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Smooth sumac. (*Rhus glabra)*. Sherman County, Oregon. November 9, 2022. Photo by Gabriel E. Campbell, Courtesy of OregonFlora.

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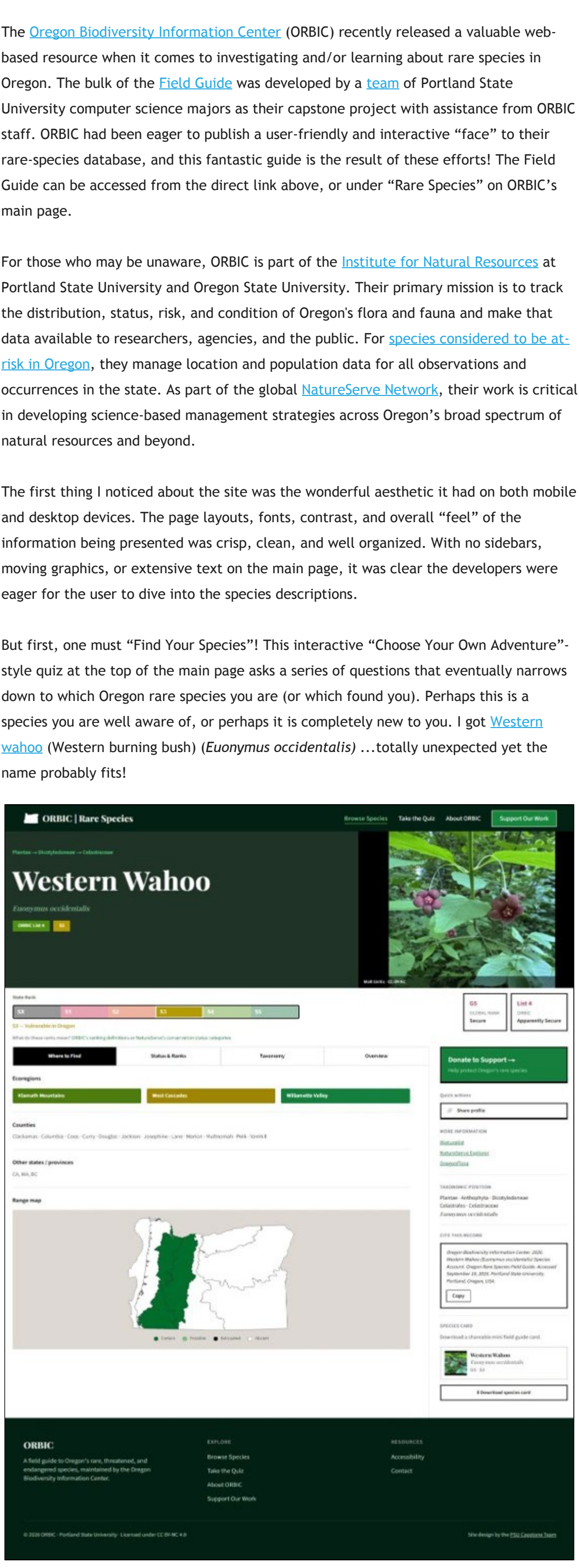
Website Review: Oregon Biodiversity Information Center's Rare Species Field Guide

The Oregon Biodiversity Information Center (ORBIC) recently released a valuable web-based resource when it comes to investigating and/or learning about rare species in Oregon. The bulk of the Field Guide was developed by a team of Portland State University computer science majors as their capstone project with assistance from ORBIC staff. ORBIC had been eager to publish a user-friendly and interactive "face" to their rare-species database, and this fantastic guide is the result of these efforts! The Field Guide can be accessed from the direct link above, or under "Rare Species" on ORBIC's main page.

For those who may be unaware, ORBIC is part of the Institute for Natural Resources at Portland State University and Oregon State University. Their primary mission is to track the distribution, status, risk, and condition of Oregon's flora and fauna and make that data available to researchers, agencies, and the public. For species considered to be at-risk in Oregon, they manage location and population data for all observations and occurrences in the state. As part of the global NatureServe Network, their work is critical in developing science-based management strategies across Oregon's broad spectrum of natural resources and beyond.

The first thing I noticed about the site was the wonderful aesthetic it had on both mobile and desktop devices. The page layouts, fonts, contrast, and overall "feel" of the information being presented was crisp, clean, and well organized. With no sidebars, moving graphics, or extensive text on the main page, it was clear the developers were eager for the user to dive into the species descriptions.

But first, one must "Find Your Species"! This interactive "Choose Your Own Adventure"-style quiz at the top of the main page asks a series of questions that eventually narrows down to which Oregon rare species you are (or which found you). Perhaps this is a species you are well aware of, or perhaps it is completely new to you. I got Western wahoo (Western burning bush) (*Euonymus occidentalis)* ...totally unexpected yet the name probably fits!



Species profile page for Western wahoo (western burning bush) from ORBIC's Rare Species Field Guide

Once you have had enough fun finding your new spirit species, scroll down further on the main page to find the Featured Species. Several are featured and can be scrolled through left or right, but each gives the user a species photo and a quick snapshot of the rarity and status of the species in Oregon and beyond. One hit of the View Species button and you quickly go to the full species profile (detailed below).

Scroll further down the home page and one can browse through species three main ways: by taxonomic group (vertebrate animals, invertebrate animals, vascular plants, and nonvascular plants and fungi; by state species status (extinct, critically imperiled, imperiled, vulnerable, or apparently secure); or by major ecoregion via a map and/or list (there are nine major ecoregions in Oregon from the coastal marine and estuarine region in the west to the Blue Mountains and Northern Basin and Range in the east). Each of these broad filters is useful in its own way, but selecting any of the options will take you to the more powerful filter menu where many more options are presented. Several quick filter buttons are available, or you can use the More Filters button and species can be sorted further by things like state and federal listing status (threatened and/or endangered listings), NatureServe state and global ranks, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's (ODFW) Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and Species of Greatest Information Need (SGIN) lists, county occurrences, and even Oregon endemics. Lastly, this menu also allows one to search by species directly through a search bar or scrolling through the list of 2,000+ species!

Once a species is selected, the species profile pages allow the user to browse through a lot of useful information. A set of tabs across the profile allows the viewer to toggle between Where to Find, Status & Ranks, Taxonomy, and Overview. These profiles are full of all the useful information mentioned in the filters but also include more comprehensive information about the species. The Where to Find tab lists geographic information (ecoregions, counties, and other states/provinces of occurrence) and includes a range map at the bottom that shows ecoregions of certain occurrence plus those of possible occurrence. The Status & Ranks tab lists the various conservation status categories along with links to where to find more information on the species such as through iNaturalist, OregonFlora, and NatureServe Explorer. Some species also have links to ODFW's Wildlife Action Plan page for the species. While a bit redundant, these links are also found to the right of the species profile no matter which tab is selected. The Taxonomy tab shows the higher-level taxonomy down to species (or variety/subspecies if determined) plus the authority who named and described the taxon and literature reference for naming. The Overview tab is most useful for learning about the habitat and ecology of the species plus identification tips.

While I appreciate the redundancy of some of the information presented in the species profiles, I did note that several species I explored were seriously lacking in information in the Overview tab outside of a line or two of information about the species range. This forces the user to go elsewhere to learn more about the habitat, ecology, and/or identification of the species. Also, it would appear that one photo of the species is all you get without going elsewhere, and some species are lacking photos entirely. To be fair, there are often few photo resources available for some species, particularly non-vascular plants, fungi, and invertebrates. Something else I noticed was that you can download a "shareable mini field guide card" from the right sidebar, but very little information is present outside of a photo, name, and conservation status. I see this as an opportunity for improvement as one-page summaries or fact sheets for rare species are particularly useful to field staff, trainers, and/or educators.

Overall, I found the ORBIC Rare Species Field Guide site to be quite useful for exploring the many species of conservation concern that occur in Oregon. The filtering options are powerful and mostly unique when compared to other online resources (at least for Oregon). Again, the simple, clean aesthetic and layout of the pages made browsing easy and engaging, without too much distraction. The interactive "Find Your Species" quiz is a fun way to introduce this resource and engage new users. For those interested in learning more about our rare species in Oregon, this site is a useful bookmark to add to the research toolbox! *-Jason Clinch, NPSO Director-at-Large, Rare, Threatened & Endangered Committee Chair*

You Can Help Build a Sustainable Future for NPSO



Photo by Diane Wilson.

What happens when people who love Oregon's native plants come together?

They learn. They teach. They explore wild places. They restore habitat. They notice what is changing. They share knowledge, seeds, stories, photographs, and enthusiasm. They help one another become better stewards of the plants and places we all depend on.

That is what we do together.

For more than sixty years, NPSO has been powered almost exclusively by volunteers. Today, some 1,200 members across Oregon contribute their time, knowledge, creativity, and passion through our chapters, programs, committees, publications, conservation efforts, and educational activities.

We want to make sure that this remarkable volunteer community continues having the support it needs to thrive. Will you help us sustain NPSO and bring together more native plant lovers?

NPSO needs your help to reach a more sustainable organizational structure that utilizes a modest level of paid support to keep essential operations moving and growing. A little organizational continuity can make a big difference. Paid staff help basic systems function consistently, meaning volunteers can spend less time managing administrative details—and more time doing the work they care about to help plants and reach people.

And the heart of NPSO will always be its people. Diane from the Umpqua Chapter recently shared her story of how NPSO and native plants build community:

No matter how old we are, we all need to feel a sense of belonging. When I relocated from out of state, I wasn't sure Oregon was a right fit. The best thing I could've done was find my tribe with the Native Plant Society of Douglas County. No matter my background, my age, my appearance, these folks were as fascinated and appreciative of native flora as I was. Hikes were a great introduction to the best hidden gems of the area, even places that had limited entry and public attention. Thanks for the sunny treks, the lunch time breaks in beautiful places, the friendships that were made during carpooling adventures, and the ecological education from dedicated naturalists.



These experiences are exactly what we are working to sustain.

Your contribution to NPSO helps provide the foundation for all of this: supporting volunteers, maintaining essential organizational systems, communicating with members, providing educational opportunities, advancing native plant conservation, and ensuring that NPSO can continue growing to reach the next generation.

Would you consider a year-end gift to our General Fund to help build a sustainable NPSO and continue our conservation mission? We have a vision of flourishing and diverse native flora in reciprocal connection with a thriving, enthusiastic community of Oregonians. Help us build the foundation to make that vision possible.

MAKE YOUR GIFT TODAY Your gift will support our vision of organizational sustainability as well as our conservation efforts. With gratitude for all that you bring to this community, - *Steven Yeager, NPSO President*

Above photo by Diane Wilson.

OregonFlora

There are several new features on the oregonflora.org website - have you discovered them?

Field photos and herbarium specimens are now easier to explore with our redesigned image gallery, found on every profile page. You can choose how many thumbnail images to display on a page and learn the total number of images. After clicking or tapping on any thumbnail, you can scroll through the larger-formatted images using the arrows on the left and right margins or jump to a selected image (labeled "1" Figure 1 below). From any single photo, the key details of plant name, date, general location, and photographer are visible. Clicking on the location text (2) takes you to that spot on a map. There's also a green button (3) linking to the occurrence details page, where you can see even more details about the plant record. Finally, use the zoom tools (4) to marvel at the details of our state's plant life in both the image reel and full-screen mode (5)!

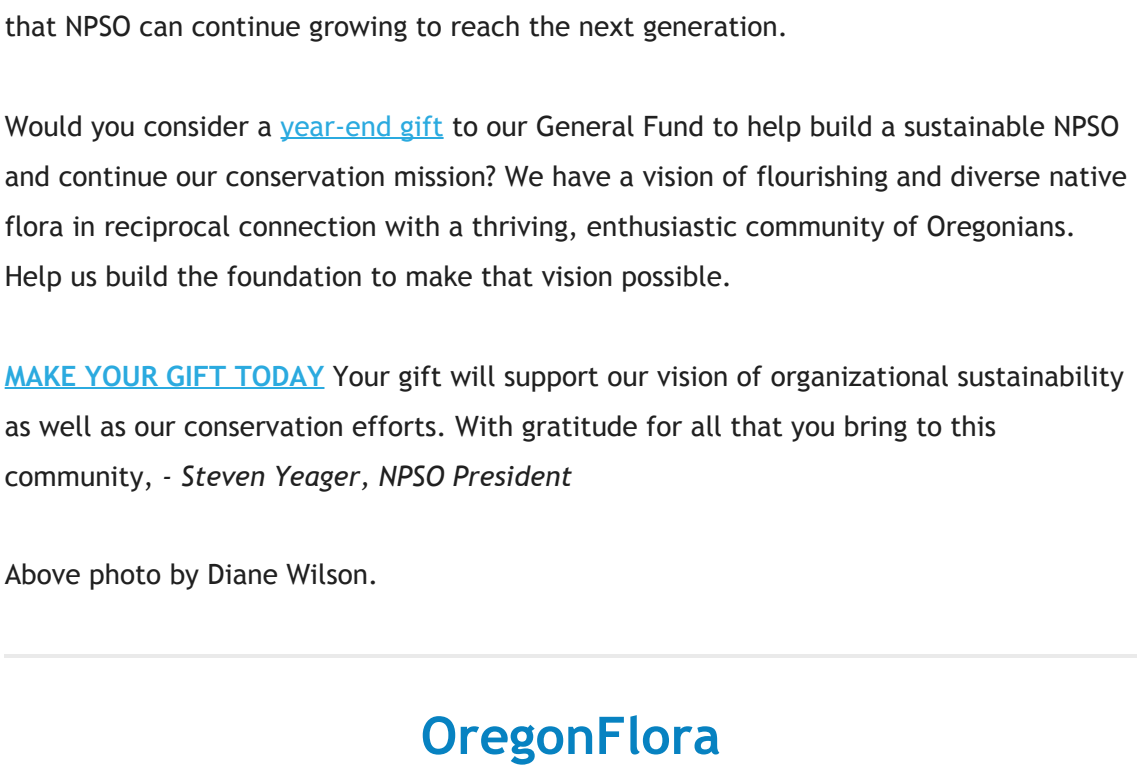


Figure 1. Images displayed on all OregonFlora plant profile pages now have new features. This is one of the 46 field photos of Calochortus tolmei; its features are labeled with circled numbers that correspond to descriptions in this article.

There is now a new map layer that highlights the counties in which an occurrence has been documented. You can adjust this feature found in all our interactive maps - currently it's the default setting - by unchecking it from the layers option, which is accessed by clicking on the icon (resembling stacked papers) in the upper right corner of a map. Other map layers you can toggle on or off include geology, county lines, ecoregions, and land ownership. By noting the shape of the 'dots' on a map, the user knows the source of the record; for example, diamonds are specimens from the Oregon State University Herbarium, crosses represent iNaturalist records, etc. You can choose to display or hide any of these sources. Collectively, these tools help land managers and plant hunters better understand the distribution of Oregon's plants and more effectively target their efforts.

Two other visible features are making the plant family name given on a profile page a hyperlink to the family profile page and adding pagination to the list of results in the Identify/Explore tools. All new features are available for both desktop and mobile devices and should make using the OregonFlora website easier.

An important, but less visible addition has been integrating features that reduce bot traffic, which can slow down the website. And an addition coming in the near future are published family reports, accessible via a searchable tool. These will provide a detailed look into some of the documentation OregonFlora tracks for all the taxa within a given plant family.

OregonFlora balances its efforts and finances to continuously improve our website along with completing Volume 3 of the *Flora of Oregon*. If the resources we provide support your interests, values, and work, we welcome your support! Contributions can be made online through our PayPal account, or by sending a check to the address on our Donate page. *-Linda Hardison, Director, OregonFlora*

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 Jason Clinch, Barbara Ertter, Jill Kellogg, and Kristi Mergenthaler for correctly identifying last month's mystery plant as *Myosurus minimus*, which bears the appropriate common name of tiny mousetail. Tiny mousetail will be assessed for treatment in Volume 3 of *Flora of Oregon*.

According to *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*, Second Edition, this small annual in the Ranunculus family is found in vernally moist, open areas. It has a widespread distribution; found from Southern British Columbia, both sides of the Cascade Mountains south to Baja California, and east to the northern Great Plains and eastern and southern United States. It is also found in Europe, Asia, and Africa.



Tiny mousetail. Photo by Jennifer Barker.

New Mystery Plant
Do you recognize this plant?



Don Jacobson photographed this plant on July 9, 2026, on Lookout Mountain, Mount Hood National Forest, 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.

Native Plant Appreciation Month Photos Needed!

Every year the Native Plant Appreciation Month (NPAM) Committee puts together a fabulous poster featuring stunning photos of native plants. The poster is distributed around Oregon and hung in nurseries, non-profit offices, and more. This is a great opportunity for budding plant photographers to show off your best photos. Each person may submit two photos of Oregon native plants (that they have not previously submitted to the photo contest). All entries should be sent to photosnpaw@gmail.com and must be received by December 31, 2026.



The photos must meet the following requirements:

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

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 is 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 other NPSO publicity materials. *-Native Plant Appreciation Month Committee*

Photo credit: *Silene hookeri*, Hooker's catchfly. Photographed by Polly Maertz at Glide, Oregon.

Conservation Committee Update Roadless Rule

Part of our mission at the NPSO is conserving Oregon's native plants and habitats, which is why our Conservation Committee submitted a comment to the U.S. Forest Service in opposition to repealing the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

An analysis done by the Oregon Biodiversity Information Center revealed that there are 2,425 element occurrences of at-risk plant species located within Roadless Areas in Oregon. Of those occurrences, 1,208 occurrences were observed after the Roadless Rule was implemented. These element occurrences are present in all eleven of Oregon's National Forests. Changes to the Roadless Rule could negatively impact these at-risk

populations through multiple avenues. Even if at-risk species are not directly destroyed during roadbuilding construction, they could be affected by the resulting invasive species introduction, increased wildfire risk, resource extraction, habitat destruction, and fragmentation.






Included in those at-risk species are the species shown above (clockwise beginning in upper left): Newberg's gentian (*Gentiana newberryi var. newberryi*), photo by Gerald D. Carr; whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*), photo by Gerald D. Carr; slendertube skyrocket (*Ipomopsis tenuituba*), photo by Kate Manning; clustered ladyslipper (*Cypripedium fasciculatum*), photo by Robert L. Carr. All photos courtesy of OregonFlora.

The Conservation Committee will continue to monitor and respond to the Roadless Rule Rescission and other projects that could threaten Oregon's native plants and ecosystems. Additional information on the Roadless Rule Recission can be found here.
- NPSO Conservation Committee

NPSO Open Board Positions



Key NPSO Committee Positions Open

The NPSO state board is seeking individuals to serve as chairperson for the Membership 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

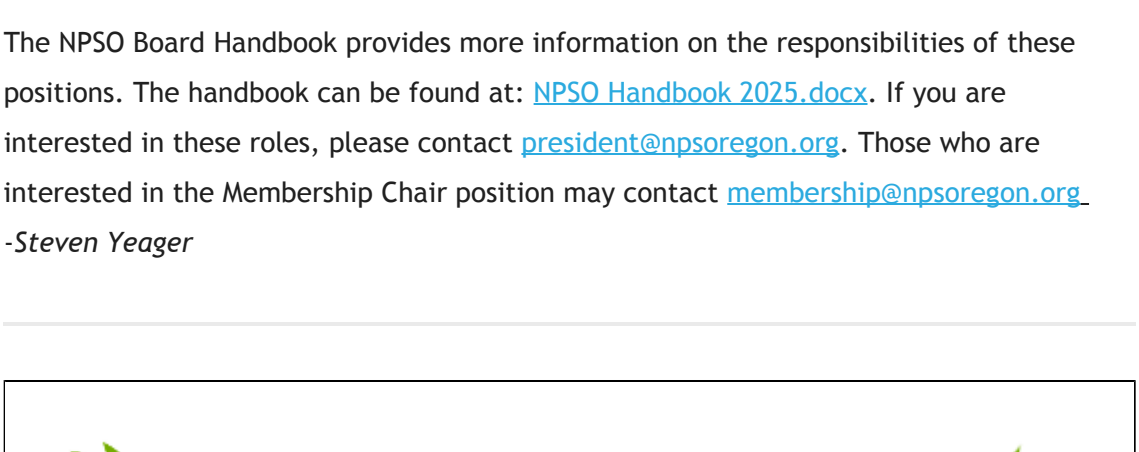
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iNaturalist Tips and News

Greetings from your iNaturalist Committee. This iNaturalist column will have tips for using this very popular citizen science platform that allows people to record, identify, and share observations of plants, animals, fungi, and other organisms worldwide. We'll also announce iNaturalist events taking place around Oregon and links to journal posts on the Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants's Journal · iNaturalist, administered by this committee.

Annotation tip: flower buds, flowers, fruits, and seeds; leaves breaking bud, green colored or dead

This annotation tip is for folks who are comfortable with posting observations and want to add a bit more information to their own observations. Annotations for plants include a few extra clicks to add vital scientific data when you post your observation. Annotations record life stages (flower buds, flowers, fruits, and seeds; leaves breaking bud, green colored or dead) of the plant observed often used to support changes in plant development associated with climate change. So next time you are posting, take a moment to look at the right side of your observations and add annotations to improve the value of your post.



Screenshot by Gail Baker taken 10/16/2026 from her iNaturalist observation Chamaenerion angustifolium (fireweed) from Hector Lake viewpoint, Icefields Parkway, Lake Louise, AB, Canada on September 30, 2026, at 08:09 AM by Gail A Baker. Hector L viewpoint · iNaturalist

We'll vary our tips between those targeted at new and beginning iNaturalist users and ones more familiar with posting observations.

Save the date for our 2027 ID-a-thon on January 16-24, 2027. Watch for updates in the *Bulletin* and at Flora of Oregon: Vascular Plants's Journal · iNaturalist.

Please feel free to copy these tips to your NSPO chapter newsletter and contact Gail Baker or Jess Beauchemin with any questions or tip requests at inat@npsoregon.org.
-iNaturalist Committee

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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See the list of NPSO presidents, beginning in 1961, on the state NPSO website at this location: https://www.npsoregon.org/wp/officers/. Look for the box titled "Past Presidents" near the bottom of the page.

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Native Plant Appreciation Month Shirts Still Available! You can still order Native Plant Appreciation Month long- or short-sleeved t-shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies in multiple colors and sizes. These could be great gifts too! Order at: https://www.bonfire.com/native-plant-appreciation-month.

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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." To learn more about the Oregon Plant Conservation Symposium, visit the ODA Plant Conservation Symposium website.

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The Gardening for Nature Survey results are now available! The survey was conducted by the Institute for Applied Ecology in collaboration with Design Native Northwest. Access the report, blogs, and sign up for a webinar: “The Gardening for Nature Survey: Eye Opening Insights from over 1,274 Gardeners” HERE. The webinar will be held on November 17 at 10:00 am Pacific Standard Time. Registration is required.

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.

Thursday, November 5, 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.

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.

Monday, November 9, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Program: Do you like to vacuum outdoors? A detailed account of the ecological importance, cultivation and use in restoration of early blue violet (*Viola adunca*).
Presenter: Mara Friddle, Native Plant Farm Manager for the Institute for Applied Ecology
Location: Cordley Hall Room 2602, Oregon State University (or on Zoom)

The threatened Oregon silverspot butterfly larvae rely on the early blue violet as their sole food source, but the butterfly recovery effort is so much bigger than just tossing more violet seed out on the coast. This talk will illustrate the tremendous effort performed by restoration practitioners, plant materials producers, the Oregon Zoo, and even incarcerated individuals at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility all working in concert to help the Oregon silverspot butterfly thrive once again.

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/wzHZocQhTkWIPSiTgS6sSw.

Sunday, November 15, 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.

Saturday, November 21, 9:00 am – late afternoon
Event: Mushroom Foray
Trip Leader: Hayden Johnson
Location: Meet at the north side of the Philomath Mary’s Peak True Value Hardware parking lot.

Come prepared for the weather and mushroom hunting. Contact Hayden Johnson for more information at: johnsh29@oregonstate.edu.

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.npso/. Follow our Instagram page at: https://www.instagram.com/emerald_chapter_npso/. To view our YouTube channel, visit: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2piFmglQTMhKR8H8iobTw.

Tuesday, 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, November 16, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Presentation: Aquatic and Emergent Native Plant Establishment
Presenter: Laurie Holts, Ecologist, City of Eugene
Location: Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard Street, Eugene

From 2018 through 2021, the City of Eugene and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife planted over 2,000 native aquatic and emergent plants at Golden Gardens Park. Learn how this novel project experimented with different planting techniques for diverse species, protected plants from voracious herbivores, and played an important role in helping the Northwestern Pond Turtle population at Golden Gardens thrive.

Monday, December 14, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Event: Christmas Party Slide Show
Location: Amazon Community Center, 2700 Hilyard Street, Eugene

Join us for a photo show extravaganza while Emerald Chapter members share their wildflower encounters from the past year. Bring 10-15 slides of plants on a flash drive and describe an adventure you had this year. Bring a tasty nibble to share. This is a wonderful evening to socialize and become better acquainted. We’ll have T-shirts, hats, and other artistic items to purchase if you enjoy sharing plant-themed gifts during the holidays.

**Please note that this meeting is the second Monday of December, not the 3rd Monday due to the holiday schedule.*

High Desert

For information, visit our website: npsohdc.org or Facebook page: Native Plant Society of Oregon: High Desert Chapter, or email us at highdesertnpso@gmail.com.

Follow our Instagram page at: https://www.instagram.com/npso_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-npso-field-trips.

Wednesday, November 4, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Event: Skull Hollow Campground Planting
Location: Skull Hollow Campground, northern parking lot, (lat/long: 44.39736, -121.0623)

Want to help support native plant habitat in a high-use recreation area on public lands? Come join U.S. Forest Service employees and youth crews at Skull Hollow Campground on the Crooked River National Grassland. We will be planting native grasses, forbs, and shrubs around the parking areas and near trailheads to promote native vegetation and deter invasive plants. Due to this area’s close proximity to Gray Butte, Smith Rock State Park, and year-round access, this recreation area is heavily used by hikers, campers, mountain bikers, and equestrian riders. The planting will include: big basin wildrye, Lewis blue flax, silvery lupine, choke cherry, bitterbrush, and wax currant.

Please ensure you bring appropriate field work clothes, shoes, and work gloves. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. This is a rain or shine event.

RSVP here.

Saturday, November 7, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Event: Pine Mountain Fire Scar Planting
Location: 43.76912, -120.81393

Join the High Desert Chapter in planting bitterbrush/sagebrush starts in the Pine Mountain fire footprint in collaboration with the Prineville Bureau of Land Management

(BLM) District. Please bring water, snacks, and lunch. Dress appropriately for the weather. This is a rain or shine event. Hiking boots are recommended. We will have dibble bars and augers for planting, but if members have a preferred personal planting tool such as hand trowel or spade, they are welcome to bring it. Garden knee pads/sit pads are great. The BLM will be providing water, Gatorade, and/or coffee.

Directions to the Staging Area from Bend (starting at Pilot Butte State Park). Head east on Highway 20 for 26 miles. Turn right (south) onto Newt Morris Rd. After 0.6 miles, Newt Morris becomes Fox Butte Rd. Continue on Fox Butte Rd for 6.7 miles. Turn right (south) onto Moffitt Rd. Continue on Moffitt Rd. for 1.6 miles. The staging area will be a livestock water trough on the west side of the road.

RSVP here.

Tuesday, November 10, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Event: Peck's Penstemon Habitat Improvement Post-Fire Native Planting
Location: 12 miles NE of Sisters, 44.415340, -121.423391

Want to help support native habitat of sensitive Peck's Penstemon populations? Come join FS employees and youth crews in the westernmost portion of the Crooked River National Grassland which burned at higher severity during the 2021 Grandview and 2025 Flat wildfires. We will be planting bunchgrasses and forbs along sensitive plant populations infested by invasive annual grasses (medusahead rye and cheatgrass) which have increased in cover post-wildfire. Installation of native plants will help promote and support native habitat in burned areas that are more vulnerable to annual grass dominance.

Due to the risk of standing dead trees in the area, please bring a hard hat if possible. Please ensure you bring appropriate field work clothes, shoes, and work gloves. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch. This is a rain or shine event.

RSVP here.

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 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

From the watersheds of the Gorge and the Cascades to the Willamette Valley and coast, the Portland Chapter community is eagerly awaiting the cool rains and winds as we celebrate seasonal bounty and changes in Oregon together.

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

Thursday, November 12, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Zoom Program: Conserving Water and Wildflowers in the Willamette Valley
Presenter: Travis Williams, Willamette River Preservation Trust

Travis Williams, infamous director of Willamette RiverKeepers, will discuss the formation of his new organization, Willamette River Preservation Trust, in 2024. Now president and chief executive officer of this recently formed land trust, Travis will share the importance of the specific focus in the northern Willamette Valley. To date, the Trust has acquired five properties for long-term conservation, with three of those being wet prairie with amazing native wildflowers and other native species. Learn how you can help preserve some of the valley's iconic endemics and ecosystems.

Zoom Registration Link:
Conserving Water and Wildflowers in the Willamette Valley

If you have any ideas for programs, or speakers to suggest please send them to the npsopdxchapter@gmail.com. Be sure to watch the NPSO PDX Membership Calendar for other events and hikes throughout the fall.

NPSOPDX26 iNaturalist News:

Here is the link for our monthly themed iNaturalist NPSOPDX26 NON-Native November BioBlitz. Enjoy the colors of non-native plants, but keep your eyes open for nuisance and noxious plants that keep our natives from thriving.

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.

More Information:

- Check our member only NPSO PDX PUBLIC EVENTS Calendar for up-to-date information about registering for upcoming field trips, programs, and other events.
- 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/UCXFI2J9yp2AYmUzNz0jLlSw

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, November 7, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Field Trip: Siskiyou Plant Explorers, Lower Grayback Mountain Loop
Trip leader: Matt Dybala
Meeting Location: Williams Grange, 20100 Williams Hwy, Williams OR 97544

Come join the Siskiyou Plant Explorers on our last outing of the year as we focus on native Siskiyou plant and mushroom identification. Participants will learn about various symbiotic relationships between plants and fungi as we explore different habitats, such as madrone/black ash mixed hardwood forest, alder/bigleaf maple riparian areas, and Douglas-fir mixed conifer forests. Along the way, Matt will share terminology used to describe basic macroscopic features of fungi and how to navigate identification keys in common field guides to successfully identify mushroom genera. November is one of the best months to observe fruiting bodies in southern Oregon at low to mid elevations, while also enjoying a spectacular fall display of colorful leaves. This is a moderate 2-mile loop hike that begins at the Grayback Mountain Trailhead, which is a short 10-minute drive from our meeting location at the Williams Grange. The initial first mile includes sections with a steady elevation gain of 300 feet. We will loop back to the parking area by hiking along upper Rock Creek road on our return.

If you are interested in joining, please send an email in advance to siskiyouplants@gmail.

Monday, November 16, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Event: 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 a monthly plant keying party! We will share plant samples and work collaboratively as we walk 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!

Plant collection guidelines:

- 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 of fewer than ten individuals.
- Do not dig up any plants by their roots.
- Make notes on when and where you collected.
- If you have a shrubby plant or tree, take photos and additional notes.
- 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 can't make this event? Sign up to the listserv and get an email for the next party! These plant identification sessions are offered every third Monday of the month.

Thursday, November 19, 7:00 pm
Presentation: Native Buckwheats of the Siskiyou Mountains
Presenter: Suzie Savoie
Location: In-person presentation at the Siskiyou chapter meeting at Southern Oregon University Science Building, Room 161. Join us in-person or via Zoom. To register for Zoom, go to https://bit.ly/npsotalks.

The Siskiyou Mountains are known for their botanical diversity, including a wide variety of native buckwheats in the genus *Eriogonum*. There are at least sixteen species of *Eriogonum* that grow in the Siskiyou Mountains, and twenty six overall *Eriogonum* taxa when you include varieties. Native buckwheats come in many shapes and sizes. Some species are large, showy, well-known, and well-loved, while others are rare and seldom seen, or are small annuals that are often overlooked. Native buckwheats, found in most habitats in the Siskiyou Mountains, play a key role in our local ecosystems and are vital for pollinators and bird species. Come learn about the incredible diversity of native buckwheats in the Siskiyou Mountains!

Suzie Savoie is a native seed collector and co-owner of Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds and is a former conservation chair for the Siskiyou Chapter of NPSO. She works on conservation issues throughout the Siskiyou Mountains, lives off grid below the Red Buttes Wilderness, and loves to get into remote locations to see rare plants, including native buckwheats.

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, November 7, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Event: Fourth Annual 100 Acre Wood Work Party
Location: 100 Acre Wood parking lot, 1000 S 1st Avenue, Coquille, OR 97423

Come treat English Ivy, holly, cotoneaster and other noxious vegetation in partnership with the Wild Coast Trail Association. Dress for the weather; bring your favorite gloves and clippers (some will be available to borrow) and join us. Lunch will be provided.

For information contact: Gail Perrotti gperrotti@earthlink.net

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, November 19, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
On-Line Event: Oregon Kelp Alliance Stewardship Initiative – Kelp Restoration in Oregon
Presenter: Carl Hendrickson, Oregon Kelp Alliance (ORKA)

Carl Hendrickson will discuss the ORKA's Kelp Stewardship Initiative to restore kelp forests along Oregon's coasts. The initiative aims to reduce urchin herbivore populations, improve kelp recruitment, and recover sea star populations. Carl will also discuss the ORKA's Restorative Mariculture project to link coastal conservation and economic development.

Since 2024, Carl has been an administrative and program assistant at ORKA where he works on a wide range of projects. Before joining ORKA, he was a coastal management fellow with the Oregon Coastal Management Program, working with communities in Clatsop County to address the impacts of sea level rise. Carl received a BS from University of California Berkeley and an MS from San Francisco State University. Registration is required. To register, contact John Savage at 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. 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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