



FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



Umpqua Native Plant Partnership

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Greetings UNPP!

As the leaves change and the weather cools, we're excited to share updates on the incredible work happening with native plants in our region. This season has opportunities to get involved, support local producers, and learn more about growing native seeds.

Next Bi-Annual Meeting **11/21/24 10 am @ Ben Moore Mountain Nursery** in Oakland. Partners will learn about UNPP's nursery phyto-sanitization pilot, the producer peer-learning sessions, and our summer training at the USFS Dorena Genetic Research Center. We will review the new infrastructure sanitization standards and best management practices for UNPP Plug producers. This meeting is entirely in person - no hybrid option! The meeting agenda, directions, and partnership updates will be shared in November.



Buy Plants Directly from Our NPM Square Store!

Did you know you can now buy native plants directly from our Native Plant Materials (NPM) program on the Square store site? Whether you're restoring your land, improving wildlife habitat, or simply adding some beauty to your garden, this is a fantastic way to access high-quality native plants grown by our local producers. Each plant is grown with care to ensure it thrives in our unique ecoregion. Your purchase also helps support our grassroots efforts to build a sustainable native plant economy here in the Umpqua Basin.

Buy Plants - [UNPP NPM Resrvation System!!!](#)



Mark Your Calendars for These Exciting Fall Activities

Volunteer Seed Cleaning Event: September 20th

- Want to roll up your sleeves and help prepare seeds for future restoration projects? Join us in Yoncalla for a volunteer seed-cleaning event. This hands-on experience is open to everyone—no experience necessary! We'll guide you through the seed-cleaning process while you connect with others who share a passion for native plants. Space is limited contact [Morgan](#) if you are interested in attending.

OSU Tree School: September 28th

- UNPP will be hosting an information booth at this year's [OSU Tree School](#) from **12:10 to 1:30 pm**! If you're an experienced seed grower (or want to become one), stop by to meet me and learn about the UNPP team. We'd love to chat about the growing native seed market and how you can get involved in our partnership. It's a great opportunity to learn, network, and support the native plant movement in Douglas County. Health, Nursing, and Science Center at Umpqua Community College [1140 Umpqua College Rd, Roseburg.](#)

Native Seed Swap: Date / Location TBD - November

- Whether you're a seasoned native seed collector or just getting started, the upcoming Seed Swap led by Umpqua community leaders is the perfect place to share your knowledge, exchange seeds, and support the growing native plant community. It's a fantastic way to diversify your collection and learn about the importance of locally sourced seed. Stay tuned for more details! Interested in participating or organizing the event, contact [Morgan](#).

Improving Plant Health with Sanitization Modules

Behind the scenes, we've been hard at work alongside our local producers on developing sanitization modules to ensure the plants you purchase are of the highest quality. These modules are designed to prevent the spread of pests and diseases, which is critical for the success of restoration efforts. By investing in these systems, we're ensuring that every plant and seed is clean, healthy, and ready for your project. We're thrilled to see how this collaborative effort is already improving our process!





Seed Collection 2024

A special thank you to the Landowners of Callhollow, The Elkton Reserve, and Yew Creek Land Alliance for providing access to wildlands for native seed collection. Private lands offer an underutilized opportunity for collecting wild seed and woody species, which is crucial for increasing genetic diversity and species variability in future restoration projects. These collections are essential for the amplification of high-priority species desired for ecological restoration.

UNPP volunteers successfully collected a diverse array of forbs, grasses, and shrubs from the valley foothills to the western Cascade Range. Your contributions are invaluable to advancing the restoration of native plant communities.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your dedication and hard work!

Species Collected

- *Anaphalis margaritacea* (Pearly Everlasting)
- *Asclepias speciosa* (Showy Milkweed)
- *Camassia leichtlinii* (Great Camas)
- *Camassia quamash* (Common Camas)
- *Calochortus tolmiei* (Tolmie's Star Tulip)
- *Clarkia purpurea* (Winecup Clarkia)
- *Dodecatheon hendersonii* (Henderson's Shooting Star)
- *Festuca californica* (California fescue)
- *Iris tenax* (Toughleaf Iris)
- *Lomatium utriculatum* (Common Lomatium)
- *Madia gracilis* (Slender Tarweed)
- *Sambucus nigra* ssp. *cerulea* (Blue Elderberry)
- *Sisyrinchium bellum* (Western Blue-Eyed Grass)





More Photo Highlights



Letter from the Coordinator

I want to acknowledge some key contributors to our recent successes and say THANK YOU.

Mike and Shawna from Wildwood Nursery have been instrumental this year. They've grown excellent *Bromus carinatus* and *Elymus glaucus*, prepared seed increase rows, and are about to plant grass plugs. This will be our first seed amplification for UNPP, and their hard work is greatly appreciated.

Clay and Karen at Ben Moore Mountain Nursery for transforming their greenhouse into a nursery facility and running a pilot project on sanitization BMPs. Their efforts are helping us meet high standards in a practical way.

Bruce at Master Gardeners, who has dedicated his time and effort to growing plants for UNPP. This contribution is crucial in ensuring we have a diverse and robust plant supply for this fall alongside plants from Elder Oaks and Ben Moore Mountain Nursery. This diversity is essential for meeting the varied needs of our restoration projects and supporting the broader goals of our initiative.

Your support means a lot. Thank you for being a crucial part of our journey toward a greener Umpqua Basin.

Warm regards,
Morgan Fay, M.Sc.
UNPP Coordinator & Restoration Ecologist

