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Alpine willow. (*Salix petrophila*). Little Blitzen River, Harney County, Oregon. August 3, 2005. Photo by Bruce C. Newhouse, Courtesy of Oregon Flora.

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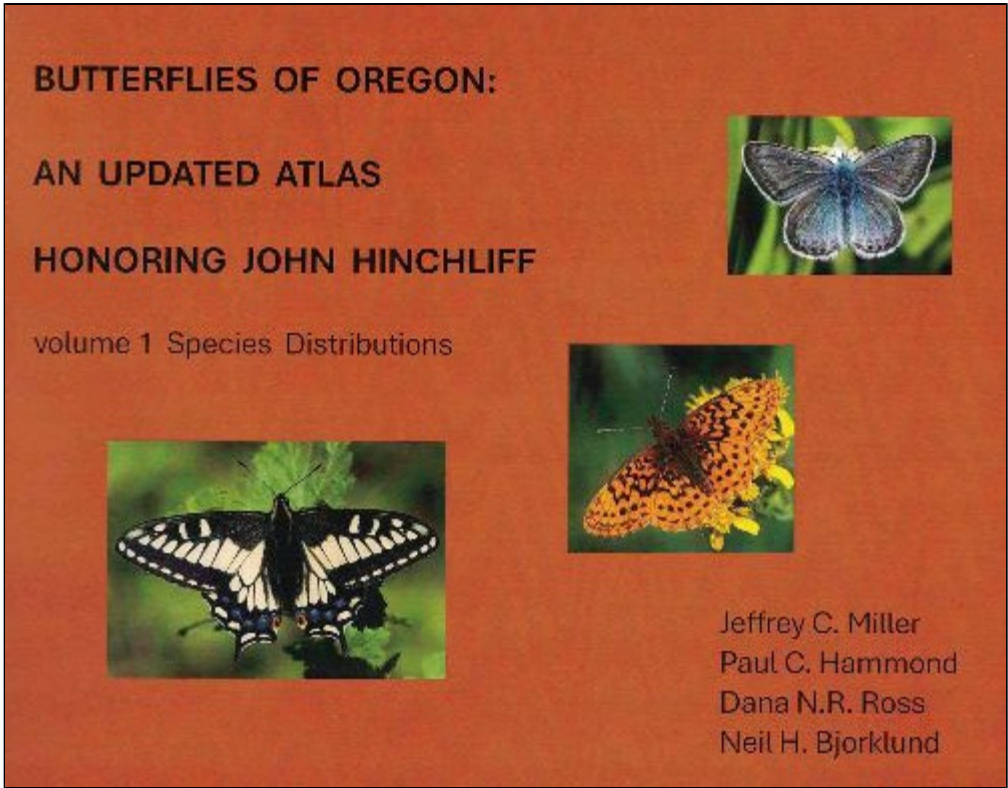
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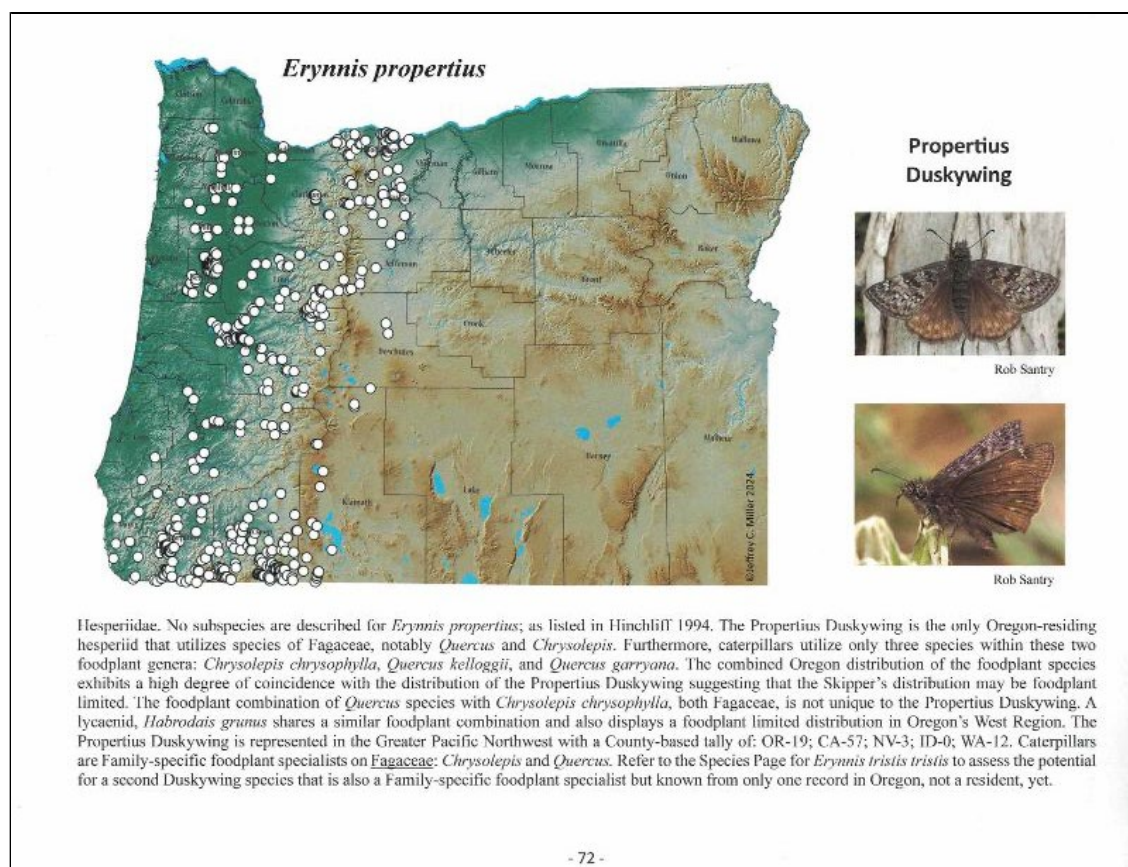
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Butterflies of Oregon, an Updated Atlas



The cover of Volume 1: Species Distributions. Printed with permission from Dr. Jeffrey Miller.

Dr. Jeffrey C. Miller and four co-authors/editors, Paul C. Hammond, Dana N.R. Ross, Neil H. Bjorklund, and Dennis A. Albert, have recently completed the two-volume *Butterflies of Oregon, an Updated Atlas Honoring John Hinchliff*. The publication summarizes over 60,000 butterfly records, with maps and photos of all of the state's butterflies.



One of the maps included in the publication. Printed with permission from Dr. Jeffrey Miller.

Dr. Miller has studied butterfly food plants, most of which are native plant species, making the book quite relevant to those with a major interest in native plants. While the first volume contains maps and photos of all 177 butterflies known from Oregon, the second volume contains more detailed chapters discussing habitat, food plants, and a road tour that identifies twenty of the best-known sites for observing Oregon's butterfly diversity. More information about the volumes can be obtained by emailing: oregonbutterflyatlas2026@gmail.com. -Dennis Albert

Editor's note: Bulletin articles co-authored by Dr. Miller and Dennis Albert summarizing research funded by the NPSO can be found here: [NPSO Bulletin March 2025](#) and [NPSO Bulletin April 2025](#).

August is Make-a-Will Month



Giant trillium (*Trillium albidum*). Photo by Rachel Werling.

Think about the last time you were out on a hike and stumbled across a patch of trillium or watched camas bloom blue across a wet prairie in spring. Moments like these are why so many of us got involved with NPSO in the first place, and they're worth protecting long after we're gone.

August is Make-a-Will Month, and it's a good nudge to do something many of us put off: making sure our wishes (and the things we care about) are actually written down. If Oregon's native plants and wild places are part of what matters to you, a will is one of the simplest ways to make sure that care outlives us - through a gift to NPSO, however large or small.

Don't have a will yet? You're not alone, most Americans don't. Free tools like FreeWill (freewill.com) walk you through the process, require no attorney, and let you include charitable bequests if you'd like.

This isn't about the size of the gift. It's about making sure the things you've spent years learning, teaching, and stewarding- the rare orchids, the oak savannas, the native seed you've collected and shared - have a future in the community of the NPSO. With gratitude- *-The NPSO Development Working Group*

Help Us Grow: NPSO Seeks an Operations

Coordinator Contractor

As our chapters, committees, and volunteer programs continue to flourish, we are seeking a qualified contractor to help strengthen the operational foundations that support our mission.

The Native Plant Society of Oregon announces a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Operations Coordinator contractor - a part-time, flexible contract role that will work closely with our board president, treasurer, committee chairs, and volunteers across the state. This person will help keep NPSO running smoothly behind the scenes, with a focus on bookkeeping support for the Treasurer and Board communications coordination.

Desired qualifications:

We are seeking a person with solid bookkeeping or QuickBooks experience, strong coordination skills, and excellent organizational and communication abilities. Familiarity with tools like Google Workspace, Zoom, and Customer Relation Module systems such as Wild Apricot is a plus. This role requires a person who works well independently, collaborates effectively with volunteers, and demonstrates reliable follow-through.

A bit about the role:

- Supports the treasurer with bookkeeping, and various financial statements and documents.
- Helps coordinate board, committee, and working group logistics.
- Assists with internal communications, operations tracking, and file organization.

The details:

This is an independent contractor position, working remotely, with an estimated commitment of 5-10 hours per week (averaging around 7 hours/week annually). Compensation is hourly and commensurate with experience (\$25-\$30/hour). The contractor will report to the NPSO President.

How to apply:

- See the full description and Request for Qualifications [HERE](#)
- Request for Qualifications (RFQ): Submit cover letter and resume to NPSO President, Steven Yeagar at president@npsoregon.org.
- The priority deadline is August 31, 2026. Submissions will be accepted on a rolling basis until the role is filled.

We welcome members to share this opportunity within their networks, and we encourage qualified individuals to apply. This position will help ensure NPSO's continued operational sustainability. -Rachel Werling

Join the NPAM Committee

Big Impact, Small Time Commitment



We are looking for two to four new volunteers to join the Native Plant Appreciation Month (NPAM) Committee - and the time commitment is lighter than you might think. You do not need experience in outreach, publicity, or event planning: if you care about Oregon's native plants and enjoy sharing that enthusiasm with others, you're exactly who we are looking for.

Native Plant Appreciation Month has become NPSO's largest coordinated statewide education and outreach effort, reaching thousands of Oregonians every April. Now that April is permanently recognized as Native Plant Appreciation Month in Oregon, we want to expand its reach even further - connecting with more

schools, libraries, garden clubs, conservation groups, and local governments, and helping thousands more Oregonians discover the value of native plants. Last year we got five organizations to add NPAM events; this year we'd like to triple that number. Committee members come from across Oregon and bring a variety of interests and ideas: it is a fun way to meet fellow native plant enthusiasts while helping advance NPSO's educational mission.

How can you help?

- You can help shape next year's NPAM poster photo contest, including the selection process, submission guidelines, and contest promotion.

- You can help spread the reach of NPAM by encouraging organizations (public and private) to join in the celebration. Members can also publicize activities around the state (such as plant sales, plant walks, iNaturalist florablitzes, workshops, and similar events). This might include writing articles for the NPSO bulletin, creating press releases, and directly contacting related organizations - whatever best works for you.
- You can share your creative ideas about what activities we should add to NPAM. Last year we added shirt sales and a webinar (jointly sponsored with the NPSO iNaturalist committee) to our photo contest and poster and native florablitz.

Most roles require little time commitment - we will meet online 5-6 times between July and the following April - with the potential for a large statewide impact. New ideas are always welcome! Native Plant Appreciation Month is one of the most visible ways NPSO reaches the public, and by joining the committee, you will help inspire Oregonians across the state to learn about, appreciate, and conserve Oregon's remarkable native flora.

Curious but not ready to commit? Email Judi at photosnpaw@gmail.com — we are happy to answer questions or have you sit in on a meeting before you decide if the committee is right for you. - *Judi Sanders*

Friends of OregonFlora

One of the *Flora of Oregon* Volume 3 components we are currently working on is the identification key to all of the dicot families. This is being led by staff member Joie Beasley-Bennett. Some people have asked us why no such key was published in Volume 2; since Volume 3 will contain approximately half of the dicot families, we chose to wait until the taxonomic information for all dicot families was resolved before developing our dichotomous key.

We have upgraded the oregonflora.org website software to the latest iteration of Symbiota—Version 3.4. Changes include increases in website security and more tools for herbarium specimen data management. Symbiota is open-source software dedicated to gathering and sharing biodiversity data; we are pleased to be a part of this community and share



design and tools with fellow Symbiota portals. Big thanks to James Mickley and Brian Phan for their work on upgrading our website.

As Oregon's summer moves into its hotter and drier days, we hope you continue to find opportunities to botanize and look to OregonFlora as a resource.

We appreciate your support—financial contributions can be made online through our [PayPal account](#), or by sending a check to the address on our [Donate](#) page. Thank you! -
Linda Hardison, Director

Photo Gallery

Welcome to the *Bulletin* Photo Gallery! Share your photos of Oregon's native flora, field trips, restoration projects, work parties, and activities with other NPSO members. Send photos with the following information: species/event, photographer, names of any people shown in photo, date of photo, location, and any other information you would like to have included in the photo caption to bulletin@npsoregon.org. Please get consent from any people included in your photo prior to sending it.

Oregon Mystery Plant

Last Month's Mystery Plant Revealed

Congratulations to Jennifer Barker and Julie Kierstead for recognizing last month's mystery plant as *Triteleia grandiflora*, commonly known as large-flowered triteleia. According to *Flora of Oregon*, this herbaceous perennial in the asparagus family is found in dry open areas and forests. In Oregon it is found in the Basin and Range, Blue and Wallowa Mountains, Cascades, Columbia Basin, Eastern Cascade Slopes and Foothills, Lava Plains, Owyhee Uplands, Siskiyou Mountains, and the Willamette Valley. It also ranges to California, Idaho, Washington; north to British Columbia, and east to Wyoming.

The Oregon Flora website contains a garden fact sheet for large-flowered triteleia that says the species is "great for oak groves, woodland margins, wildlife gardens among sagebrush, and rock gardens designed on a slope."



Jennifer Barker shared this close up photo of large-flowered triteleia from her property.

New Mystery Plant
Do you recognize this plant?



Mary Hayden photographed this plant on July 1, 2026. It was growing in a rock crevice at about 6,000 feet on Lookout Mountain on the Mount Hood National Forest, Hood River 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.

Seeking Conservation Committee Members

Do you want to stand up for Oregon's plant communities, rare plants, and exquisite landscapes? The NPSO Conservation Committee is revived and we are seeking more participants, especially from the Eastside. Calling all chapter conservation chairs and plant-loving folks to join our next meeting on August 27 from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. We are

doing what we can at a scale that is reasonable for each one of us; collectively, we can make a difference and speak for the trees, shrubs, and flowers that sustain us. For more details, contact Kristi at: coprolitemergie@yahoo.com

NPSO Fellows Revised Guidelines and Criteria Nominations are Encouraged

For all those dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study of Oregon's native plants and habitats

Since 1998 NPSO has honored thirty-nine individuals as NPSO Fellows. The Fellows Award is a prestigious honor bestowed by the Native Plant Society of Oregon upon members who have made exceptional contributions to the Society. The award was proposed by Shane Latimer of the Portland Chapter in 1997. Rhoda Love and Veva Stansell were instrumental in organizing the selection process. Those initial Guidelines and Criteria for Fellows Nominations have been recently updated by the NPSO Fellows Committee and approved by the State Board. They are now available on the NPSO State website at: [Guidelines-Criteria-for-NPSO-Fellows-Award-Revision-2026-7.pdf](#).

We want to invite and encourage all NPSO members to consider nominating eligible individuals. In your chapter there may be a person, a couple, or a group of individuals who have worked together and deserve the NPSO Fellow award. To inspire you we invite you to peruse the profiles of the recipients of Fellows Awards and read about their remarkable endeavors to advance the Society's stated mission and the diverse ways they have come to be actively involved in our organization. Their profiles are posted on the NPSO website at: <http://www.npsoregon.org/wp/fellows>.

Nominations for the Fellows Award can be made any time throughout the year but not later than December 31 to the Fellows Committee at fellows@npsoregon.org. The Fellows Committee reviews and approves the nominations and then sends them to the State Board for final review. This process takes approximately two months. The final stage is to order the Awards Certificates and have them ready in time for the NPSO Annual Meeting where the awardees are recognized and celebrated.

Jenny Lippert was confirmed as Fellows Committee Chair by the State Board at the May 2026 State Board meeting, joining committee members Gail Baker and Lisa Blackburn.

-NPSO Fellows Committee

Vendor Suggestions Wanted for the 2027 Annual Meeting

The Siskiyou Chapter is planning the 2027 NPSO Annual Meeting to be held June 4 to June 6 and is looking for artists, authors, native plant nurseries, or other vendors who would be a good fit for the event. If you have recommendations or contacts to share, we'd love to hear from you.

Please send your suggestions to the Annual Meeting planning team at si_president@npsoregon.org, subject: 2027 NPSO Annual meeting vendor idea. Thank you for helping us showcase the wonderful people and organizations that support Oregon's native plants. - *The 2027 Annual Meeting Planning Team*

NPSO Seeks a State Treasurer

The NPSO is seeking a volunteer treasurer to help steward the financial health of our organization. The treasurer serves as an officer on the NPSO State Board. This is a vital leadership role, and NPSO is investing in systems and contracted administrative support to make the position more sustainable and manageable than ever before.

If you have financial experience, or are willing to learn with support, we encourage you to consider serving. Help shape the future of NPSO while ensuring a strong foundation for our mission.

This is an elected role to begin officially after the NPSO annual meeting in early June 2027. Reaching out early would allow opportune shadowing of activities with our current treasurer and help make an easy transition.

Interested? Contact Steven Yeagar at president@npsoregon.org to learn more.

NPSO Chapter Roundtable August 16

The NPSO Chapter Roundtable is a quarterly gathering of chapter leaders and interested members to share ideas, discuss challenges, and learn from one another's successes. Recent discussions have included volunteer recruitment, event planning, stewardship

projects, advocacy activities, rare plant monitoring, insurance considerations, and organizational structure.

At our June meeting, chapters shared updates on wildflower shows, hikes, conservation partnerships, outreach events, and stewardship programs. Participants also learned about new tools to improve statewide coordination, including a shared NPSO calendar and chapter metrics tracking system. The group discussed opportunities to strengthen rare plant monitoring efforts and explored questions about how NPSO and its chapters are organized and supported.

The roundtable is open to chapter officers, committee leaders, and members who are interested in chapter operations, leadership, and the future of NPSO. Whether your chapter is large or small, active or rebuilding, your experiences and perspectives are valuable. We encourage every chapter to have representation at these conversations.

Our next Chapter Roundtable will be held on August 16, 2026, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Organizational structure, chapter support needs, and other topics of interest will remain on the agenda. Chapter presidents will have Zoom links to share. - *Jenny Lippert*

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*

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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## Chapter Notes

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

### Cheahmill

For questions, or to be added to the Cheahmill Chapter's email list for reminders of upcoming programs and events, please contact the Cheahmill Chapter President at [ch\\_president@NPSOregon.org](mailto:ch_president@NPSOregon.org).

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

**Thursday, August 6, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.**

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

**Location:** McMinnville Public Library, 225 NW Adams Street (corner of Highway 99W and SW Second Street), McMinnville. The library parking lot may be entered from either Adams or Second streets.

Dress for the weather and bring gloves, bucket, and gardening tools if you have them. For questions contact Brooke Karasch by email at [brooke@yamhillswcd.org](mailto:brooke@yamhillswcd.org).

**Wednesday, August 19, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Event:** Walk & Talk: Building a Wetland and Healthy Streams

**Leaders/Presenters:** Chris Seal and Jordan Anderson

**Location:** Muddy Valley Habitat Reserve

Hear about wetland restoration with Chris Seal, retired U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and healthy streams with Jordan Anderson, Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District. This event is sponsored by the new Yamhill Conservation Trust.

Registration is free but required. Please register via this Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1988499137449>



## **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).

**Sunday, August 16, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**Field Trip: Beaver Creek State Natural Area and Ona Beach in Newport**

**Leaders: Ann Geyer and Alexandria Kurowski**

Join the NPSO Midcoast Initiative and the Corvallis chapter to escape the late-summer heat with a field trip to a unique and diverse set of plant habitats! We'll start the morning observing various wetland plant species on a brief hike through the Beaver Creek area south of Newport, Oregon. After lunch, we'll travel over to Ona Beach across Highway 101 to see coastal plants and the ocean!

Please note that the hike has changed locations and length from previous years. At Beaver Creek, we'll meet at the visitor's center, then carpool to the South Beaver Creek Road entrance, where we'll take the 2-mile Beaver Creek Loop. Afterwards, we'll drive over to Ona Beach parking area and walk to the beach from there, about another 0.3 miles. There is very minimal elevation gain.

Please bring lunch and water, dress appropriately for variable weather conditions and potential muddy/wet terrain (could be warm at the marsh and windy and cold at the beach), and I'd suggest bringing binoculars if you have an interest in birdwatching.

We will meet at the Oregon State University, Wilkinson Hall parking lot (44.569, -123.281) southwest of Java Crew coffee shop, at 26th and Monroe in Corvallis at 9:00 am. An alternative meetup location is at the Beaver Creek Visitor's Center at 11:00 am. We are limiting this field trip to 20 attendees. To sign up for this field trip, please fill out this form: <https://www.nps-midcoast.org/event-details/field-trip-beaver-creek-state-natural-area-and-ona-beach-in-newport-2>

**Sunday, August 30, 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 help with summer clean up in the gardens. Bring pruners, trowel, bucket, and gloves. Contact Esther to RSVP and for more information at [esthermcevoy975@gmail.com](mailto:esthermcevoy975@gmail.com).

## **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.npso/>. Follow our Instagram page at: [https://www.instagram.com/emerald\\_chapter\\_npso/](https://www.instagram.com/emerald_chapter_npso/). To view our YouTube channel, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2piFmgIQTMhKR8H8iobTw>

**Tuesday, August 11, 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>

**Monday, September 21, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: Research Flash Talks from University of Oregon Graduate Students: Monkeyflower Evolution, Compost Amendments, and Conservation in Southwest Oregon Oak Woodlands**

**Presenters: Gabriel Chavez, Caryn Iwanaga, and Sean Prive: University of Oregon PhD Students**

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

Join us to learn about current research: Gabriel Chavez: Investigating the Repeated Evolution of Red Flowers in a Radiation of *Mimulus*; Caryn Iwanaga: Compost Soil Amendments Promote Plant Traits with the 'Best of Both Worlds;' and Sean Prive: Between Weeds and Trees: Fire Exclusion, Invasive Plants, and the Conservation of Native Plant Diversity in Southwestern Oregon Oak Woodlands.

Check the Emerald Chapter website for updates on presentations at:

<http://emerald.npsoregon.org>

**Monday, October 19, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: Ethical Foraging of Native Plants**

**Presenter: Steven Yeager, Columbine School and Mountain Rose Herbs**

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

Check the Emerald Chapter website for updates on presentations at:

<http://emerald.npsoregon.org>

## **High Desert**

For information, visit our website: [npsohdc.org](http://npsohdc.org) or Facebook page: [Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter](#), or email us at [highdesertnpso@gmail.com](mailto:highdesertnpso@gmail.com).

Follow our Instagram page at: [https://www.instagram.com/npsso\\_hdc/](https://www.instagram.com/npsso_hdc/).

To view our YouTube channel, visit: [@NPSO-HDC](#).

Find our latest field trip observations on iNaturalist,  
<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/high-desert-chapter-npsso-field-trips>.

**Tuesday, August 18, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Event: August Chapter Meeting**

**Presentation: The Role of Active Forest Restoration in the Deschutes National Forest**

**Guest Speaker: The Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project**

**Location: 3800 SW, SE Airport Way Bldg. 3, Redmond, OR 97756**

Founded in 2010, the aim of The Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project is to restore our forests to a healthier, more resilient condition through balanced, science-driven restoration projects. Learn about our processes, projects, and recommendations and their role in restoring the Deschutes National Forest to healthier, historic norms.

## **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.).

### **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 riparian zones, wet prairie restoration areas and alpine habitats, in the Willamette and Columbian watersheds, from the Coast to the Gorge, the Cascades to the Willamette Valley, the Portland Chapter is sparkling with cool ways to get outside as we celebrate summer in Oregon together.*

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

**Thursday, August 13, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm or sunset.**

**In Person Program**

**Location: [LEVEL Beer Brewery](#) and Taproom on NE 148th Ave. Portland, along the Columbia River**

Join the locals for an evening of cool river breezes, beverages, tales of summer travels and a tour of the [Taproot Arboretum](#), installed by Friends of Trees. Hear about new cooperative conservation and restoration connections. Come share part of your summer with us. For more information on how to RSVP, contact [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com)

Be sure to watch the [NPSO PDX Membership Calendar](#) for other events and hikes throughout the summer.

Our fall program schedule is set with a variety of presentations, from the natural history of the Rocky Mountains, local conservation updates from the folks at PSU, to tips for 2027 from the Backyard Habitat Program director. If you have any ideas for programs, or speakers to suggest please send them to the [npsopdxchapter@gmail.com](mailto:npsopdxchapter@gmail.com).

### **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 have other burned areas that you are monitoring, we can add them to our project. Join the Fireblitz project and message Schalle.

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](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.

### **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](https://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](mailto:Siskiyou-Chapter-NPSO-plant-talk@googlegroups.com)

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

## **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>.

## **Umpqua Valley**

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

**Saturday, August 8, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

**Event: Englewood Forest Festival**

The Willamette Valley Chapter NPSO will have an outreach table at the Englewood Forest Festival at Englewood Park in Salem and offer a "Plant a Wildflower" activity for kids and festival goers. Join us at this fun, family-friendly event. For more information about the festival, visit <https://www.inglewoodforestfestival.org/>. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact 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.

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Native Plant Interest Groups

Filipendula

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

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