting was conducted in March 2025. We've been invited again by the BLM to help with planting.

On July 6th, 2024, the McCaffrey fire burned 458 acres east of the Redmond airport. Sagebrush do not re-seed after fires, so it is imperative for land managers to plant sagebrush after intense fire burns. BLM staff will have an augur to make planting easier. Volunteers can bring gardening gloves and gardening kneel pads/sit pads. An email will be sent out on exact location to meet and park. Expect to complete volunteering by noon.

Registration is required at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1972834813033?aff=oddtcreator>

## **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**

Pick up a stick in 2026. Let's build a forest of the future.

### **Become a Member of the Portland Chapter Board: It's Time to Share Your Talents**

A voter's guide and call for nominations will be sent to PDXers in early December to nominate yourself or others for various niches. Watch your email for the ballot in January.

If you are interested in finding out more details about the PDX Board positions, then join us for our board open house on Dec. 14, 2025. Please send an email of interest in nominating to [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com) with the subject line: Board positions for 2026.

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

**Zoom Event: NPSO PDX Member Photo Show**

**Moderator: Kieran Hanrahan: avid amateur botanist, community scientist, and past NPSO Portland board member**

NPSO Portland Chapter members will share some highlights from the past year including their favorite flowers, trips, and trails. Please provide your own cookies and beverages.

Link to register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/GEeq0qSIQNWuU6LUptAg3Q>  
[NPSO PDX PUBLIC EVENTS](#)

### **NPSOPDX25 iNaturalist News:**

The results are trickling in from our [NPSOPDX25 Non-Native November BioBlitz](#) focused

on naturalized, non-natives, and noxious plants in our backyards, parks, and neighborhoods. One hundred forty nine species have been submitted (not bad for 345 observations), and the month is only half over. Just a reminder that our iNaturalist Observations go into a larger database that many scientists and organizations use on a regular basis. Our own Jason Clinch had recently posted some garlic mustard observations, and almost immediately was contacted by the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District to verify a new sighting. Community Science is important to all, and NPSO members can be a part of the good work being done to protect our native plants.

Check out the Interview with @Jessbee in the [Flora of Oregon Vascular Plants Forum](#). Watch for more NPSO Members Interviews to come.

Welcome new NPSO Portland (PDX) members of the Portland chapter. Watch your inbox for two email newsletters a month, one from the State Native Plant Society of Oregon (NPSO), the *Bulletin*, and one from our local NPSO 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. If you have any questions, please email your PDX board at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com).

Check our member [NPSO PDX PUBLIC EVENTS Calendar](#) for up-to-date information about registering for upcoming field trips, programs, and other events. Our social media 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). 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. We also have links to our recorded programs and speakers on our YouTube channel: [Native Plant Society of Oregon - Portland Chapter](#). 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.

## **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/UCXF12J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLlSw>

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>

Hikes with the Siskiyou Plant Explorers will re-emerge in February 2026.

**Thursday, December 18, 6:00 pm**

**Event: Chapter Program and Holiday Gathering**

**Location: Phoenix Grange, 209 North Main St., Phoenix OR, 97535**

We look forward to gathering for our traditional holiday potluck on Thursday, December 18, at the Phoenix Grange. Feasting begins at 6:00 pm, followed by our much-anticipated holiday members show at 7:00 pm, and the evening will conclude with a raffle of fun botanically oriented items. Your raffle swag donations are greatly appreciated, and a great way to support our chapter's activities. Please bring a potluck dish to share, your personal table service (plate, silverware, glass, cup), and a food donation for the Talent Food Project. Parking is available along the street or at the Phoenix Plaza Civic Center (the white building across the street from the Grange). Our event is free and open to the public.

The holiday members show will feature a PowerPoint presentation of photographs of your favorite plant sightings. Members can email [Darlène Southworth](#), Membership Chair, up to five digital images of plants to share with your fellow plant enthusiasts. During the presentation you will be offered a few minutes to add any commentary you like about the plants. Submissions must be received by December 11 and include:

- Your name
- Name of the plant (if known)
- The general location and date

## **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 [secretary.NPSO.southcoast@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.NPSO.southcoast@gmail.com).

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

We currently have no event scheduled for December.

**January, date to be determined**

**Event: Work Party- Removal of invasive weed species and plant cataloging**

**Leader/Contact: Gail Perrotti**

**Location: Hundred Acre Wood, 1000 S 1st Ave, Coquille, OR 97423**

Please contact Gail Perrotti at [gperrotti@earthlink.net](mailto:gperrotti@earthlink.net) or 541-414-9777 if interested.

**Saturday, January 31, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Event: Quarterly membership meeting**

**Leader/Contact: Gail Perrotti**

**Location: Zoom, please contact [secretary.NPSO.southcoast@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.NPSO.southcoast@gmail.com) for link**

Jeanne Standley will present "How to Use the Oregon Flora Project for Your Yard and



Garden.” She will demonstrate how to query information about specific plants and how to query what plants have been collected and curated at a specific location. For example, she finds her neighborhood and creates a list of all the plants that have been documented within 1 mile, 10 miles, 20 miles, etc. She will also talk about the Garden Fact Sheets for specific species as well as the garden lists (woodland garden, rock garden, pollinator garden, rain/water garden).

## **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, December 4, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Zoom Program: Native Plants of Silver Falls State Park**

**Presenter: Matt Palmquist**

Known for its spectacular waterfalls that attract 1.5 million visitors a year, Silver Falls State Park also has one of the most diverse populations of native plants in Western Oregon. Join Matt Palmquist as he talks about the history of the park and the common canyon and meadow wildflowers that can be seen in two hikes at Silver Falls that he will lead for the 2026 NPSO annual meeting. Matt is a park ranger at Silver Falls State Park where he has worked since 2007. Matt leads interpretive and educational programs throughout the park. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@gmail.com).

**Saturday and Sunday, December 13 and 14, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Silver Falls State Park Winter Festival**

Members of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead walks to view the conifers and hardwoods of Silver Falls State Park at 11:00 am on both days of the Silver Falls State Park Winter Festival. Other activities will include guided mushroom walks; a class on winter plant propagation; and interactive “discovery tables” about the winter

solstice, animal tracks, lichens, bigleaf maple syrup, and winter waterfalls. Visitors can also build bird nest boxes and make wreaths and paper birds. The guided walks will meet in South Falls Lodge courtyard. All activities are free, but a \$5 parking permit is required. For more information about the Winter Festival, visit the events calendar at [stateparks.oregon.gov](http://stateparks.oregon.gov) or call 503-873-8681. For more information about the tree walks, contact John Savage at [wvnpsso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpsso@gmail.com).

## **William Cusick**

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