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

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Western pasqueflower, *Anemone occidentalis*, is one of the first plants to emerge after the snow melts in the mountains. Photographed at Big Red Mountain at 6600 feet elevation, Jackson County, Oregon. June 9, 2022. Photo by Ken Berg.

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Native Plant Society of Oregon 2025 Annual Report



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of Oregon's Native Plants and Habitats

From the President:

2025 offered many reasons for optimism. Together, we helped secure lasting recognition of April as Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month, expanded statewide engagement through walks, workshops, survey events, and the Florablitz, and continued to support vital conservation, education, research partnerships, and enjoyment of native plants across Oregon. Our volunteers contributed considerable time and expertise to rare plant monitoring, iNaturalist outreach, and organizational development. We also took important steps to strengthen NPSO itself through strategic planning, handbook revisions, and continued investment in the systems that sustain our mission.

Looking ahead, we will continue building on this momentum by deepening botanical education, strengthening chapter and volunteer support, advancing conservation advocacy, and broadening opportunities for more people to connect with Oregon's native flora. The work before us is important, and it is only possible because of the commitment, generosity, and passion of our volunteers, members, board involvement, and partners throughout the state. Thank you for all you have done this year to help NPSO grow its impact and remain a strong voice for native plants in Oregon.

This year will celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 65th anniversary of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. For sixty-five years, NPSO membership has advanced the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats. This anniversary is an opportunity not only to honor the dedication of those who built and sustained this organization, but also to recognize the strength of the community of volunteers that continues to carry this work forward today. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as President of this wonderful organization for the past 3 years. It has truly been an honor to represent NPSO and the plants! - Steven Yeager, NPSO President

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)

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

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!

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

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

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.



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



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NPSO Year in Review

Legislative Achievements and Initiatives

- Through diligent efforts by our Native Plant Appreciation Month Committee early in the year, Governor Kotek proclaimed April 2025 as Native Plant Appreciation Month. A poster was created for distribution that featured 6 native taxa and the month was celebrated throughout the state with more than 20 walks/hikes, presentations, workshops, stewardship events, and a statewide iNaturalist

Florablitz. The [April Florablitz](#) had nearly 39,000 observations of over 1,700 native (and non-native) plant species by 3,452 observers.

- Through months of effort by our NPSO members, partner organizations, and our Native Plant Appreciation Month Committee and Legislative Committee, Senate Bill 547 was passed by the Oregon Legislature and signed by Governor Kotek as ORS 187.317. The month of April of each year is designated as Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month: [2025 c.368 §1]”. *187.317 Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month.*
- NPSO members and the Legislative Committee partnered with other organizations to lead efforts to sponsor legislative recognition and funding for OregonFlora through House Bill 3173 (HB 3173). NPSO found legislative sponsors, submitted testimony, and encouraged others to do so. 337 testimonies supporting the bill were submitted and oral supportive testimony was also presented. The bill passed unanimously in the House Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Committee but, unfortunately, it died in the Ways and Means Committee when the legislature adjourned, leaving Oregon Flora still in need of stable funding. While much progress was made in getting the Oregon legislature to recognize OregonFlora and its importance, NPSO will continue to work diligently with OregonFlora and our partner organizations in pursuing more permanent funding sources for OregonFlora.

Research, Conservation, and Education Initiatives

- NPSO gave over \$35,000 to our various conservation and education partners including OregonFlora, Institute for Applied Ecology, Citizen’s Rare Plant Watch, McKenzie River Trust, Siskiyou Field Institute, Oregon Natural Desert Association, and Oregon Wild. Funds were provided from NPSO’s General Fund as well as the Rare and Endangered Fund and were for ongoing support and publication of Volume 3 of the Oregon Flora, rare species ex situ conservation efforts, rare species monitoring, rare and other native species seed storage and propagation, and supporting education opportunities.
- In partnership with Citizen’s Rare Plant Watch, NPSO volunteers helped relocate and monitor 41 occurrences across 7 different species of rare plants across Oregon. NPSO’s Siskiyou Chapter volunteers gave over 300 hours of their time to their Adopt-a-Rare-Plant program.
- NPSO’s iNaturalist Committee and members continued their collaboration with OregonFlora, Oregon State Herbarium, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and Oregon Biodiversity Information Center in expanding and improving the iNaturalist

“Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants” project. Many local florablitzes were held at various locations and on NPSO hikes including several at the Annual Meeting in May in Hood River. Several statewide ID-a-thons were also held where members spent time adding identifications to the many iNaturalist observations in need of identification or verification. Finally, a series of iNaturalist journal articles in the “Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants” project focusing on biographies of identifiers has increased overall outreach, engagement, and popularity of the project incredibly.

Organizational Business and Development

- NPSO’s Board of Directors held four meetings throughout the year to conduct regular Board-related business including appropriation of donations and funds, budget approval, Annual Meeting support, review of chapter and committee reports, nomination and approval of various officers and committee chairs/coordinators, etc.
- NSPO Board of Directors officer elections were held in late April. Steven Yeager (Emerald Chapter) was elected as President, Jason Clinch (Portland Chapter) was elected as Vice-President, Seán Cawley (Siskiyou Chapter) was elected as Treasurer, Kim Brown (Portland Chapter) was elected as Secretary, and Judi Sanders (Corvallis Chapter), Rachel Werling (Siskiyou Chapter), and Catherine Alexander (Willamette Valley Chapter) were elected as Directors-at-Large.
- NPSO’s Finance and Governance Committee completed major revisions to the [NPSO Handbook](#) that included revising descriptions of State Board Director and Officer positions and their respective duties, updating committee descriptions and committee chair duties, revising/updating various administrative procedures (maintaining non-profit status, hosting State Board meetings, hosting Annual Meetings, hosting field trips, etc.). Handbook revisions are an ongoing task as new (and old) duties and/or obligations are identified and associated procedures developed and written. Ideally, the NPSO Handbook serves as a how-to guide for the day-to-day operations of the organization and is a critical element to sustaining the long-term functionality of our organization.
- NPSO’s Finance and Governance Committee began work on updating the [NPSO Bylaws](#) in the latter part of the year which included multiple work sessions and meetings and advice from a lawyer with experience in non-profit law. The intent of the update is to ensure that NPSO Bylaws are consistent with State and Federal laws governing 501(c)(3) non-profits, provide language clarity and consistency, and

remove and/or refine obsolete language and/or provisions no longer relevant to the organization.

- NPSO held a three-day Strategic Planning meeting in October at the Siskiyou Field Institute in Selma, Oregon. The meeting brought fourteen Board Members together, including several Chapter Presidents and Committee leaders, for the purpose of identifying goals that will strengthen NPSO's long-term sustainability, support volunteer capacity, and clarify the organization's conservation role into the future. Priority goals identified include: increasing botanical education; developing gardening education initiatives; improving board mentorship; enhancing inclusivity efforts; and strengthening volunteer-driven rare plant monitoring.
- NPSO retained Rachel Werling (Siskiyou Chapter) as a contractor for development services through 2025. Rachel has brought immeasurable talent, leadership, and organization to NPSO through her efforts in organizing and leading multiple meetings around organizational development topics as well as leading the Strategic Planning meeting efforts in October.

Events and Activities

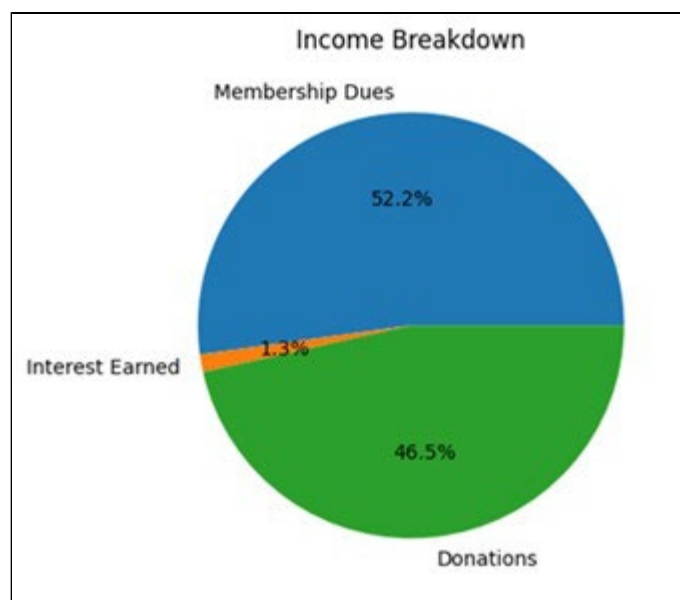
- NPSO's 2025 Annual Meeting was held May 16-18 in Hood River and hosted by the Portland Chapter. More than 130 people attended the meeting which included hikes throughout the fabulous Columbia River Gorge (and beyond), keynote speakers from Friends of the Columbia Gorge on their efforts to protect the Scenic Area, a Gorge specific rare/endemic plant presentation from NPSO Fellow, Paul Slichter, spotlight presentations on several lifelong "Champions" of the Gorge, along with banquet meals, socials, and general camaraderie. NPSO sponsored three student stipends to college graduate and/or undergraduate students to cover their attendance costs.
- NPSO's 11 chapters across the state held 30+ stewardship events involving native plant restoration, weed pulling, and gardening events, held 62+ programs in-person and/or online on a variety of topics related to native plants and their habitats and/or ecology, and led 84+ hikes and walks to view and educate participants on native plants.

Financial Summary

Income Overview

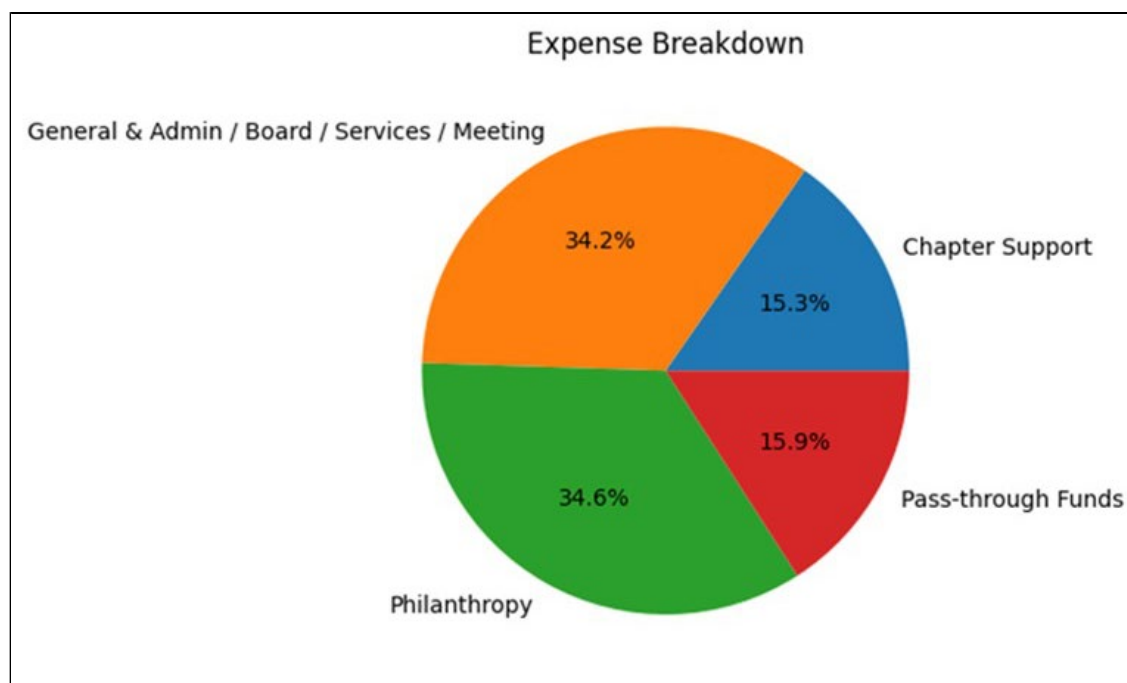
The NPSO is a volunteer-run organization, operating on a small budget to accomplish the many outreaches of the NPSO, and also supports numerous programs between the State

and Chapters work. The membership dues support of \$47,724, interest earned of \$1,227, and donations for the year of \$42,501 totaled \$91,452, which was used to further the NPSO's objectives for the year.



Expense Overview

The NPSO returned \$16,605, or 35% of the dues to the Chapters around the State for local programming. General and Administrative costs, Board expenses, Contracted Services and Annual Meeting expenses equaled \$37,042. Philanthropy from general funds and capital accounts totaled \$37,501, and funds sent to the NPSO to pass-through to the intended recipient organizations equaled \$17,229.



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- Find us on Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/native_plant_society_of_oregon/

Native Plant Appreciation Month!





Hemzella brevicaulis
var. *loevicaulis*
Smoothstem Blazingstar
07/24



Calochortus persistens
Siskiyou Mariposa Lily &
Diplocacis jepsonii
Jepson's Monkeyflower
by Becky Nankivell
Bald Mountain 07/24



Calochortus tolmiei
Tolmie's Cat's Ear
by Maxine Cass
Upper Table Rock 04/24

Background Photo:
Bolanderia oregonia
Oregon Bolanderia
by Nathan Miller
Eagle creek, Trail 05/24

April 2025

Learn more about Oregon's native plants!

- Join your local Native Plant Society
- Attend a program or workshop
- Visit a native plant nursery or garden
- Volunteer for a restoration project
- Hike a natural area
- Add native plants to your landscape
- Purchase a native plant gardening or guide book
- Join our florablitz on iNaturalist
- Visit Oregon Flora <https://oregonflora.org>



Lasthenia californica
Slender Goldfields
by Nathan Miller
Table Rock 03/24





Thank you for supporting Oregon's native flora!

A pdf of the NPSO 2025 Annual Report can be found at: https://www.npsoregon.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/Native-Plant-Society-of-Oregon-2025-AnnualReport_red.pdf.

OregonFlora

OregonFlora has been a resource about the plants of Oregon for thirty-one years, and we are honored to have earned the public's trust as a reliable and accurate source of plant diversity information. Our website gives you access to the details of literally millions of plant occurrences, whether from herbarium specimens, species lists, or field photos. We also share species descriptions from the *Flora of Oregon* books and provide interactive mapping and plant identification tools. There are resources focused on gardening or rare species to help you expand your knowledge and appreciation of Oregon's native plants.



Because we do not put our website behind a paywall or insist upon a subscription to use oregonflora.org, we ask those who find our information useful to help us continue providing it. Your financial support lets us keep scientific knowledge freely accessible to the public. Our program relies on competitive grants and donations from individuals and groups to fund all of OregonFlora's direct operating expenses. The contributions people give of their time and financial resources are a critical part of our budget. If you would like to be a part of the team that keeps OregonFlora progressing, please contact us at ofpflora@oregonflora.org.

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





The two photos above of tough-leaf iris (*Iris tenax*) were taken by Kimberly St. Hilaire at her property on May 8, 2026. The top photo is a close-up with a pollinator. The bottom photo shows tough-leaf iris on a hillside dominated by white oak and Pacific dogwood.

Kimberly shared that the hillside was once covered with Scotch broom and periodic removal of the non-natives allows the iris to thrive.





The five photos above were taken by Don Jacobson at Oxbow Regional Park on April 3, 2026. First row, left to right: *Cardamine* sp. and *Trillium* sp. Second row: snow queen (*Veronica regina-nivalis*, synonym: *Synthyris reniformis*); Third row left to right: coltsfoot (*Petasites frigidus*) and Oregon woodsorrel (*Oxalis oregana*).



Western peony (*Paeonia brownii*) supported by a ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) cone.

This photo was taken on May 9, 2026, by Marina Longden during a joint NPSO and Washington Native Plant Society field trip to Conboy Lake Wildlife Refuge in Klickitat County, Washington near Mount Adams.

Oregon Mystery Plant

Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

Congratulations to Kaitlin Andersen, Tom Pratum, Debbie Roberts, and Mike Splain for identifying last month's Mystery Plant as *Oemleria cerasiformis*, commonly known as osoberry. This taxon will be assessed for treatment in Volume 3 of *Flora of Oregon*. According to *Flora of the Pacific Northwest, Second Edition*, this deciduous shrub is found on stream banks and moist to dry woodlands. It ranges from British Columbia to California from the coast to the west slope of the Cascade Mountains.

The *Oregon Flora* website includes a garden fact sheet for osoberry which points out that the shrub is one of springs early bloomers and provides an early nectar source for hummingbirds and bees. The fact sheet can be accessed [here](#).



Osoberry. Photo by Kimberly St. Hilaire.

New Mystery Plant
Do you recognize this plant?



This pinkish-brown plant was photographed by Marina Longden at Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Klickitat County, Washington on May 9, 2026. 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.

Key NPSO Committee Positions Open

The NPSO state board is seeking individuals to serve as chairperson for the Membership, Legislative, iNaturalist, and Publications 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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The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Eriogonum Society will be held in Selma, Oregon on July 9- 12. Find more information and register [here](#).

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The workshop "Know your Grasses, 2026" instructed by Clayton Antieau, will take place June 10-12 in Seattle. The workshop focuses on both native and naturalized grasses, with an emphasis on the field identification of genera and species commonly observed in habitats of the maritime Pacific Northwest. Register at: [Workshop: Know your Grasses 2026](#).

Chapter Notes

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

Cheahmill

For questions, or to be added to the Cheahmill Chapter's email list for reminders of upcoming programs and events, please contact the Cheahmill Chapter President at ch_president@NPSOregon.org.

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

Saturday, June 6, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Field Trip: Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve
Leader: Jordan Anderson

Learn about native prairie and wetland restoration at Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve with Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Projects Manager, Jordan Anderson.

Walk the restored wetlands and native prairies, enjoy the abundance of wildflowers and wildlife, and learn about the history of the property. This large-scale restoration project, which began in 2021, is a multi-year effort to convert 90 acres of previous hayfield into a wildlife haven. The field trip will focus on wildflower identification to assist Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District in understanding what species are thriving. No prior plant ID knowledge is required.

Please be aware that this property is relatively remote and undeveloped. There are no restroom facilities on site. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate shoes, and bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

This property in Yamhill County is managed for sensitive native plants and wildlife. It is not normally open to the public. The address will be provided to registered participants via email a few days before the event. Registration is free but required. Register at the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/npsO-field-trip-muddy-valley-habitat-reserve-tickets-1989247164819?aff=oddtcreator>

Corvallis

For questions, information on upcoming events, or to be on the Corvallis Chapter email list, contact co_president@NPSOregon.org. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO](https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisNPSO).

Sunday, June 7, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Field Trip: Mary's Peak

Leaders: Esther McEvoy and Phil Hays

We will hike from the campground to the peak and back. We will see twayblade orchids, *Penstemon cardwellii*, *Lomatium martindalei*, *Allium crenulatum*, *Phlox diffusa*, *Lilium columbianum*, and many more. Dress for hiking, bring lunch and rain gear.

Meet for carpooling at 9:00 am at the Oregon State University, Wilkinson Hall parking lot (44.5692746, -123.2810976) southwest of Java Crew Coffee at 26th and Monroe. The entrance to the parking lot is on 27th Street south of NW Jackson Ave. No dogs please. For more information contact Esther at: esthermcevoy975@gmail.com.

Saturday, June 20, 8:00 am - late afternoon

Field Trip: Iron Mountain and Cone Peak

Leaders: Joyce Eberhart and Alex Kurowski

We will hike the Iron Mountain-Cone Peak loop, identifying wildflowers in this botanical hotspot. Over 200 species of vascular plants have been recorded across this botanically rich trail west of Santiam Pass. *Wildflowers of the Western Cascades* (Ross and Chambers, 1988) focuses on the flora of this area. A delightful post about the area by Tanya Harvey can be read here: <https://westerncascades.com/2019/06/18/a-rainbow-of-colors-at-cone-peak-and-iron-mountain/>. Tanya's plant list is here: <https://westerncascades.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Iron-Mountain-Cone-Peak-plant-list.pdf>.

The loop is about five miles through moderately difficult terrain and will take all day since we will walk slowly looking at so many flowers. There is about a 1,000-foot elevation gain, mostly in the first one-third of the hike. Bring a lunch and water, dress for the weather, and wear sturdy shoes (there may still be snow drifts).

Meet for carpooling at 8:00 am at the Oregon State University, Wilkinson Hall parking lot (44.5692746, -123.2810976) southwest of Java Crew Coffee at 26th and Monroe. The entrance to the parking lot is on 27th Street south of NW Jackson Ave. For more information, contact Alex: alexandriadckr@gmail.com. Please leave furry friends at home.

Sunday, June 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Event: Work Party at the Avery Native Plant Garden

Leader: Esther McEvoy

Location: Avery House Nature Center, Avery Park, Corvallis

Come prepared to weed and do some summer cleaning in the gardens. Bring pruners, trowel, bucket, and gloves. Bring a snack to share. Contact Esther to RSVP and for more information at esthermcevoy975@gmail.com.

Emerald

For questions or to be added to the Emerald Chapter email list, email us at: 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.npsoregon/>. Follow our Instagram page at: https://www.instagram.com/emerald_chapter_npsoregon/. To view our YouTube channel, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2piFmgIQTMhKR8H8iobTw>

Friday, June 5, 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Field Trip: Lily Lake Trail

Leaders: Bob Hladky and Armand Rebishke

Join Armand Rebishke, Siuslaw National Forest Botanist/Ecologist, and Bob Hladky, Emerald Chapter Secretary and former Siuslaw National Forest botanist, on a walk around Lily Lake, north of Florence. We will meet at 10:00 am at Lowe's in west Eugene near the tall trees to carpool or at Baker Beach Campground at 11:30 for a picnic lunch. After lunch, we'll walk the loop trail and venture off trail to see several rare plants including *Lycopodium inundatum* (bog clubmoss) and *Vaccinium oxycoccos* (swamp cranberry) in a boggy wetland and *Schoenoplectus californicus* (California bullrush) near the junction of the stream and the lake.

Bring a lunch, water, and rubber boots for the bog unless you are comfortable walking in wet boots! Sign up [here](#)

Tuesday, June 9, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Volunteer Outreach: Assist with native plant nursery tasks

Leader: Michelle Osgood

Location: Dorena Genetic Resource Center, 34963 Shoreview Drive, Cottage Grove

Dorena Genetic Resource Center is seeking volunteers to join us on the second Tuesday of each month to help with various nursery tasks, including transplanting, pruning, thinning, spacing, fertilizing, and weeding. Come and join us for a fun day of plant care! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44A8AA2FA4F4C34-50446437-dorena>

Tuesday, June 23, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Field Trip: Botanizing and Birding at Bohemia and Fairview

Leaders: Bruce Waugh and Nola Nelson

Join us for a trip to the top of the Calapooia Divide, coming from the Cottage Grove side. Since this is a transition zone, we'll look for species on the northern end of their range like Nuttall's linanthus and Siskiyou false hellebore as well as four different species of stonecrop, Washington lilies, ghost orchids, and other myco-heterotrophs. On the bird front, we'll look and listen for varied thrushes and hermit thrushes. We'll make several stops on our way to the top, visiting a variety of habitat types.

Bring lunch, water, hiking boots, and sunscreen. Meet at South Eugene High School at 8:30 am or Row River Nature Park in Cottage Grove at 9:00 am to carpool. Sign up [here](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

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

Location: Grassy area in front of Amazon Community Center

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

Event: Self-guided tour of Laurelwood Bog

Location: 2766 Agate Street, Eugene

Hugh Prichard and his grandsons have planted over 120 natives spanning the past 17 years in this native plant garden that covers over a half-acre. Most of these plants are thriving. The garden is thought to be one of the largest in Eugene. Hugh invites you to visit and take a self-guided tour. Access is easy. Drive south on Agate which dead ends at the entrance to the bog. It is open all daylight hours.

High Desert

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

Saturday, June 6, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Field Trip: Big Summit Prairie Field Trip

Leader: Jennifer Curtis

Location: Prineville Bureau of Land Management District Office, 3160 NE 3rd St., Prineville, OR 97754

This trip is perfect for anyone who is unable to traverse difficult terrain or has difficulty walking longer distances. We will drive between plant sites, park, and explore!

[RSVP here!](#)

Tuesday, June 16, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Event: June Chapter Meeting

Presenter: To be determined

Location: To be determined

For further details on this meeting visit the NPSO High Desert Chapter calendar under "Events" at <http://npsohdc.org/>.

Saturday, June 27, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Event: Wildflower and Pollinator Show

Location: Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory, 57245 River Rd., Sunriver, OR 97707

Join us in celebrating native wildflowers and pollinators at this show! NPSO members will receive a discount for attending; please email president@npsohdc.org to receive a discount code.

Klamath Basin

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

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.).

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

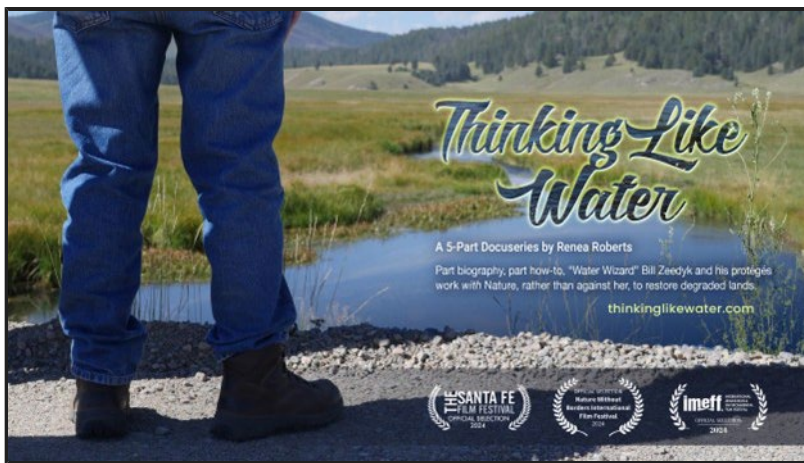
Exploring our blooming habitats, and the creatures that live there, at home or afar, from the Coast to the Gorge, the Portland Chapter (PDX) is bursting with ways to get outside as we celebrate growth and beauty together.

PDX Chapter Upcoming Programs: Second Thursday of every month. Watch for associated in-person events each month.

Sunday, June 7, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Special Event: PDX Conservation/Stewardship Filmscreening

Location: in person: Portland State University - 5th Avenue Cinemas



Join the Portland Chapter of NPSO and Portland State University's Plant Science Club at a live screening of one of the episodes from the documentary: [Thinking Like Water](#). Thinking Like Water is a five-part series that focuses on the inspiration and work of Bill Zeedyk, forester and water wizard. The episode that we will be airing is "All About a Bird: 1000 Acts of Restoration." This episode illustrates the collaborative power of people working together to repair the environment and promote native plant ecosystems, which in turn support life in all its forms.

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

June Program: [Gardening With Natives: The Oregon Flora Way](#)

Presenter: Jeanne Standley, South Coast Chapter Board Member

Jeanne Standley will share her love of gardening with natives and her experience using the [Oregon Flora: Garden with Natives](#) interactive website. Join Jeanne as she deftly shows you how to find the right plants for your various garden ecosystems. Check out the South Coast Chapter calendar for information on their open garden tour in June.

Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Event: Environmental Professionals Social Evening

Location: Allgood Brewing and Farmhouse Carts, 2415 SE 35th Pl, Portland, OR 97214

The Portland Chapter is hosting a social hour/casual networking event for environmental professionals. Everyone is welcome: retirees, seasoned professionals, early-mid career folks, recent graduates, and those looking to switch to the environmental field. We will provide light ice breaker activities to facilitate connections between our members and help create mentorship opportunities. Space is limited to thirty-five people. To reserve your spot, please register at Meetup:

<https://www.meetup.com/npsso-portland/events/314773403/>

The event will be held inside Allgood Brewing. Tables will be reserved for our group. You are welcome to bring in food from the food trucks located outside.

NPSOPDX26 iNaturalist News:

Here is the link for our [NPSOPDX26 June Blooms & Pollinators](#) Bioblitz. We have added insects, etc. to our native plant categories, so please tag your pollinators. Watch for other NPSOPDX26 annual Bioblitz this summer. **June-July-August:** [NPSOPDX26 FIREBLITZ and Regrowth BioBlitz](#). As we have done for the past few summers since the Fall of 2020, and since we have had access to the burned areas resulting from the Riverside Fire and Beachie Creek Fires, we are focusing on which plants, insects, and birds survived the fires and are reviving these treasured old growth areas. Unfortunately, we added to the list in 2025 with the Microwave Tower, Rowena Plateau, and Bourdain fires.

If you are new to iNaturalist or just want to learn more about how to put some of the many iNaturalist features to work, download the app and get started with some of the [Getting started articles](#) and [videos tutorials](#).

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. 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*. Previous recordings can be found on our [Native Plant Society of Oregon - Portland Chapter YouTube channel](#).
- Instagram - linktr.ee/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

To join our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/SiskiyouChapterNativePlantSocietyOfOregon>.

Saturday, June 13, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Boccard Point

Leader: Al Collinet

Meeting Location: CVS Pharmacy, 2341 Ashland St., Ashland, OR

Please register in advance by contacting siskiyoplants@gmail.com.

Thursday, June 18, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Chapter Program Presentation: Nature's Best Hope

Presenter: Doug Tallamy

Location: Zoom only. SCNPSO is sponsoring this talk with the Oregon State University Land Steward Program.

Recent headlines about global insect declines, the impending extinction of one million species worldwide, and three billion fewer birds in North America are a bleak reality check about how ineffective our current landscape designs have been at sustaining the plants and animals that sustain us. Such losses are not an option if we wish to continue our current standard of living on planet Earth. The good news is that none of this is inevitable. Doug Tallamy will discuss simple steps that each of us can, and must, take to reverse declining biodiversity on our own properties, and he will explain why we, ourselves, are nature's best hope.

The class fee is \$15 per person or sliding scale. The cost helps support the Land Steward Program. Registrants will receive a link to the Zoom recording after the class. For more details and registration see: <https://beav.es/UcY>.

Doug Tallamy is the T. A. Baker Professor of Agriculture in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 118 research publications and has taught insect-related courses for forty-five years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities.

Doug's books include *Bringing Nature Home*, *The Living Landscape* (co-authored with Rick Darke), *Nature's Best Hope* (a New York Times best seller), *The Nature of Oaks* (winner of the American Horticultural Society's 2022 book award), and his latest book, *How Can I Help*.

In 2021, Doug cofounded Homegrown National Park with Michelle Alfandari (HomegrownNationalPark.org). His awards include recognition from The Garden Writer's Association, Audubon, The National Wildlife Federation, Allegheny College, Ecoforesters, The Garden Club of America, The Herb Society, and The American Horticultural Association.

Saturday, June 20, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Field Trip: Grizzly Peak Trail

Leader: Al Collinet

Meeting Location: CVS Pharmacy, 2341 Ashland St. Ashland, OR at 9:00 am.

Grizzly Peak Loop Trail is 4.7 miles with 921 feet elevation gain. There are about 300 taxa along the trail and on the plateau. Since this is the peak flowering time, we will have many opportunities to observe plant life. The trip includes a quick stop to visit a small grove of foothill pines.

Please register in advance by contacting siskiyouplants@gmail.com

South Coast

The South Coast Chapter covers Curry and Coos counties. Guests or members of other chapters are welcome at our events. To join our mailing list, please contact secretary.NPSO.southcoast@gmail.com.

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

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Field trip: BioBlitz at Raven Ridge, Gold Beach (Host: Wild Rivers Land Trust)

Location: Location provided after signing up

Participants will use iNaturalist to record plants and wildlife on Wild Rivers Land Trust's recent acquisition. Budding and experienced naturalists welcome.

To sign up, contact (NPSO South Coast Chapter) Jeanne Standley at (541) 294-2113 or Bree@wildriverslandtrust.org.

Saturday, June 13, 1:00 pm -5:00 pm

Garden Tour: NPSO South Coast Chapter Native Plant Garden Tour

Location: This year the gardens are located between Langlois and Port Orford.

Tickets are \$10 tickets and available at <https://npsoscc.square.site/> This tour is self-guided. For information, email Maggie Daly at marguerite.L.daly@gmail.com

The garden tour includes:

- **A Perfect Pocket Garden**

This small garden was installed by volunteers at a Langlois Public Library program in 2021 and has been recently updated with additional native plants. Designed by Darcy Grahek, it is a perfect example of how to start small if you're just dipping your toes into the native plant world. Darcy will be in attendance from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

- **Lots of Plants in a Coastal Garden**

This nearly one-acre lot sits just above wetland level and within sight of the ocean on a clear day. The garden began twenty-seven years ago on a lawn with two trees, a clump of calla lilies, and native forest on the periphery. Older ornamental plantings now share space with more recently added natives, including in a pollinator garden.

- **Native Treasures Revealed**

After spending several years clearing up their property, the landowners began to create a nature garden near their house. To their great delight, a thorough weeding revealed many native plants and allowed them to thrive. Highlights include bittercress, Pacific sanicle, self-heal, seep monkey flower, and silk tassel.

- **At the Foot of a Slope**

This 2+ acre property backs up to a wetland at the bottom of a forested slope. An ephemeral stream emerges through wild ginger and wood sorrel into a small, open meadow before flowing into the Elk River. Removal of blackberry and ivy has revealed Irises, false Solomon's seal, and bleeding hearts among many others.

- **Go on a Scavenger Hunt**

Native plants are sprinkled throughout this lovely residential garden. After moving in about eight years ago, the owner moved plants from another property in Port Orford to attract bees and butterflies.

Umpqua Valley

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

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

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

Willamette Valley

Thursday, June 4, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Field Trip: Restored Upland/Wetland Prairie and Oak Savanna Tour

Leader: Lynda Boyer

Lynda Boyer, restoration biologist and native seed manager for Heritage Seedlings, will lead a tour of one of their farms just south of Salem with 200 acres of habitat restored to its former savanna glory. There will be multiple stops to discuss a variety of restoration techniques to prepare the site for native seed and plants and to remove invasive species. We will look at areas twenty years after seeding and planting and discuss follow-up management to help the restored plant community thrive. Each fall Heritage Seedlings continue to add diversity with new plantings. The restored areas of the farm are now under a permanent Conservation Easement with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Bring your camera, field guide, binoculars, and lunch. There are outhouses at the start and $\frac{3}{4}$ through the tour. RSVP to lboyer@heritageseedlings.com.

Directions to Jefferson Farm - Main Gate (follow the tour signs from there)

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//44.7868081,-123.0312617/@44.7862827,-123.030854,500m/data=!3m1!1e3>

11782 Jefferson Hwy/99E SE (also known as Highway 164), Jefferson, OR 97352

I-5 North or South

Take exit #244 (N. Jefferson)

Head south on Jefferson Road

Go about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to green farm gate on left (flagged)

Farm gate is just before mp1 and if you see Steiwer Lane on the left you have gone too far

Follow the signs for parking

Sunday, June 21, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Field Trip: Iron Mountain

Leader: John Savage

Enjoy one of the best wildflower hikes in Oregon. Iron Mountain features more than 300 different species of flowers amid stands of trees and meadows. John Savage of the Willamette Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon will lead the all-day hike over a six-mile loop with more than a 1,000-foot elevation gain. Bring water, snacks, lunch, and appropriate foot gear and clothing. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register and for more information, please contact John Savage at wvnpsogmail.com.

William Cusick

Chapter notices and communications are done primarily through a Google group. For more information or to be added to the Google group, please contact Susan Geer at 541-963-0477 or susanmgeer@gmail.com. Our website is not currently functional.

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## **Native Plant Interest Groups**

### **Filipendula**

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

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