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Mackenzie's willow (*Salix prolixia*). Amazon Creek, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon. April 25, 2008. Photo by Tanya Harvey, Courtesy of Oregon Flora.

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April is Native Plant Appreciation Month

Remembering Dave Garcia



Dave Garcia. June 2020. Photo by Diane Garcia

Dave Garcia, longtime NPSO member, passed away on February 23, 2026, at 79 years of age. He was one of my closest friends for over 45 years. I will miss him dearly, as will many other NPSO members. He was co-founder and the first president of the Siskiyou Chapter NPSO, in the late 1970s. He got me corralled into this friendly and enthusiastic group soon thereafter. Also in the 1970s, he served on the board of then-just-starting Southern Oregon Land Conservancy and was active in the local effort to establish the Bear Creek Greenway, both organizations that still contribute to quality of life in the Rogue Valley.

Dave and I shared a common interest in our local native plant communities, learning the flora, and in outdoor adventure in general. But his interests and pursuits have always

been much broader than mine. He was an avid birder, a lifelong teacher, and active conservationist. His contribution to NPSO at the state level was way beyond my local focus.

I don't know all the official and unofficial roles Dave had in NPSO at the state level over many decades. I do know he was a director-at-large and legislative committee chair through at least 2024. Here locally he was leading a group of motivated citizens in our Adopt-A-Rare-Plant program sponsored by Siskiyou Chapter NPSO and partnered with the Understory Initiative through December 2025. Siskiyou Chapter will continue this effort through at least 2026.

Friends and family gathered to remember Dave on March 1 this year. His wife Diane shared much with us, and I particularly liked these few sentences she provided: "Dave was an avid learner. He participated in Oregon's free university classes for seniors and enrolled as well as taught classes at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Southern Oregon University, where there was always a long waiting list for his courses. His joy came from sharing his passion and knowledge about the natural world, whether it be students in search of mushrooms, leading a hike for friends, or teaching high school biology in both Medford and Eugene. Dave's enthusiasm made him a favorite teacher, instructor, and guide." I remember him saying that he was motivated to teach something every year and always tried to choose a topic he also had to learn in order to teach it.

He was not particularly active in iNaturalist, but I took a peek at his self-described iNaturalist profile today and he sums himself up as: "Retired high school biology teacher. Constant nature watcher: especially plants and birds. Always curious and observant of the natural world."



Dave Garcia as solar eclipse begins, near Unity, Oregon.
August 2017. Photo by Su Rolle.

He didn't talk about it much to me (I'm a little younger), but before I met him and before he moved to Jacksonville and started a family, Dave served in the Army, 1st Lieutenant, in Vietnam and stateside, during those years when so many young men had to make difficult wartime choices. Afterward Dave began his college education in community college in northern California, continued with a degree program at Southern Oregon College (now Southern Oregon University) in Ashland, and much later went on to earn a PhD in Educational Policy and Planning from the University of Oregon.

I am not sure how he kept it up so long, but Dave was a serious world traveler. He travelled to sixty-five countries on six continents and was always planning the next trip.

As you can imagine, his life list (as a birder) is incredibly long even though he was conservative in the species he recorded. Again, from his wife Diane: “Dave’s gift of storytelling was unsurpassed, and he entertained the grandkids (and adults) with stories of his many world adventures, the highlight being when he was chased by an orangutan in Sumatra.”

Dave and I shared a keen interest in gardening and in agriculture in general. He actually managed a Community Supported Agriculture system for a couple of years on his small farm on the outskirts of Phoenix, OR also sharing the bounty with friends and local agencies to provide food for those in need. He loved the challenge of growing or trying new things. For a number of years, he had pack goats, and he also kept honeybees, providing honey for his morning tea.

Read more about Dave’s life at: <https://rv-times.com/2026/03/11/dave-garcia/>.

-Wayne Rolle

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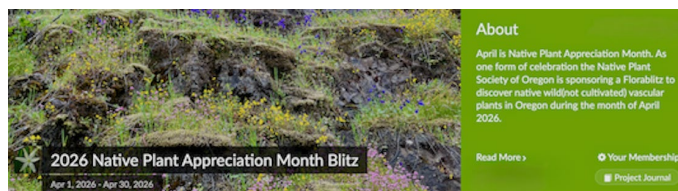


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HIKES, WALKS, TALKS, PLANT SALES, & MORE!


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Native plants deserve celebration every day - but April makes it official. Native Plant Appreciation Month (ORS 187.317) is here, and the NPSO and our partner organizations have packed the month with ways to get involved. Whether you are a seasoned botanist or just starting to notice what is blooming in your backyard, there's something for you.

One great way to kick off the month is to join [NPSO's florablitz on iNaturalist](#) to observe and document wild native plants appearing in April.

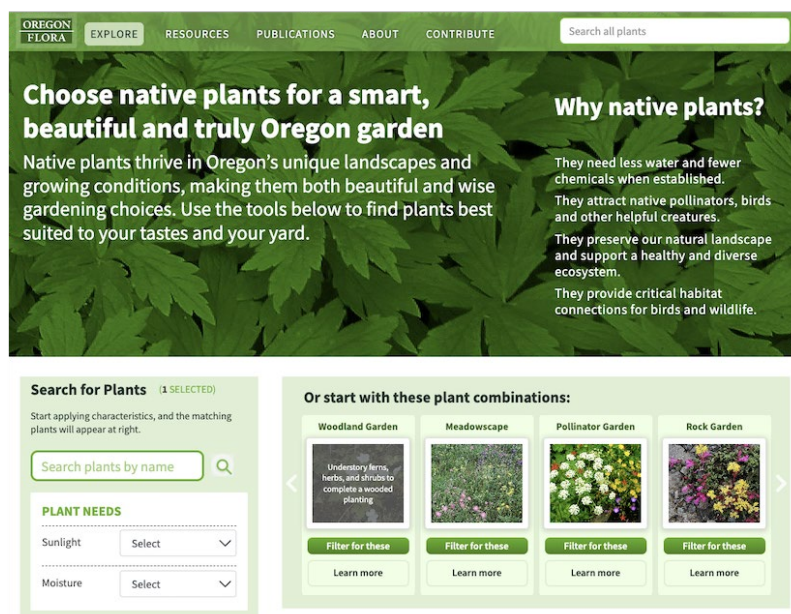


2026 Native Plant Appreciation Month Blitz
Apr 1, 2026 - Apr 30, 2026

About
April is Native Plant Appreciation Month. As one form of celebration the Native Plant Society of Oregon is sponsoring a Florablitz to discover native wild(not cultivated) vascular plants in Oregon during the month of April 2026.

[Read More >](#) [Your Membership](#) [Project Journal](#)

Everyone is welcome - no experience required! If you're not yet an iNaturalist member, you can find instructions to join [here](#). Simply observe wild vascular plants during April and upload them to your iNaturalist account. Native taxa will be included in the project automatically (thanks to the NPSO iNaturalist committee's work updating the Oregon checklist). Even non-native observations contribute to our collective botanical knowledge by feeding into the [Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants](#) project. It's also just plain fun - you can see who has the most observations or which plants are most frequently spotted. You're likely to learn something new about our native flora along the way. By the way, if you missed our 3/31/26 webinar "Appreciating Oregon's Native Plants on iNaturalist", you may email photosnpaw@gmail.com and request the recording link.



Gardening season is well underway across much of Oregon - and NPAM is the perfect excuse to explore the [gardening guide in OregonFlora](#). You'll find native plant suggestions for a wide range of locations, ecoregions, and habitats across Oregon, with in-depth descriptions and

beautiful photos of more than 300 taxa. There is also a handy list of native nurseries. In short, it's almost everything you need to get your native garden growing.

Don't forget to wear your Native Plant Appreciation Month shirt! If you don't have one yet, you can [purchase one at Bonfire](#) — long and short-sleeved tees, hoodies, and crew neck sweatshirts in multiple colors and sizes. All proceeds support NPSO, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit



organization.

Beyond NPSO:

NPSO isn't the only one celebrating Native Plant Appreciation Month. A number of our partner organizations have planned activities throughout April, and you are warmly invited to join them.

Here is a sample of what is happening - and when you attend, feel free to mention you're with the Native Plant Society of Oregon!

Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides, <https://www.pesticide.org/>

NCAP will mark the month with a virtual and email campaign highlighting native plant resources, pesticide-free alternatives, and current projects focused on native plant habitat installations. Their outreach will also tie into an Earth Day message going out to supporters. NCAP's virtual campaign will include:

- An NCAP email feature on Native Plant Appreciation Month
- Social media posts throughout April sharing stories about native plant projects and events.
- A special Earth Day message inviting people to join the pesticide-free movement and take a pledge to protect our native plants.

Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Native Plant Sale

Dates: Friday, April 10th, 12:00 -5:00 pm and Saturday, April 11, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Join the Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District for their Annual Native Plant Sale at the Oregon State University Experiment Station (3007 Experiment Station Dr., Hood River). Choose from more than thirty species of bareroot conifers, deciduous trees, and flowering shrubs at \$3.50 each, plus over forty varieties of potted native wildflowers for \$4.50 each. See the full plant list at: <http://hoodriverswcd.org/plant-sale>.

Hoyt Arboretum Friends, <https://www.hoytarboretum.org/about/hoyt-arboretum-friends/>

Date: Saturday, April 11, 1:00 -3:00 pm

Hoyt Arboretum Friends are hosting a native plants class at Hoyt Arboretum (4000 SW Fairview Blvd., Portland). Hoyt Arboretum is home to a rich tapestry of native perennials, and instructor Ruth Williams - a consulting arborist, botanical illustrator, and plant enthusiast with degrees in Horticulture and Landscape Architecture from UC Davis - will guide participants along the trails to explore the features, botanical names, and ecological roles of Oregon's native flora. The walk happens rain or shine on trails of varying surfaces. This program is a wonderful introduction to both the plants and the arboretum itself.

Online registration is required – registration closes Saturday, April 11 at 10:00am.

Register and purchase tickets at: <https://www.hoytarboretum.org/events/natives-04-11-26/>

Sparrowhawk Native Plants Flash Sales!

Dates: Sat, April 18 in SE Portland at Social Good Place (4511 SE Main St)

Sat, April 25 in St Johns (8260 N Central St)

Sat, May 2 at 2pm in Beaverton at Tualatin Hills Nature Park (15655 SW Millikan Way)

Sat, May 9 at 2pm in East Portland at Level Beer (5211 NE 148th Ave)

Sparrowhawk's Flash Sales are a fantastic way to pick up native plants for your habitat garden at great prices. They arrive at each pop-up with a small buffer of overstock plants, then sell them off at the end of the event at reduced prices. Whether you missed a pre-order deadline or just want more, these sales are worth showing up for. Note that the last two sales extend into May, but they are a great opportunity if you are still building out your garden.

Tip: people typically start lining up 15-20 minutes before the sale starts, and event volunteers get first access at 1:50 pm. More details at:

<https://sparrowhawknativeplants.com/pages/flash-sales>.

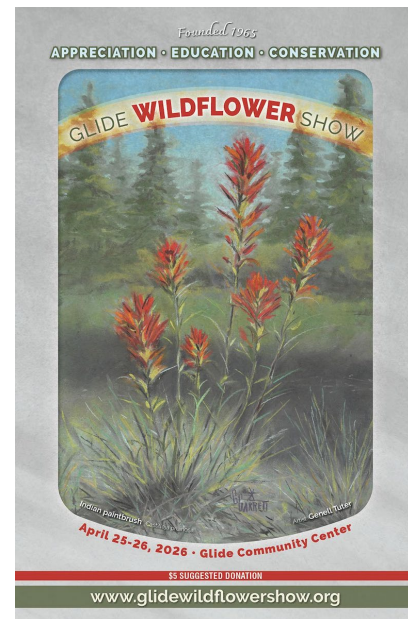
Glide Wildflower Show, <https://www.glidewildflowershow.org/>

Dates: April 25th and 26th, Glide Community Building, Glide Oregon

The Glide Wildflower Show is the largest and oldest display of native plants in the Pacific Northwest - a breathtaking collection of 600+ species of flowers, shrubs, trees, grasses, ferns, lichens, and mosses gathered from Douglas County and ranging to the

coast and the California border. Typically drawing 1,000-1,500 visitors, the event also features talks by knowledgeable speakers, special exhibits, and guided walks. This year's theme is landscaping with native plants.

Whatever way you choose to mark the month – out on the trail, in the garden, or at a community event – we hope April inspires a deeper appreciation for the remarkable native plants that make Oregon so special. Happy Native Plant Appreciation Month! -*Judi Sanders*



Ochoco Lomatium Gets Increased Attention Following Federal Listing Petition



Figure 1- Ochoco Lomatium (*Lomatium ochocense*). Photo by Dani Marshall.

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of three articles describing the conservation efforts for at risk plant species accomplished by Oregon Department of Agriculture's Native Plant Conservation Program and their partners in 2025.

Ochoco lomatium (*Lomatium ochocense*) (Figure 1) is a perennial herb in the parsley family (Apiaceae), found only in Crook County along the North Fork Crooked River. The species is found on exposed basalt bedrock habitat (Figure 2) on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM; three sites) and U.S. Forest Service (one site). Ochoco lomatium faces multiple threats, including grazing, recreational impacts, invasive species, fire, and climate change. Most concerning, the historically largest population has experienced a dramatic decline from over one million plants in the 1990s and early 2000s to less than 160,000 plants in 2023. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) also reviewed and listed the lomatium as state endangered in 2023. Following a 2025 petition by the Center for Biological Diversity, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is now reviewing Ochoco lomatium for potential federal listing under the Endangered Species

Act.



Figure 2- The exposed bedrock habitat where Ochoco lomatium is found. Photo by Dani Marshall.

During a joint monitoring effort in spring 2025, biologists from ODA, BLM, and U.S. Forest Service assessed all BLM populations (Figure 3).

Long Ridge (BLM) transect monitoring documented an estimated 178,000 plants—higher than the 2023 count, but within the confidence intervals. This population appears to be stable based on the 2023 and 2025 survey data. Seed was collected for conservation banking at this site (Figure 4).



Figure 3 left: Biologists assessing Ochoco lomatium populations. Figure 4 right: Ochoco lomatium seeds. Photos by Dani Marshall.

At Battle Point (BLM), a collaborative flagging survey and boundary remapping documented approximately 8,100 plants. Previous estimates were likely inaccurate due to less rigorous survey methods, with the true population potentially reaching 10,000 individuals.

At Cabin Butte (BLM), thousands of plants were observed, but ODA noticed an alarming level of reproductive failure. Only one plant with a majority of viable fruits could be found after 15 minutes of searching because most plants had aborted their fruits before seed development (Figure 5)



Ochoco lomatium plant showing aborted fruits. Photo by Dani Marshall.

Given the recent federal listing petition, future monitoring will likely shift focus to provide additional site data needed for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service review. Rather than

repeat transect surveys, we hope that 2026 efforts will concentrate on accurately mapping the patchy distribution of occupied habitat across all sites. Installation of temperature and precipitation sensors to track site-specific climate conditions and their potential impacts on Ochoco lomatium would also be informative. Additionally, there is interest in observing the pollinator community to determine what pollinators are present during the day (and at night) that may be affecting the lomatium fruit production. -Dani Marshall, ODA Conservation Biologist

OregonFlora

Native Plant Appreciation Month highlights the botanical riches in our state, and OregonFlora offers many ways to explore these treasures.

- The [Identify Plants](#) tool on our website gives you a list of species documented in your location. Filter on the features that you recognize in an unknown plant and use the photos to narrow your options and identify it.
- Planning a hike and want a species list of the region to get you started? Search for your destination in our [Inventories—Species Lists](#) tool.

Many of these lists are compilations from NPSO field trips. We welcome your chapter's contributions as we continue this decades-long partnership!

- The [Oregon Wildflowers app](#) covers approximately 1,300 plant species and represents most wildflower genera that grow across the state. It works without a cell signal, making it a reliable tool for back country forays.



If you participate in the iNaturalist Flora of Oregon Vascular Plants project, know that your identified photo contributions may also be adding to the resources available through OregonFlora. Since we initiated this task last month, our volunteer Kaitlyn Skelton has combed through over half of the approximately 1,400 taxa in Oregon that have five or fewer field photos. She has added images of 148 taxa to their respective profile pages - look for those images and their links back to iNaturalist as you browse through photos of our lesser-known plants. Thank you, Kaitlyn!

With a successful resolution of some final administrative issues, we anticipate releasing

the Rare Plant Guide on our website this month. This will provide agency botanists, restorationists, and citizen rare plant stewards filterable information for 89 ORBIC List 1 species—just in time for field season.

We continue the rigorous editing and refinement of treatments for Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon*. Our current focus is on the buttercup family (Ranunculaceae) and the monkeyflowers. Your [support](#) will help us complete this monumental task to provide a complete and comprehensive resource for our state's plants—thank you for your help! - *Linda Hardison, Director*

Registration is Open for the 2026 NPSO Annual Meeting!



South Falls, one of the 2026 Annual Meeting self-guided field trip destinations.

Photo by Doug Olupski.

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. The theme for this year's meeting is "Plants, People and Common Ground."

Click the link below for more information and to register and rank your field trip choices:

<https://www.npsoregon.org/wp/2026-npsso-annual-meeting/>

Updated Meeting Overview:

- **Friday, May 29:** Participants will be able to choose from eight self-guided field trip options and attend a mixer event from 3:30 pm-6:30 pm in the Dye House at the Willamette Heritage Center and a no-host dinner on the mezzanine at [Ritter's Housemade Foods](#) in downtown Salem. Attendees should bring a sack lunch and water for the field trips. Early check-in will take place at the mixer and appetizers and refreshments will be provided.
- **Saturday, May 30:** There will be 12 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 nature talks at the Willamette Heritage Center. Lunch and dinner are included. Bring your water bottle.
- **Sunday, May 31:** The six self-guided field trip options will repeat on Sunday and John Savage, Willamette Valley Chapter president will lead a guided native plant walk at the [Deepwood Museum & Gardens](#) and [Bush's Pasture Park](#) from 8:00-9:30 am. Participants are welcome to round out the Annual Meeting activities at a no-host networking brunch at [Lively Station](#) from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. The NPSO state Board of Directors will meet in Story Hall at [IKE Box Cafe](#) in Salem on Sunday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Want to highlight your chapter's recent activities or share information about a plant-related passion project at the Sunday networking brunch? Email John Savage at wvnpsso@gmail.com to sign up to give a 5- to 10-minute lightning talk about the great work that your organization, agency, or affinity group is doing to appreciate, document, protect, and restore native plants and their habitats!

A limited number of exhibitor or poster presentation tabletop display spaces are available at no charge for NPSO chapters and allied organizations. Showcase your chapter or share information about another nonprofit, business, or collegiate program that promotes Oregon's native plants! Each space includes a six-foot table, two chairs, and an optional table drape. Displays can be staffed or unstaffed or a combination of both at each exhibitor's discretion. Exhibitors and poster presenters are also welcome to transact sales, memberships, and donations at their spaces. Email John Savage at wvnpsso@gmail.com to check on availability and reserve a space. -Catherine Alexander

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

A round of applause to Debbie Roberts, Kristi Mergenthaler, Bruce Waugh, Linda M. Hardie, and Daniel Luoma for identifying last month's Mystery Plant as *Allium falcifolium*, sickle-leaf onion. According to *Flora of Oregon*, this onion has leaves that are usually deciduous with solid, flat, falcate blades. It is found on heavy, rocky, clay soils, usually serpentine, in rocky openings to savanna. It flowers from April to June. In Oregon it is found in the Cascades and Siskiyou Mountains. It also ranges to California.

Debbie Roberts pointed out that she used *Call Me Allium: A Guide to Oregon's Native Onions*, NPSO Occasional Paper 4 by Cindy Rochè, Frank Callahan, Kareen Sturgeon, and Nathan LeClear (2023) as a reference to identify sickle-leaf onion. Access this valuable, beautifully illustrated occasional paper [here](#).



Sickle-leaf onion. Photo by Kareen Sturgeon.

New Mystery Plant Do you recognize this plant?

Kareen Sturgeon photographed this plant in 2025 on sandy soil near the road to Mickey Hot Springs in Harney County, Oregon. 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.

NPSO Annual Election and Bylaws Vote - April 2026

This spring, members of the NPSO will vote on two important matters: the election of officers and directors-at-large, and proposed amendments to the Society's bylaws. See candidate biographies below and the proposed bylaws amendments here:

<https://www.npsoregon.org/documents/proposedBylaws2026.pdf>.

To allow participation by all members across the state, the vote will be conducted by written ballot, delivered either electronically or by postal mail. Oregon law (ORS 65.222) allows nonprofit organizations to take actions normally handled at a meeting through written ballots distributed to all members entitled to vote.

Ballots will be distributed beginning April 1.

Each ballot will present:

- The slate of candidates for officers and directors-at-large
- The proposed bylaws amendments
- An opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action

Voting Requirements

For the vote to be valid under Oregon nonprofit law and NPSO bylaws:

- **Quorum:** Ballots returned by at least 5% of NPSO members in good standing as of April 1 are required.
- **Bylaws Approval Threshold:** Amendments to the bylaws require two-thirds (66.7%) approval of votes cast.
- **Ballot Deadline:** Ballots must be received by April 27, 2026, in order to be counted.

Members who receive electronic ballots will be able to vote through the secure online system. Members who receive paper ballots may return them using the envelope provided.

Your participation is important to the governance of the Society. Please take a few minutes to review the ballot materials and submit your vote before the deadline.

Candidates for NPSO Board Positions - 2026

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

Voting instructions will be sent via email or postal mail to NPSO members-of-record April 1.

President:

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

Mountains.

Vice President:

Marshall Doak (Siskiyou) grew up in the Denver, Colorado area and completed his bachelor of science in horticulture at Colorado State University prior to relocating to the Pacific Northwest. His career spans two industries, first as a grower and manager for plant production companies and then as a business development professional after completing his master of business administration at Pacific Lutheran University. As an adult, in addition to maintaining a love of plants, Marshall has volunteered to assist several organizations over time, including being community services commissioner, a Xeriscape Park Design Committee member, and a Watershed Council Board member among other appointments. As a hobby, he collects seeds of woody plants and grows the seedlings, resulting in a potpourri of ornamental and native plants in need of permanent homes. Marshall is a member of the Siskiyou Chapter and is interested in being more active in the NPSO, offering his experience and talent to the NPSO Board. He resides in the Rogue Valley and is employed by Southern Oregon University as the Director for the Southern Oregon University Small Business Development Center.

Treasurer:

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

He stepped down as treasurer of the Jackson County Master Gardener's Association in 2023. He had served on the board since 2020 and as treasurer for the past two years. As treasurer he moved the financial practices of the association to paperless operation - utilizing QuickBooks online (cash accounting), online banking and check writing including all expense requests digital. He is not a certified public accountant but worked for twelve years as the assistant to the chief financial officer of a non-profit university in San Francisco. He has technical experience with Microsoft Office including Excel and most Adobe products. He prefers using Apple computer platform but can "muddle" his way through a personal computer.

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

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

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

Secretary:

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

Director at Large

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

Esther McEvoy (Corvallis) earned a bachelor of arts degree in Art from Lewis and Clark College in 1974 and a bachelor of science degree from Portland State University in 1978. During the field seasons of 1979 and 1980, she worked as a range conservationist

(botanist) for the Burns District of the Bureau of Land Management, conducting rare plant inventories all over the district and also worked on establishing Diamond Craters as an Outstanding Natural Area. Esther, along with fellow graduate students and other botanists at Oregon State University, founded the Corvallis Chapter of NPSO in 1981. In 1985, as NPSO legislative committee chair, she started working on a draft of the state Endangered Species Bill, which was passed in 1987; the culmination of years of hard work by many environmental groups. Over the last twenty-five years, Esther has led and helped organize many NPSO field trips. In 2000, Esther started Willamette Gardens, a native plant nursery that specializes in organically grown native plants from Oregon and neighboring states. Esther has served as president and vice president of the Corvallis Chapter many times and was selected for an NPSO Fellows Award in 2015.

<https://www.npsoregon.org/wp/esther-mcevoy/> -Rachel Werling

Scholarships Available for Students in Botany and Plant-Related Fields

The Willamette Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon is offering \$500 and \$1,000 scholarships for sophomores, juniors, and seniors enrolled at an Oregon college or university for the 2026-2027 school year and who are majoring in one of the following fields of study:

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

Half-time students are eligible.

A limited number of qualified applicants will be selected to receive the \$500 and \$1,000 scholarship awards. Applications will be accepted by mail or electronically until June 1, 2026.

Applicants must submit a completed application that includes name, address, email

address, phone number, college or university name, and college/university address.

Applicants also must submit:

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

Completed applications and documents can be sent by mail to:

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

or by email to: wvnpsogmail.com. For any questions about the scholarship or to obtain an application form, contact John Savage at 503-779-5414 or at wvnpsogmail.com. -

John Savage

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

Alternate *Bulletin* Editor Needed

If you enjoy editing, layout, and coordinating with other NPSO members, please consider

volunteering to be the alternate editor for the *Bulletin*. The alternate editor would produce part or all of the *Bulletin* if I have an emergency or am traveling. In particular, I'll be out of the country during the second half of September 2026 and will need help finishing the October *Bulletin*. Although this role will not be frequent, it is important and offers the satisfaction of contributing to the timely dissemination of news and information for our NPSO membership.

At present, I use Mailchimp and devote roughly 15-20 hours each month to working on the newsletter. I'll provide training and there is a step-by-step handbook for reference. Please email bulletin@npsoregon.org if you are interested. -Faye Streier, *Bulletin* editor

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 Institute for Applied Ecology's Ecologist Denise Giles's blog on restoration of dune habitat for pink sand verbena (*Abronia umbellata*): "Pink Sand Verbena and Shifting Dunes" [HERE](#). - *Courtesy of Institute for Applied Ecology and blog author Denise Giles.*

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Susan Harrington is an Oregon-based oil painter whose work focuses on native and endangered plant species of the western United States. In May, 2026 she will be presenting a solo exhibition of her paintings at [Waterstone Gallery](#) in Portland's Pearl District titled *Resilience Is Our Nature*. The exhibition centers on endangered native plants and draws parallels between botanical resilience and our shared human experience in an era of environmental and social change.

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Please join the Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Group on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:00 PM in the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W 13th Avenue, Eugene, OR, for our guest speaker program presented by Whitey Lueck. This month's topic is "Horticulture - Then and Now." For more information about the group or this event, visit our [website](#) or email us at [info@thehardyplantgroup.org](mailto:info@thehardyplantgroup.org). -*Reprinted Courtesy of the Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Group*

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## State Notes

Wednesday, April 1, 12:01 am - Thursday, April 30, 11:59 pm

Event: 2026 Native Plant Appreciation Month Blitz

Leader: Native Plant Appreciation Month

Location: online in iNaturalist:

<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/2026-native-plant-appreciation-month-blitz>

April is Native Plant Appreciation Month. As one form of celebration, the NPSO is sponsoring a Florablitz to discover native wild (not cultivated) vascular plants in Oregon during the month of April 2026. Join us by submitting your photographed native vascular plant observations to iNaturalist. Your participation not only facilitates your enjoyment of our spring native plants but further improves botanical knowledge. No experience is necessary. Everyone is encouraged to participate! All of your uploaded native vascular plant observations that are photographed in Oregon during all of April 2026 will be included automatically. You don't have to "join" the project, but you may do so if you like. -*Judi Sanders*

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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>.

Thursday, April 9, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Work Party #314: 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, April 11, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**NPSO Cheahmill Chapter Meeting and Presentation: "Bring Back the Pollinators"**

**Presenter: Bob Shaw, Xerces Society**

The Cheahmill Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon will be hosting an in-person meeting on Saturday, April 11 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at the McMinnville Library Carnegie Room.

The meeting will include a presentation about native pollinators by Bob Shaw, a volunteer "ambassador" from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. He is also a master gardener and active in Portland's Backyard Habitat program.

We've all read about the declining populations of bees and other pollinators. They are clearly facing challenges from habitat loss and pesticide use, even climate change. By managing our gardens, parks, and other green spaces with pollinators in mind, we can transform our towns and cities to support the insects that are essential for a healthy environment—and if we all do something, together we can have a big impact. Learn about the Xerces Society at: <https://www.xerces.org/>.

## **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).

**Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Jackson Frazier Wetlands**

**Leaders: Dan Luoma and Joyce Eberhart**

**Location: Jackson Frazier Wetlands**

In celebration of Native Plant Appreciation Month, we will spend about one to two hours walking around the Bob Frenkel Boardwalk at Jackson Frazier Wetlands looking for early native wildflowers, including some of the seven species of buttercups known from the site. We will meet at the parking lot for the wetlands at the north end of Lancaster Street in Corvallis. Dress appropriately for the weather. For more information, contact Dan at [luomad@oregonstate.edu](mailto:luomad@oregonstate.edu).

**Sunday, April 12, 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**

Bring pruners, trowel, bucket, and gloves. We will start to clean up the garden. Contact

Esther for more information or to RSVP at [esthermcevoy975@gmail.com](mailto:esthermcevoy975@gmail.com).

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

**Program: Sprouting of the Elliott State Research Forest: Botanical Opportunities in a new Forest for Science and Conservation**

**Presenter: Ryan Baumbusch, Research Coordinator for the Elliott State Research Forest, Department of State Lands.**

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

Following decades of management to provide timber revenue for Oregon's Common School Fund, the Elliott State Research Forest emerged from a collaborative (and at times contentious) process with a vision to become an enduring, publicly owned, world-class research forest. The 83,000-acre tract of timberlands in the southern Oregon Coast Range is split between a conservation reserve and working forests. Our forest management plan lays out ambitious goals in research, conservation, and community engagement, many of which center around the plant communities on the Elliott. In this talk, I will share some background on the Elliott, our current status in establishing the research forest, and possibilities for native plant research and conservation with hope for an engaging discussion afterwards.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/VGiEKfwSSzq\\_jcl\\_vd1gNg](https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/VGiEKfwSSzq_jcl_vd1gNg)

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

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

**Field Trip: Baker Creek Trail at Sulphur Springs**

**Leader: Alexandria Kurowski**

**Location: Baker Creek Bridge Trail, McDonald Forest**

This trip to the Sulphur Springs area of the McDonald Research Forest north of Corvallis will be an easy hike through a beautiful area to celebrate Native Plant Appreciation month! The walk is 0.24 miles long with a twenty-three-foot elevation gain. Some blooming native wildflowers that might be seen are *Delphinium trollifolium*, *Trillium* sp., *Dicentra formosa*, and *Cardamine* sp. There is a large parking area at the trailhead for Baker Creek. Please bring water and dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at the parking area for Baker Creek Bridge trail on Sulphur Springs Road. For more information, contact Alexandria Kurowski, [alexandriadckr@gmail.com](mailto:alexandriadckr@gmail.com)

**Sunday April 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Mary's River Natural Area in Corvallis**

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

**Location: Mary's River Natural Area**

Meet at the parking lot kiosk for Mary's River Natural Area off Brookline Drive in Corvallis (44.5424° -123.2822°). Celebrating Native Plant Appreciation Month, we will go in search

of early blooming native plants in this 74-acre area managed by the city of Corvallis. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars. For more information, contact Esther McEvoy [esthermcevoy975@gmail.com](mailto:esthermcevoy975@gmail.com) or 541-990-0948.

## **Emerald**

For questions or to be added to the Emerald Chapter email list, email us at: [em\\_president@npsoregon.org](mailto:em_president@npsoregon.org). For information about the Emerald Chapter and upcoming events, see: <http://emerald.npsoregon.org>. Visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/emerald.nps/>. Follow our Instagram page at: [https://www.instagram.com/emerald\\_chapter\\_nps/](https://www.instagram.com/emerald_chapter_nps/). To view our YouTube channel, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2piFmgIQTMhKR8H8iobTw>

**Date: Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am - 11:30 am AND Saturday, May 9, 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Volunteer Outreach: Westmoreland Park Wetlands Enhancement Work Party**

**Leader: Nancy Bray**

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

These two work parties in Westmoreland Park wetlands this spring will be our opportunity to remove invasive meadow foxtail before it goes to seed, and we need a lot of volunteers to help! There are tasks for all ages and physical abilities. We meet on Polk St. just south of the pickleball courts. Parks & Open Space will coordinate the work parties and provides all the tools.

These wetlands to the east and west of the Dr. Edwin Coleman Jr. Center have significant native plants including two species with the largest populations anywhere in Eugene. Our wetlands enhancement project is now in its fifth year and is showing great progress in helping the native plants to flourish. We hope you can join us!

Please RSVP to this email if you can help out at one or both work parties so we can let Parks & Open Space know how many tools to bring: [braynj@gmail.com](mailto:braynj@gmail.com)

**Saturday, April 11, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Presentation: Amazon Community Center Events: Botany Workshop and Plant Walk**

**Presenter: Steven Yeager, NPSO President**

**Location: Amazon Community Center, Mark Lewis Imaginarium, 2700 Hilyard St, Eugene**

Come explore the beauty of botanical language. Learn the botanical terminology you will need to identify plants growing in your garden or local forest! Designed to give participants the skills to understand botanical descriptions in herbal texts and gardening books, and become familiar with important vocabulary for the identification and appreciation of plants. We'll investigate plant anatomy and plant family characteristics.

The class will include a slide show and short plant walk time permitting. Please bring a hand lens (loupe) if you have one.

For more information and to sign up, see “Special Interest” at: <https://rec.eugene-or.gov/OR/city-of-eugene-or/catalog>

**Sunday, April 12, 10:00 am**

**Ramble: Mt. Pisgah Wet Prairie**

**Leader: Karl Anderson**

**Location: East Side of Mt. Pisgah**

Join Karl Anderson for a short, flat ramble through the wet prairie on the eastside of Mt. Pisgah. Depending on participant interest, the trip can last an hour or two. The group can stay on the road or step onto the wetland if careful. Waterproof footwear is recommended. The endemic Willamette Valley bittercress should be blooming, along with Bradshaw's desert parsley and Oregon bog saxifrage. Hooked-spur violet may be blooming on the upland prairie as well. Trail 2 goes up a low hill if we want to look out over the prairie. Meet up at the Pisgah Public Market on OR 58 in Pleasant Hill to carpool to the trailhead parking lot.

Sign up [here](#).

**Friday, April 17, 7:00 pm \*Please note this is a Friday meeting, not Monday.**

**Presentation: Oak Savanna Communities**

**Presenter: Heron Brae**

**Location: Room 221 Allen Hall, University of Oregon campus.**

Heron is an experienced botanist, wildcrafter, andrewilder with a demonstrated history of working in professional and community environmental services. She is skilled in teaching, research, community organizing, and inspiration, and has two decades of experience in field work studying medicinal and edible plants from an ecological and ecocultural perspective. This meeting occurs together with the Eugene Natural History Society. See <http://eugenenaturalhistorysociety.org/> for updates.

**Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Blachly Mountain Forest**

**Leader: Ed Alverson**

Blachly Mountain Forest is a close-in old growth forest located along Highway 36 on the Coast Range Divide between Cheshire and Triangle Lake. The old route of Highway 36 is closed and makes for a nice walking route through the lush forest with a good variety of typical lowland forest plants. Our route will cover around three miles roundtrip with about 350 feet of elevation gain. If there is time and interest, we can also stop at the nearby Alderwood Wayside on the way back to Eugene. Meet at South Eugene High (corner of 19th and Patterson) at 9:00 am. Bring water, lunch, sturdy footwear, and rain gear as needed. Sign up [here](#).

## **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>.

**Saturday, April 11, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Event: Botany Arts and Crafts**

**Presenter: Taylor Crawford**

**Location: 70 SW Century Dr, Bend, OR 97702**

Join the High Desert Chapter in creating floral candles and clay candle holders. There will be a ticket charge to participate (\$20 + fees).

**Friday, April 17, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Event: Spring Social**

**Location: 63405 Deschutes Market Rd, Bend, OR 97701**

Join the High Desert Chapter for our annual Spring Social! Learn about what the High Desert Chapter does, membership benefits, and receive 10% off at WinterCreek Nursery if you are a chapter member. High Desert Chapter merchandise will be for sale.

Snacks and refreshments provided, come mingle and meet other native plant lovers!

**Tuesday, April 21, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Event: Chapter Meeting: Got Juniper? Western Juniper Ecology and Management**

**Presenter: Jenna Deibel**

**Location: To Be Determined**

This presentation will explain why western juniper has expanded so dramatically across the landscape, covering its ecology, biology, and the key factors driving its spread. The talk will distinguish old-growth juniper from its younger counterparts, explain juniper-water relationships, and highlight what realistic rangeland restoration looks like in Central Oregon. It will also touch on wildlife values, potential products, and practical management considerations to help land stewards make informed decisions.

For updated information consult the chapter calendar at:

<http://www.highdesertnpsoregon.org/calendar1.html> or email [hdceventscoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:hdceventscoordinator@gmail.com) with questions.

**Friday, April 24, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Event: Ancient Juniper Hike and Old-Growth Forest Network Dedication Celebration**

**Leader/Presenter: Mara Huang, Ashley Martens, Gena Goodman-Campbell**

**Location: 43.95779, -121.05192**

Join the High Desert Chapter and the Old-Growth Forest Network for a celebration of the ancient woodlands protected in the Oregon Badlands BLM Wilderness. We'll start with a few short remarks from the hosts followed by a guided nature walk along the Ancient Juniper Trail to highlight the remarkable features of this landscape. Meet at the Flatiron Rock Trailhead. [RSVP Here!](#)

**Sunday, April 26, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Event: City Nature Challenge - Plant and Beaver BioBlitz at Tetherow Crossing Park**

**Leader/Presenter: Mara Huang, Maureen Thompson**

**Location: 5810 NW Tetherow Rd, Redmond, OR 97756**

Join Beaver Works Oregon and Mara Huang of NPSO to explore the natural history and identification of wetland plants and beaver signs! This BioBlitz will involve instructor-led group identification with iNaturalist, self-guided practice, and discussion. If you have muck boots, you may want to wear them. Participants will become familiar with the power of community science and leave with an understanding of how the plants and evidence of animal habitat use can tell a story about ecosystem health. Meet at Tetherow Crossing Park in Redmond at 9:00 am.

If you are new to iNaturalist, [check out this tutorial!](#)

[RSVP to reserve your spot.](#)

## **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](#).

We are continuing work on revisions to the local plant guide, *Common Plants of the Klamath Basin*. We expect work on this updated version to continue into 2027. Updates will incorporate taxonomic changes reflected in the *Flora of Oregon* by the Oregon Flora project.

Chapter Treasurer Dan Hawkes, a former five-year staff member of the Klamath County Museum, helped connect the museum with Southern Oregon University's (SOU) Biology Department in 2025. At the time, the museum held roughly half of the Russell Pengelly Herbarium, with the remainder at SOU; the museum has since transferred its portion to unite the collection. Dan also discovered field notes and an early draft of *A List of the Wild Flowers of Klamath County, Oregon* by Margaret Knowles Small, who happened to be the only one to collect *Calochortus luteus* in 1939 (per the *OregonFlora Calochortus* page). He is scanning and enhancing these materials for submission to the Oregon State University Herbarium and *OregonFlora*. Additionally, Dan found two collection journals and a field sketchbook by Elmer Applegate, dating to the 1890s and covering California and Oregon. These materials will also be digitized and shared, with the museum director's approval.

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 helped throughout the year to complete necessary weed abatement and maintenance to the existing plant beds. Typically, we meet alternating Sundays from 9:00 -11:00 am between April-August.

Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at the Klamath County Museum.

Our 2026 schedule of walks and activities is drafted and is expected to be updated as necessary (please refer to our website). Presentations are held at the Meeting Room at the back of the Klamath County Museum (1451 Main St.).

**Saturday, May 16, 9:00 am**

**Event: Annual Native Plant Sale**

Our annual native plant sale has been promoted on our website, Facebook, our email distribution list, the local newspaper, and radio in partnership with the Klamath County Museum. The goal is to provide the local community with a variety of native species suitable for the Klamath Basin. The Chapter sold approximately 1,350 plants in 2025. This year's sale features sixty-seven species, approximately 1,500 plants, with 80% propagated in Klamath Falls in partnership with the Klamath County Master Gardeners. The rest will be sourced from Winter Creek Restoration and Nursery in Bend. Seed sowing and transplanting began in January and continues to date for a select number of native plants. This event includes a variety of native flowering plants and shrubs in 3.5" and 1-gallon pots. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the native plant sale. Email [klamathbasinnpso@gmail.com](mailto:klamathbasinnpso@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

**Late May-early June**

**Leader: Sarah Malaby, retired U.S. Forest Service botanist**

Sarah will lead a field trip to explore the native flora along the Moore Park trails, one of the Klamath Falls city parks.

**Early July**

**Leader: Sarah Malaby, retired U.S. Forest Service botanist**

Sarah will lead a field trip to experience the botanical diversity within Miller Island Wildlife Refuge just south of Klamath Falls.

**Late July**

**Leader: Dan Hawkes, retired U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Officer**

Dan will lead a field trip to share the beauty offered at Little Shasta Meadow Botanical Area in nearby northern Siskiyou County, California.

## Early August

**Leader: Kerry Johnston, Bureau of Land Management botanist**

Kerry will lead a field trip to either Yainax Butte or the Klamath River Canyon both of which are Areas of Critical Environmental Concern within Bureau of Land Management lands.

## Portland

*Welcome to Spring in the Pacific Northwest, from the Coast to the Gorge, the Portland Chapter is bursting with ways to get outside as we celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Month.*

**PDX Chapter Upcoming Programs: Second Thursday of every month**

**Thursday, April 9, 7:00 pm**

**April Program: Plant Identification for Non-Botanists with Rebecca Lexa**

Rebecca Lexa is the author of *The Everyday Naturalist*, an environmental educator, and an Oregon naturalist.

The Talk: No botany degree? No problem! Join master naturalist and author of *The Everyday Naturalist*, Rebecca Lexa, as she shares beginner-friendly tools and skills for identifying plants wherever you may be. This is a casual identification class, so technical terms will be at a minimum, and you'll also learn some resources for further exploration.

The Walk: There will be a follow up outing later in April to practice what you have learned during Rebecca's presentation. Check the calendar listed under "General Information about NPSO PDX."

Zoom Registration Link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Uq2QrQ0FSeWaGoE\\_PNX2rw](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Uq2QrQ0FSeWaGoE_PNX2rw)

**Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Training: Oregon Rare Species Spotters**

Spring training for Oregon Rare Species Spotters for any new and returning volunteers. At the training, we will have an overview of the Oregon Rare Species Spotters program, teach some methods for rare species population monitoring, and get hands on experience collecting data with the Survey123 system. Heads up - this year we have a [new Survey123 link](#), and the 2025 version will be discontinued. If you are interested in participating in spring training, please email Nora Dunkirk to RSVP before spots book up! [ndunkirk@pdx.edu](mailto:ndunkirk@pdx.edu).

**NPSOPDX26 iNaturalist News:**

## April Fools appreciate native plants, Canemah Bluff, Oregon City.

Join us: on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:00 pm for one of the kick off events for Native Plant Appreciation Month, at the very special oak and vernal pools habitat at Canemah Bluff Nature Park just south of Oregon City, OR. [Canemah Bluff Nature Park | Metro](#). This easy 1-2-mile hike will take us across the basalt bluffs and into the woods, looking for ephemeral signs of spring, from prairie to woodland and forest. Please register using our [Canemah Google Form](#). Sign up, too, for the iNaturalist: [NPSOPDX26 April NPAM BioBlitz](#) ahead of time, so your timely photos and observations can be added to our database and compared with years' past. [Collective NPAM projects](#).

## General Information about NPSO PDX (Portland Chapter)

Welcome new NPSO PDX Members of the Portland chapter. Watch for two email newsletters a month, one from the State Native Plant Society of Oregon (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. If you have any questions, please email your PDX Board at [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com). Check our Member Only [NPSO PDX PUBLIC EVENTS Calendar](#) for up-to-date information about registering for upcoming field trips, programs, and other events.

<https://www.instagram.com/npsopdx/>

### More Information:

- You'll also find our monthly programs and additional field trips posted on our Meetup page at [Native Plant Society of Oregon - Portland Chapter | Meetup](#).
- Our Facebook page is regularly updated with current wildflower bloom status and photos at [Native Plant Society of Oregon-Portland Chapter](#).
- **Our monthly programs are now virtual.** Members will find links to register for our second Thursday Zoom presentations in each issue of the state *Bulletin* and *The Calochortus*.
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/npsopdx/>
- Visit our chapter website at [NPSO Portland Chapter website](#) for archived newsletters, program recordings, and merchandise in our shop.

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/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>

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

**Presentation: I Sing to the Earth and She Sings Back**

**Presenter: Kat Anderson**

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

In this talk, I will discuss my personal journey along different pathways to cultivate a deep sense of belonging to nature. These stories are based upon real-life encounters with animals and plants, but also from what I've learned from native elders, research on indigenous cultures of the world, and my attempts to learn more about my own heritage. As an individual in a society shaped by alienation from nature, I describe incidents of successful healing of that alienation. I explore bringing back the full spectrum of our humanity in relating to the earth - as students, singers, saunterers, gatherers, stewards, dancers, and kin. In deepening our connections with nature, in return we might be given instructions, messages, lessons, gifts, and synchronicities. In other words, nature sometimes responds by helping us gather knowledge about the earth and our place in it through other means than what we call "science." These roles restore our humanness through developing our capacity for feeling and empathy for other life forms to the same degree that we have developed our facility of thought, counterbalancing mechanization of our society.

Kat Anderson is a Research Associate in the Department of Plant Sciences, UC Davis, and holds a Ph.D. in wildland resource science from UC Berkeley. She is the author of the book *Tending the Wild: Native American Knowledge and the Management of California's Natural Resources*. Kat has worked with Native Americans for many years, learning how indigenous people judiciously gather and steward native plants and ecosystems in the wild. In more recent years Kat is focusing on restoring our relationship to the earth through learning direct lessons from the land.

**Friday, May 1, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Spring Wildflowers of the Cathedral Hills**

**Leaders: Doranne Long and Bureau of Land Management Botanist, Paul Cianciolo**

**Location: Sky Crest Trailhead at Cathedral Hills Park, Grants Pass Trip**

Join Doranne Long and Paul Cianciolo for a wildflower hike in the Cathedral Hills. The group will walk the 0.8-mile Madrone Trail, which is of moderate difficulty. Copies of the *Wildflowers of Cathedral Hills* brochures will be available. Please meet at 1:00 pm at the Sky Crest parking lot, which is the north entrance to Cathedral Hills.

Directions to Sky Crest Trailhead: From Highway 199, take Highway 238 south 0.2 miles. Go left on Harbeck Road for 0.3 miles. Go left on Grandview Avenue for 0.3 mile. Go

right on Sky Way 0.7 mile to trailhead. Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Be aware there is abundant poison-oak and ticks. To register for this free event, go to [Identify Wildflowers of Cathedral Hills](#).

**Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm**

**Presentation: Eight Dollar Mountain: the Place, the Plants, and a Growing Threat**

**Presenter: Kristi Mergenthaler**

**Location: In-person presentation at the Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma, Oregon at 1241 Illinois River Rd. Selma, OR 97538**

Eight Dollar Mountain is an iconic conical mountain in the Illinois Valley and one of the most significant botanical hotspots in Southwest Oregon. Its ultramafic soils, derived from mantle rocks, support an extraordinary concentration of rare, endemic, and state- and federally listed plant species - many of which occur nowhere else on Earth, and some known only from the Illinois Valley. This otherworldly landscape long served as a living laboratory for researchers studying endemism, adaptation, and ecological resilience.

Today, Eight Dollar Mountain faces increasing pressure from renewed nickel mining interests, a growing threat not only to this singular landscape but to serpentine ecosystems throughout Southwest Oregon. Mining activity poses risks to fragile plant communities, hydrology, and long-term ecological integrity. This presentation will explore the botanical significance of Eight Dollar Mountain, serpentine ecology, and the urgent conservation challenges posed by mineral extraction in one of Oregon's most biologically irreplaceable regions. Southern Oregon Land Conservancy and NPSO Siskiyou Chapter are sponsoring this program.

Kristi Mergenthaler is the stewardship director with Southern Oregon Land Conservancy and previously worked as a rare plant botanist. Her conservation passions include rare and endemic plants; serpentine landscapes such as Eight Dollar Mountain; and standing up for underappreciated species and habitats such as oak mistletoe, poison-oak, chaparral, and western rattlesnake.

## **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>.

**Saturday, April 11, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Event: Wildflower Walk**

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

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

NPSO South Coast Chapter has adopted this beautiful, forested area. In addition to

leading wildflower walks here, we also conduct plant surveys and remove invasive plants. This is an easy to moderate 2-mile walk to enjoy the site's beauty.

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

**Meeting: Quarterly membership meeting**

**Leader and Contact: Gail Perrotti, [gperrotti@earthlink.net](mailto:gperrotti@earthlink.net) or 541-414-9777**

**Location: LDS Church, 2000 Jackson St, Port Orford, OR 97465**

Program to be determined. We will hold elections for president and secretary at this meeting.

## **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**

**Wednesday, April 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Camassia Nature Preserve**

**Leader: John Savage**

John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the NPSO will lead a morning walk to view the blooming camas and other wildflowers of the 23-acre Camassia Nature Preserve in West Linn. Bring water and snacks. Registration is required. For more information and to register, email John Savage at [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto:wvnps@gmail.com).

**Thursday, April 23, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Zoom Program: The Invasive Mediterranean Oak Borer: An Emerging Threat to Oregon White Oak**

**Presenter: Allison Monroe**

Allison Monroe, a PhD student at the Oregon State University College of Forestry, will give a presentation on the emerging threat of the Mediterranean Oak Borer. She will

discuss her research on its behavior, ecological impacts, and potential management strategies. Monroe has a background in landscape ecology, entomology, community-based conservation, and traditional ecological knowledge. Registration is required. For more information and to register for this Zoom presentation, email John Savage at [wvnps@gmail.com](mailto:wvnps@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.

## **Native Plant Interest Groups**

### **Filipendula**

For more information, visit our Facebook page: [NPSO-Filipendula Chapter](#)

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