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Newberry's gentian. (*Gentiana newberryi*). Deschutes County, Oregon. August 21, 2009.

Photo by Gerald D. Carr. Courtesy of Oregon Flora.

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

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Share with us! Calling for Stories from the NPSO Community

Have you seen the T-shirt that says “introverted but willing to discuss native plants?” I often recall this as I am spending time in the wild with some of my wonderful plant loving friends. This got us thinking...let's showcase how native plants bring us together!

Do you have a story or moment to share that highlights the human community we create

while connecting with our plant communities? We'd like to hear about it!

Maybe it's sharing with friends you have met on NPSO plant outings, a favorite hike that you return to every year, or the delight of greeting a familiar perennial with your family in the spring. Maybe you have spent years exploring Oregon's flora, volunteering for a conservation project, attending chapter meetings, learning from other members, or introducing someone else to the plants you love.

For an upcoming *Bulletin*, we are looking for photographs and short stories that show what the NPSO Community and Oregon's native plants mean to you. In particular, we'd love to see stories and photos about sharing plants, places, and experiences with family members, children, grandchildren, friends, or people who are new to native plants.

Your story doesn't need to be remarkable or polished. A paragraph, a few sentences or even just a descriptive photo caption about a memorable outing, a favorite place, a plant that has special meaning, or an experience you shared with someone else can help illustrate the connections that make NPSO a community.

What to send:

- One or more photographs (optional but encouraged)
- A sentence, or short paragraph about the image
- A brief description of the photo and who took it (caption)
- Your name and chapter, if you'd like them included

Photos don't have to be professional. We are interested in genuine moments: people discovering plants, exploring together, learning, volunteering, or simply enjoying Oregon's native flora.

Please send your stories and images to secretary@npsoregon.org by September 30, 2026. By sharing them, you give NPSO permission to consider them for publication in the *Bulletin* and other NPSO communications.

Help us show what grows when people connect with native plants—and with one another.

- *Outreach and Development Working Group*

Native Plant Appreciation Month
Photo Contest Entries Due December 31



Bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*). Photo by Don Jacobson.

Oregon is unique and so is its native flora.

NPSO sponsors a Native Plant Appreciation Month photo contest yearly and would love to consider your submissions for 2027! Winning photos will be used on the NPSO poster.

Your photo could be of a single flower, a group of plants, or a landscape that features native plants. We encourage you to be creative and to share your unique perspective on Oregon's native flora.

Do you have one or two images you would like to submit highlighting the beauty and diversity of Oregon's plants? If so, please follow these guidelines for submission:

Each person may submit two photos of Oregon native plants (that they have not previously submitted to the photo contest.) Photos must meet the following requirements:

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

All entries should be sent to photosnpaw@gmail.com and must be received by December 31, 2026. Photos will be evaluated by the poster committee based on subject matter, composition, and technical quality. The poster designer reserves the right to exclude an image if it doesn't fit the overall design or if it's deemed unsuitable for the poster.

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

Oregon Department of Agriculture's Plant Conservation Program Symposium December 10, 2026

The Oregon Department of Agriculture's Plant Conservation Program is holding their annual symposium on December 10, 2026. The theme this year is "Restoring the Balance: Native Plants and Noxious Weeds in a Changing Landscape."

The Oregon Plant Conservation Symposium is Oregon Department of Agriculture's annual gathering of researchers, land managers, conservation practitioners, and agency staff dedicated to the protection and recovery of Oregon's rare flora. In 2026 the Plant Conservation Symposium will be held concurrently with the Oregon Interagency Noxious Weed Symposium, creating a unique opportunity to explore the shared landscapes where invasive plant management and native plant conservation must work together.

The 2026 theme reflects a core truth: invasive plant management and native plant conservation are not separate endeavors but two halves of the same restoration imperative. We invite presentations that reflect this integrated vision - whether from the native plant side, the weed management side, or the growing middle ground where the two disciplines meet.

For questions about the Plant Conservation Symposium, contact Dani Marshall (Danielle.Marshall@oda.oregon.gov).

For questions about the Noxious Weed Symposium, contact Tristen Berg (Tristen.Berg@oda.oregon.gov).

To learn more about the Oregon Plant Conservation Symposium, visit the [ODA Plant Conservation Symposium website](#). -Jason Clinch

Friends of OregonFlora

Friends of OregonFlora will return soon. See the article below, "High Tech Botanizing for a Low Tech Botanist" for a tutorial on using one of OregonFlora's valuable tools.



High Tech Botanizing for a Low Tech Botanist

Editor's note: Ken Berg is a retired botanist, member of the NPSO Siskiyou Chapter, and one of the Bulletin proofreaders. His tutorial below illustrates how easy and effective it is to use the Oregon Wildflowers Application (app) and OregonFlora online [Oregonflora.org](#) in the field, even 9400 feet in elevation! Many thanks to Linda Hardison for her review and edits to the article.

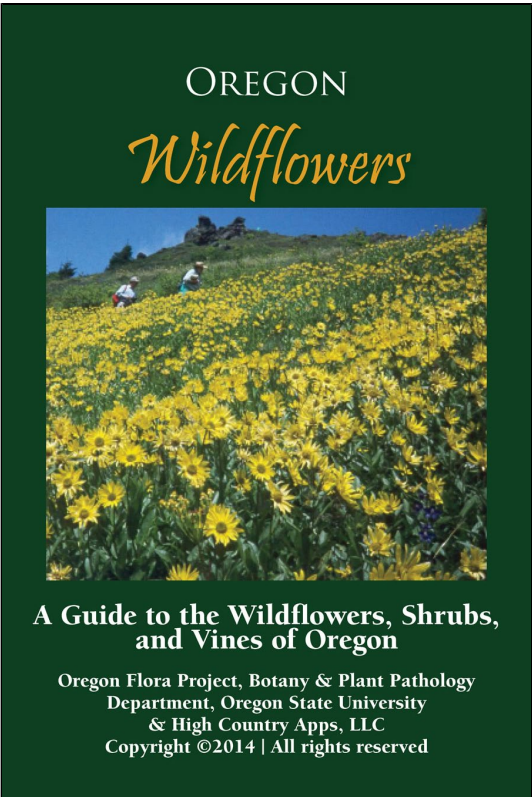
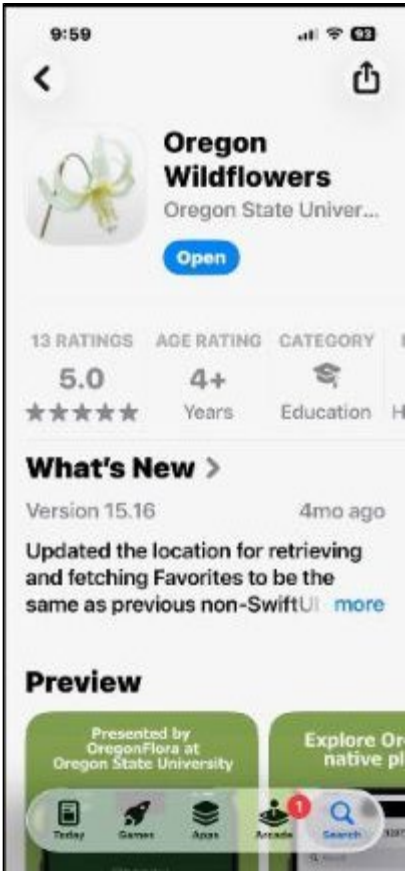
I want to share with you how I use the Oregon Wildflowers app and OregonFlora, [Oregonflora.org](#) online while in the field. Using the website is free, a subscription or an account is not required. The app can be purchased for a one-time fee and will receive all updates at no charge. The linkage between the two tools is a very useful feature.

I am not tech savvy. My graduate work involved computer punch cards and lugging heavy floras in the field (think Jepson, Munz, Hitchcock, or Abrams). When I'm outdoors now, I want an easy way to identify (or remind me) what plants I am seeing.

The beauty of the Oregon Wildflowers app is that it does not require cell coverage,

meaning you can use it on your phone or tablet in the most remote places. Information on the Oregon Wildflowers app can be found at: [OregonFlora OregonFlora Store](#). The app can be downloaded from your usual app store.

Below is what the iPhone version looks like in the Apple app store. Next to it is the opening page of the app when it is downloaded onto your mobile device.



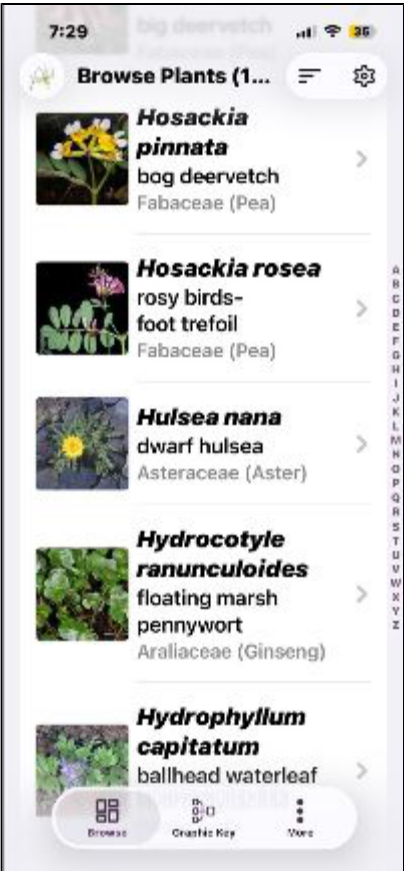
Last July I saw a perennial plant (see below) in bloom at 9400’ on Mount Shasta. I know that is in California but keep reading!



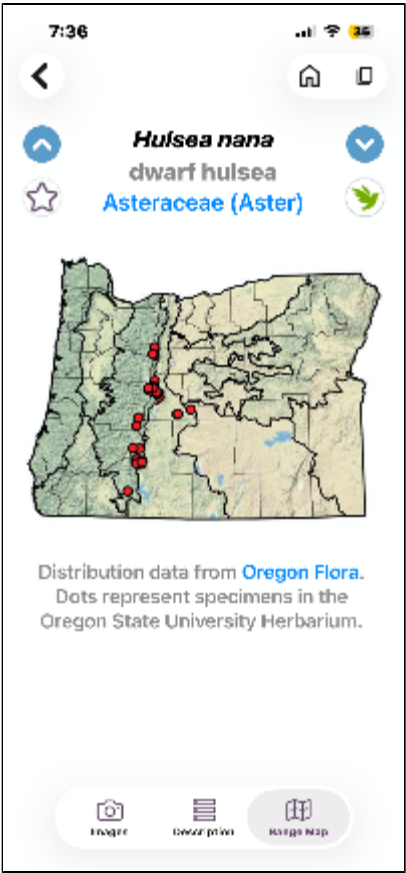
There are two key ways to use the app: by browsing through plant names with a distinguishing photo, or by using the graphic key, in which you select any combination of twelve characters you recognize in your unknown plant to identify it. On my Mount Shasta adventure, I opened the Oregon Wildflowers app. The opening page automatically jumps to the "Browse Plants" view. Search by common or scientific name, scroll through the plants alphabetically by scientific name or touch a letter in the sidebar to jump to a genus.



The app can identify almost 1,300 common wildflowers, shrubs, and vines found in Oregon that represent most of the genera found across the state. Obviously, this does not include all Oregon species, or all species included in OregonFlora. In this case searching for the genus leads to the one species of *Hulsea* included in the app. There are more *Hulsea* taxa in OregonFlora.



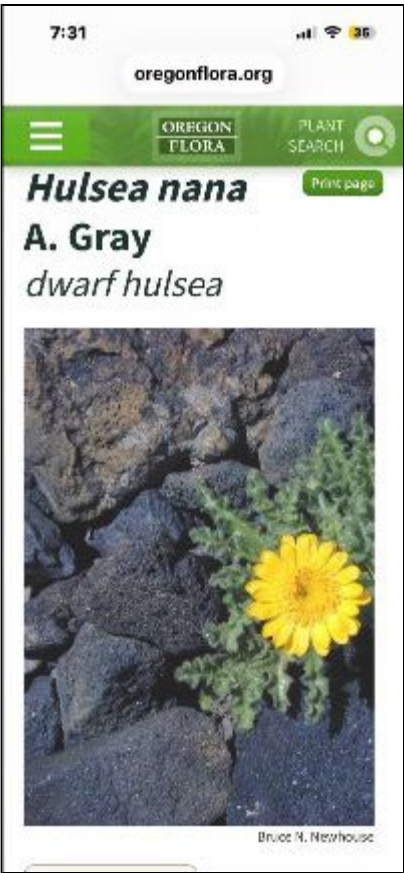
Tapping on any entry will open that species' profile page, where you can look at photos and use the buttons on the bottom to see a species description or range map.



From the range map there is a link to the profile page on the OregonFlora website. If you have cellular service, touching the blue OregonFlora link at the bottom of this page connects you to much more information on their website, which is accessible through the internet.



You can search by either common or scientific name. When you enter the genus a popup menu appears with the species names. These links take you to the species profile page.



Here you can scroll through photographs and herbarium specimens using the side arrows.



Scroll down this species page to find the range map. “Click/tap to launch” in the lower right beneath the map to open an interactive version, where the details behind each plant occurrence dot can be accessed by clicking a dot. Map dots come from herbarium specimens, unvouchered observations, and iNaturalist records.



I zoomed in on Northern California and found links to three collections near me, including one from Mount Shasta almost fifty years ago.

This collection was meaningful to me because John Sawyer, the collector, was one of my graduate school advisors and someone I spent time with in the field before he died. I found other collections by friends, some still living some not. This led me to talk to friends about the plant and their collections.

These wonderful resources connect the botanical community past and present. They bring to your fingertips valuable botanical knowledge that people have devoted lives and careers to gather. And they reduce energy consumption by eliminating the need to drive to herbaria to look at specimens.

What a joy it is to access accurate scientific information instantly in the field without lugging heavy books around! I hope this example helps you get out and use these tools. Perhaps you know of other useful features and can share that with us in a future *Bulletin*.

And please make a donation to OregonFlora at [OregonFlora Donate](#) so they can keep up the great work! -Ken Berg

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

Bruce Newhouse, Don Jacobson, Roger Brewer, and Jason Clinch all correctly identified last month's mystery plant as *Heuchera cylindrica*, roundleaf alumroot. Roundleaf alumroot will be assessed for treatment in Volume 3 of *Flora of Oregon*. According to *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*, Second Edition, this herbaceous perennial in the saxifrage family is found mostly east of the Cascade crest on rocky hillsides, cliffs, and talus, as well as in dry open areas and forests. Its range includes British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California, and Nevada. It also ranges east to Montana and Wyoming.

The Oregon Flora website contains a garden fact sheet for roundleaf alumroot that says, "this species is a fantastic Oregon native for trough and rock gardens." This suitability for rock gardens was pointed out by two NPSO members, Leigh Blake (Siskiyou Chapter) and Willow Elliott (Portland Chapter), who obtained this or similar saxifrage species from native plant nurseries and now enjoy them in their respective home gardens. Willow observed that the *Heucheras* are the hardiest and most drought tolerant of the plants in the Saxifrage family growing in her Clackamas County garden.



Roundleaf alumroot. Photo by Mary Hayden.

New Mystery Plant
Do you recognize this plant?



Jennifer Barker photographed this plant on May 15, 2024, at 4,800 feet elevation near the town of Seneca, Grant County, Oregon. It was growing in a vernal wet opening in a ponderosa pine forest. 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 of Oregon. 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 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 Yeager at president@npsoregon.org to learn more.

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

Butterflies of Oregon, an Updated Atlas-Correction

The email that was included in the last paragraph of the July 2026 *Bulletin* article titled "Butterflies of Oregon, an Updated Atlas" was missing a period. The email should be:

oregonbutterflyatlas2026@gmail.com.

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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## Oregon Rare Species Spotters Upcoming Events

[Oregon Rare Species Spotters](#) (ORSS, formerly Citizen's Rare Plant Watch) invites NPSO rare plant enthusiasts to help document some rare plants and participate in a volunteer training opportunity in September. Join Nora Dunkirk, NPSO's Jason Clinch, and fellow botanists for an outing on Mount Hood (pending fire status). If you were interested in attending the NPSO High Desert Chapter's training with ORSS, we have rescheduled the classroom training to the end of September. The details of both events are below.

**Date:** Friday, September 11, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Event:** Rare Plant Data Collection Field Trip to Monitor *Calamagrostis breweri*

**Leader:** Nora Dunkirk/ORSS

**Location:** Mount Hood Meadows

To register email Nora at [ndunkirk@pdx.edu](mailto:ndunkirk@pdx.edu).

**Date:** Sunday, Sept 27, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Training:** Oregon Rare Species Spotters - Rare Species Data Collection Volunteer Training

**Leaders:** Nora Dunkirk, Mara Huang, and Tom Wainwright

**Location:** Oregon State University Extension Services Classroom in Redmond, Oregon

This training will include a classroom session to learn about ORSS and methods for collection of rare species data with Survey123. Following the classroom session, we will

go outside to a nearby site to practice monitoring rare plants.

We suggest NPSO members make a donation of \$20 to the [High Desert Chapter](#). To register email Nora at [ndunkirk@pdx.edu](mailto:ndunkirk@pdx.edu). -Nora Dunkirk

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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, September 3, 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).

**Saturday, September 26, 10:30 am -12:00 pm**

**Presentation: Tree Rings and Their Stories**

**Presenter: Amanda Brackett**

**Location: McMinnville Library Carnegie Room, 225 NW Adams St, McMinnville**

Join us for a presentation by Amanda Brackett, project scientist and coordinator at Oregon State University's College of Forestry Tree Ring Lab. Learn about current research into tree ring histories, and what they reveal about forest disturbance, forest successional dynamics, and climate. Prior to the presentation there will be a brief chapter meeting. This presentation is free and open to the public.

**Saturday, October 24, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Presentation: Pollinator Habitat Restoration at Sitka Center**

**Presenter: Jake Simondet**

**Location: McMinnville Library Carnegie Room, 225 NW Adams St, McMinnville**

Join us for a presentation by Jake Simondet, Sitka Center's Ecology and Facilities Manager. Jake will talk about what the Sitka Center does and who it serves before leading into a longer conversation about Sitka's habitat restoration efforts on its 80-acre nature preserve. The preserve is nestled on Cascade Head, overlooks the Salmon River Estuary, and is surrounded by the Siuslaw National Forest. Restoration work at Sitka focuses on increasing native wildflower habitat for the threatened Oregon Silverspot Butterfly and all our local pollinators. Prior to the presentation there will be a brief chapter meeting. This presentation is free and open to the public.

## **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, September 13, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Event: Potluck picnic**

**Location: Lions Shelter, Avery Park, Corvallis.**

Bring a dish to share, place settings, stories to tell, and good cheer. We will provide drinks.

**Monday, October 12, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Program: The Price of Pollen: Costs of Male Fertility Restoration and Female Frequency in Meadow Checkermallow**

**Presenter: Brooklyn Richards**

**Location: Cordley Hall Room 2602, Oregon State University**

Why do some plant populations contain both female and hermaphroditic individuals? This sexual system, called gynodioecy, occurs in meadow checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*), a perennial wildflower endemic to Oregon's Willamette Valley. In gynodioecious species, females produce only seeds while hermaphrodites produce both seeds and pollen. For females to persist, they need to make up for not producing pollen by having some reproductive advantage over hermaphrodites. At the same time, producing pollen may come with costs for hermaphrodites. In this presentation, Oregon State University PhD candidate Brooklyn Richards will explore how these reproductive tradeoffs may help explain variation in female frequency among meadow checkermallow populations, and what these tradeoffs may mean for the ecology of this native wildflower and its pollinators.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/meeting/register/4K5SVsWmTCG3-vA0-Uv-fw>

**Sunday, October 25, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

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

**Leader: Esther McEvoy**

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

Come prepared for the weather as we prepare the garden for winter. 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.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>

**Tuesdays, September 8, October 13, and November 10, 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.

**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**

Foraging native plants offers a meaningful way to deepen our connection with the natural world, but it also carries important responsibilities. In this presentation, Steven Yeager will explore the principles and practices of ethical foraging, with a focus on protecting plant populations, preserving ecological integrity, and relationships with the land.

Participants will learn how to identify opportunities for sustainable harvest, assess the health and abundance of wild plant communities, and minimize their impact on sensitive ecosystems. The presentation will also discuss common native species used for food, medicine, and craft, along with practical guidelines for responsible collection.

Whether you are new to foraging or an experienced herbalist, naturalist, or gardener, this program will provide valuable insights for harvesting wild plants in a way that supports both people and the long-term health of the landscapes we depend upon.

About the presenter:

Steven Yeager was longtime instructor with the Columbines School of Botanical Studies and serves as executive vice president of Mountain Rose Herbs and is current president of NPSO. Drawing on decades of experience in herbal medicine, native plants, sustainability, and conservation, he is passionate about promoting responsible stewardship of wild plant populations and fostering deeper connections between people and place.

**Sunday, October 25, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Event: Mushroom Festival**

**Location: Mount Pisgah Arboretum**

Check back later for updates on how to help at the Emerald Chapter booth during the festival at: <http://emerald.npsoregon.org>.

For more details about the Mushroom Festival, visit

<https://mountpisgaharboretum.org/festivals-events/mushroom-festival/>.

**Monday, November 16, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Presentation: Wetland Restoration**

**Presenter: Laurie Holts, Ecologist, City of Eugene**

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

Join Laurie Holts for her program on wetland restoration.

Check back at the Emerald Chapter website for updates on her presentation 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, September 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Event: Tour of Bend Seed Extractory**

**Leader/Presenter: Matt Horning**

**Location: Bend Seed Extractory, 63095 Deschutes Market Rd, Bend, OR 97701**

Join the High Desert Chapter in a tour of the Bend Seed Extractory!

Bend Seed Extractory is a unit of the U.S. Forest Service located in Bend. The Seed Extractory started in 1978 as part of the Bend Pine Nursery to extract seed from thirty-three different species of conifers used for growing seedlings for reforestation of National Forests in Oregon and Washington. The Extractory currently manages a seed bank for five of the National Forests in the Pacific Northwest region, many of the Bureau of Land Management western state districts, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 1995, the Extractory began processing seed from a diversity of native species collected by the National Forests in the Pacific Northwest. The Seed Extractory, to date, has processed seed from over 4,000 different native plant species collected by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management throughout the western United States.

[RSVP HERE](#)

**Tuesday, September 15, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Presentation: Why We Clean Seed: Collection, Processing, and Storage of Native Plant Seed**

**Presenter: Kayla Herriman**

**Location: Redmond Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave, Redmond, OR 97756**

Kayla Herriman, U.S. Forest Service National Seed Specialist, will explain why it is beneficial to process seed material and how understanding seed processing can improve your collection and storage strategies. We will talk about seed properties that inform collection, processing, and storage. There will also be some demonstrations of low-tech seed processing you can do at home. If you have collected seed, please bring it, and we can help answer your questions.

**Saturday, September 26, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Event: Crooked River Park Native Plant Stewardship Project - Planting Day**

**Leader: Hannah Weurfel**

**Location: Crooked River Park, S Main St, Prineville, OR 97754**

Carpools: Meet at Pilot Butte Parking Lot (NE Linnea Dr, Bend, OR 97701) at 8:00 am near the restrooms. We will be back in Bend around 2:00 pm.

NPSO High Desert Chapter will partner with Think Wild for a day of native species planting on Saturday, September 26. Come share your love of native plants, help restore the river corridor, and create a space for education and enjoyment for years to come! Work will include planting native species, moving materials with wheelbarrows, shoveling, and preparing planting areas. Volunteers should expect activities that may involve lifting, bending, kneeling, and walking on uneven ground while working outdoors in variable weather conditions. All tools will be provided by Think Wild, but make sure to bring sun protection, snacks/lunch, water, sturdy closed-toed shoes, and clothes fit for getting dirty.

Read about the Crooked River Native Plant Stewardship Project on the project website: <https://beaverworksoregon.org/crooked-river-park/>

[RSVP HERE](#)

## **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 OregonFlora.

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.).

## **Portland**

*Remembering our treasured forests and fields in the Willamette and Columbian watersheds, from the Gorge and the Cascades to the Willamette Valley and coast, we are all impacted by the many statewide fires. The Portland Chapter membership is eagerly awaiting the cool rains and winds to quench the fires, as we celebrate Fall in Oregon together.*

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

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

**Thursday, September 10, 7:00 pm -9:00 pm**

**September Program: Creating Habitat in Your Own Backyard**

Join Kate Kauffman, site supervisor for the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, a collaboration between The Bird Alliance, Columbia Land Trust, and other environmentally focused local organizations. Learn about steps you can take to build wildlife friendly and climate resilient yards with native plants and sustainable gardening practices, right where you live.

For more information on how to RSVP, visit our website:  
[portlandnativeplants.org/events](http://portlandnativeplants.org/events).

**Thursday, October 8, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.**

**October Program: Rocky Mountain Field Guide: A Trailside Natural History with author and naturalist, Daniel Matthews.**

You may be familiar with his *Cascadia Revealed* or his *Cascade-Olympic Natural History*. His recent, massive *Rocky Mountain Field Guide* expands on an earlier version titled *Rocky Mountain Natural History* as well as the *National Audubon Society Field Guide to the Rocky Mountain States*, to which he contributed. His other books include *Trees In Trouble: Wildfires, Infestations, and Climate Change*; and *America From the Air*.

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 iNaturalist June-September: [NPSOPDX26 FIREBLITZ and Regrowth BioBlitz](#). As we have done for the past few summers since fall 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 are constantly updating the map perimeters with the Microwave Tower, Rowena Plateau, Bourdain fires in 2025, and now others in 2026. If you have other burned areas that you are monitoring, we can add them to our project. Join the Fireblitz project and message Schallle.

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://www.instagram.com/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>.

**Thursday, September 17, 2026**

**Presentation: The Ghost Forest: What Really Happened to the 96 Percent of the Redwood Biome That Got Logged?**

**Speaker: Greg King**

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

Journalist and activist Greg King provides an authoritative history of redwood logging and protection efforts, from the 1850s through the end of the twentieth century. The presentation is based on research conducted over decades and published in King's 2023 book, *The Ghost Forest: Racists, Radicals, and Real Estate in the California Redwoods*. It is also the story of King's own activism, as he co-founded the movement, during the 1980s, to prevent the junk-bond liquidation of the very last ancient redwood groves still standing outside of parks. The book has been widely praised, including by authors Charles Frazier and Richard Preston. The Atlantic magazine called *The Ghost Forest*, "Groundbreaking ... an epic tale of corruption and deception, perpetrated on a mass scale for nearly a century." For more see: <https://gregkingwriter.com/the-ghost-forest>

Greg King is an award-winning journalist and activist credited with spearheading the movement to protect Headwaters Forest in Humboldt County, California. King initiated the "redwood wars" following the notorious 1985 takeover of the venerable Pacific Lumber Company by the Houston energy and real estate conglomerate Maxxam, and he identified and named Headwaters Forest in 1987. Greg King is a fifth-generation native of California's redwood country. His nineteenth-century ancestors arrived in Sonoma County in 1873 and later owned one of the largest redwood mills on the Russian River.

King's articles and photographs have appeared in *The Sun*, *Sierra*, *Smithsonian*, *Rolling Stone*, *Newsweek*, the *Portland Oregonian*, the *Sacramento Bee*, *Mother Jones*, and other publications. In 2016 the Environmental Protection Information Center presented King with its annual Sempervirens Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2023 Public Affairs Books published King's book, *The Ghost Forest*, the definitive history of redwood logging and protection efforts. King lives in Humboldt County, where he serves as president and executive director of Siskiyou Land Conservancy.

**Monday, September 21, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**New Program - Name That Plant!**

**Location: Southern Oregon University Science Hall Room 110**

Do you want to brush up on your plant keying skills? Join us for the inaugural plant keying

party! As a group we will take plants through the dichotomous key to confidently identify the specimen. Southern Oregon University will provide dissecting scopes and identification guides. All skill levels are welcome! Feel free to bring in a sample of a mystery plant so we can all work collaboratively to identify your plant or work on a plant provided by the organizer. If you have a plant to bring, collect at least ten representative samples of the plant, such as leaves or flowers, ideally from separate individuals while preserving the population. Do not overharvest from an individual or small population.

Make notes on when and where you collected it. If you have a shrubby plant or tree, take photos and additional notes. Please do not dig up any plants by their roots.

Please no garden ornamentals.

Please register in advance and receive additional information by joining our email list:

<https://mailchi.mp/562f15b6a145/name-that-plant>

Are you interested, but cannot make this event? Sign up to the listserv and get an email for the next party! We plan to offer these ID sessions every 3rd Monday of the month.

## **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>.

**Tuesday, September 8, 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

**Event: 100 Acre Wood Work Party**

Meet in the 100 Acre Wood (1000 S 1st Avenue, Coquille) parking lot and help us with stewardship of this precious area by treating invasives and working on native plant inventory. Dress for the weather; bring your favorite gloves and clippers (some will be available to borrow) and join us.

For information contact: Gail Perrotti [gperrotti@earthlink.net](mailto:gperrotti@earthlink.net)

**Saturday, September 12, and September 19, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Event: Native Plant Sale**

The last day to place an order is Saturday, September 11 with plants to be picked up on Saturday, September 19. Pickup locations are in Coos and Curry Counties.

For information contact, Gail Perrotti [gperrotti@earthlink.net](mailto:gperrotti@earthlink.net)

**Saturday, September 24, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

**Event: 100 Acre Wood Work Party**

Meet in the 100 Acre Wood (1000 S. 1st Avenue, Coquille) parking lot and help us with stewardship of this precious area by treating invasives and working on native plant

inventory. Dress for the weather; bring your favorite gloves and clippers (some will be available to borrow) and join us.

For information contact, Gail Perrotti [gperrotti@earthlink.net](mailto:gperrotti@earthlink.net)

**Date to be Announced- it will be on a Tuesday between September 15 and October 15**  
**Event: Pink sand-verbena Seed Collection**

The date will be determined by phenology. Bureau of Land Management will transport NPSO Members from the Coos Bay North Spit Boat Ramp to the rare plant site.

For information contact Jeanne Standley at 541-294-2113.

## **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**

**Friday, September 18, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Presentation: Botanical Treasures of Silver Falls**

**Presenter: Aislinn Adams**

**Location: Bush Barn Art Center, 600 Mission Street SE, Salem OR 97302**

Botanical artist and Willamette Valley Chapter NPSO member Aislinn Adams will share a slide show about her commissioned project to document the native wildflowers of Silver Falls State Park. Originally from Ireland, Aislinn has lived in Salem, Oregon since 2000. She graduated with a degree in Visual Communications from the National College of Art and Design in Dublin, Ireland and worked for many years as a graphic designer before returning to college to study horticulture at the National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Ireland. Aislinn illustrated the "Digging In" gardening column in the *Washington Post* newspaper for ten years from 2000 to 2010. The presentation will take place at the Bush Barn Art Center on 600 Mission Street SE. For more information, visit <https://salemart.org/events/artist-talk-aislinn-adams/>.

**Thursday, October 15, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

## Virtual Event: Wildflower Photo Night

Willamette Valley Chapter NPSO members and other plant enthusiasts will share photos of wildflowers they have encountered on recent trips and hikes. We're aiming for a relaxed, fun, conversational evening with lots of pretty flower pictures and interesting stories. Registration is required. To register, contact John Savage at [wvnpso@gmail.com](mailto:wvnpso@gmail.com).

## William Cusick

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

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Native Plant Interest Groups

Filipendula

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

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