

# Idaho Native Plant Society

## 2018 Annual Meeting

**Hosted by:** Calypso Chapter, Idaho Native Plant Society, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

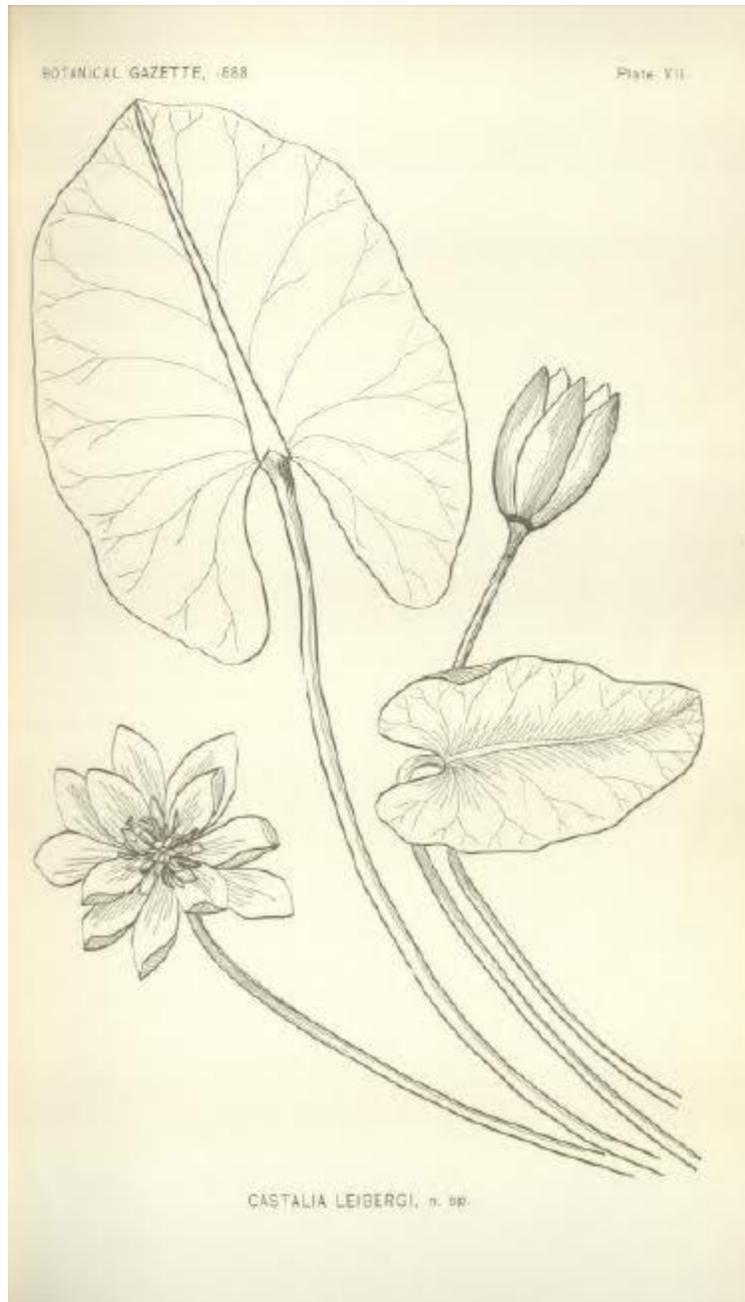
**Dates:** Friday thru Monday, June 29 thru July 2, 2018

**Meeting Location:** US Forest Service Bumblebee Campground Group Site, Coeur d'Alene National Forest

**Theme:** The focus of the event will be on the Swedish American pioneering botanical collector, forester, and bryologist, John Leiberg. John Leiberg was responsible for documenting floras throughout the Pacific Northwest, but particularly North Idaho. Many of the oldest herbaria specimens for species in our area were collected by Leiberg. John Leiberg collected several species that were new to science.



John Leiberg (Courtesy of New York Botanical Garden)



Leiberg's pygmy water-lily, *Nymphaea leibergii*, is one of many species discovered by Leiberg (Botanical Gazette 1888)

**Directions:** Take Interstate 90 east bound from Coeur d'Alene or west bound from Montana. Take the Kingston exit 43 from Interstate 90 and proceed north on the Coeur d'Alene River Road for 5.4 miles. Turn left across the Coeur d'Alene River onto the Little North Fork Road and proceed for 3.0 miles. The Bumblebee Campground is on the right.

## Schedule of Events

**Friday, June 29 (All times are Pacific Daylight Savings, event times are subject to change)**

**2:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Camp Check In.** As you check in you will receive your camp site assignments. We will collect any fees that have not already been paid. You will get the details on the hikes and various activities you will be participating in.

**2:00 pm to 6:00 pm – Informal Activities around the Campground.** From time to time during this period we will lead short walks around the campground area. You can participate in the “scavenger hunt” to see who can find the most species on the campground plant checklist. For those involved in the INPS Board, the meeting will be in Pinehurst Library at 107 Main Street starting at 3:00 pm.

**5:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Informal Dinner.** We will be cooking up hamburgers, sausages, and bean burgers. Please bring something to share with the group (salad, dessert, or chips). Seating may be limited so please bring a camp chair if you have one available.

**7:00 pm to 10:00 pm – Campfire.** Following the informal dinner there will be the traditional gathering of friends around the campfire.

**Saturday, June 30**

**8:00 am to 11:00 am – Settler’s Grove of Ancient Cedars Walk.** We will caravan to the site of this old cedar grove where giant cedar trees date back to when Columbus landed. This will be a relatively easy walk through the grove. A forest fire swept through the grove in 2015. We will be able to observe the resilience of this ecosystem.



Settler's Grove of Ancient Cedars (USFS Photo)

**8:30 am to 4:00 pm – Twin Crag/Mount Wiessner Hike.** This hike will be to one of the original sites that John Leiberg encountered during his expeditions through the region. Naturalist Jack Nisbet, our evening's guest speaker, will provide interpretation on the hike. The views and flowers will be spectacular and the story will be fascinating. The road into the area is challenging and may be blocked by snow. Only rugged vehicles should attempt this trip. We will try to augment with additional vehicles, but the number of participants will be limited in any case. Those earliest to register will be given priority. If road conditions preclude access to the area, a suitable alternative will be selected.

**12:00 noon to 4:00 pm – Coal Creek Hike.** The trail up Coal Creek provides a pretty little hike in a riparian zone. The path is well shaded and passes a series of waterfalls—perfect for a hot afternoon. There are carpets of mosses and ferns. Our vascular plant list from previous trips is approaching 100 species. It provides a good representation of North Idaho mesic forests. The trail is up and back so you only need to go as far as you chose. Participants in the Settler's Grove walk will be able to take part in this hike as well.



Twisted-stalk (*Streptopus amplexifolius*) - One of the many plants seen along the Coal Creek Trail (Photo by Derek Antonelli)

**6:00 pm to 7:00 pm – Dinner meal.** We will have our dinner meal catered by the Snake Pit Restaurant at the Bumblebee Campground Group Site. The Snake Pit has been in operation since the gold/silver rush days in 1880 and is famous in the area. The meal will consist of BBQ brisket, pulled pork, beans, salad, and lemonade. You are welcome to bring other beverages of your choice. A vegetarian meal of vegetable rice pilaf will be available on request. The cost of the meal is \$16 per person. Purchase of the meal is optional. Your reservation needs to be received by June 15. Seating is limited so bring your camp chair for use during the meal.

**7:15 pm to 8:30 pm – Annual Meeting/Presentation.** The Idaho Native Plant Society annual meeting will be held at the Bumblebee Campground Group Site. We will be in the open so bring your camp chair or blankets for seating. The meeting will start by addressing the business of the Idaho Native Plant Society. Following the formal business portion of the meeting, Jack Nisbet (teacher, author, and naturalist) will give a presentation on John Leiberg. Jack has written several well-received books of great interest. His topics have included David Thompson (British fur trader, explorer, and map maker) and David Douglas (plant collector and botanist for whom the Douglas-fir and many other Northwest plants are named). Jack is currently researching another book on the exploits of John Leiberg. John Leiberg was born in Sweden. After coming to the United States, he settled near Lake Pend Oreille. He collected plant specimens for the New York Botanical Gardens and various US government agencies. His work was responsible for documenting the flora of North Idaho. Much of his work was centered on

the site of this year's INPS annual meeting. Jack will draw upon his research findings for his presentation at the annual meeting.



Jack Nisbet—Teacher, naturalist, and author (Photo by James C. Brown)

### **Sunday, July 1**

**8:00 am to 4:00 pm – Revett Lake Hike.** The trail head for Revett Lake is 38 miles from Bumblebee Campground and is very near Thompson Pass on the Idaho-Montana border. The hike into Revett Lake is very scenic with a climb of less than 700 feet and is less than two miles long one-way. Our plant list from previous hikes has well over 100 species and provides a good representation of local subalpine forest flora.



Calypso Chapter members at Revett Lake (Photo by Derek Antonelli)

**9:00 am to 2:00 pm – Deception Creek Experimental Forest.** The Deception Creek Experimental Forest is 19 miles from Bumblebee Campground. The forest was established in 1933 when large, old western white pines were important for producing lumber products. Research at the experimental forest focused on the ecology and silviculture of western white pine. The 291-acre Montford Creek Research Natural Area is located within the forest. Many species of plants are to be found including the rare deer fern (*Blechnum spicant*).

**5:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Informal Plant Identification Session.** For the plant geeks among you, we will set up an area within the Bumblebee Group Camp for people to bring their plant materials and share in the efforts to identify these. You are welcome to wander in and out during the session.

**6:00 pm to 10:00 pm – Campfire.** We will start up the campfire for another traditional gathering of friends. Be sure to bring your best big plant that got away story.

**Monday, July 2**

**8:00 am to 11:00 am – Ad hoc activities.** Let us know if there is anything special you want to see or do. Perhaps we can set something up.

**11:00 am – Campground Check Out.**

### **Contact Information**

Registration forms can be found on the INPS website. The registration fee is \$30 per adult with no charge for children. Calypso Chapter President, Derek Antonelli, can be contacted at [ds.ca.antonelli@gmail.com](mailto:ds.ca.antonelli@gmail.com) or (208) 682-6139. Alternate contacts are Karen Williams, (208) 667-8790, and Janet Benoit, (208) 683-2407. Please complete and submit registration forms as soon as possible. Make checks payable to INPS Calypso Chapter. Mail to: INPS Calypso Chapter, c/o Derek Antonelli, 6723 W Eden Ct, Rathdrum, ID 83858.