

Wyoming Native Plant Society
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2012

Plant Hikes across Wyoming

Wyoming Native Plant Society field trips and others

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Jones columbine (*Aquilegia jonesii*)

All fieldtrips are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Important: For all outings – bring plenty of water and food and wear sturdy hiking shoes/boots, sunglasses, sunscreen, and sun hat. Bring appropriate clothing for all types of weather. Difficulty varies with each outing. All hikes are full day events unless otherwise stated, and you should bring lunch. Above all, be safe and enjoy Wyoming's plants!

June 10, Sunday, 9:00 am - **Penrose Trail, Bighorn National Forest**, Story, WY. Take Fish Hatchery Rd, up through Story to Penrose Lane on the right. The trailhead is at the end of Penrose Lane. Wildflower hike lead by Jennifer Williams, 307-672-8246, whiteboulder@earthlink.net.

June 22-25, Friday thru Monday – Wyoming Native Plant Society Annual Meeting, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Held jointly with American Penstemon Society. On June 23-24 - Three hikes; repeated on both Saturday and Sunday –**Laramie Range, Dodge Mountain, Snowy Range and Saratoga**. Saturday banquet option, banquet speaker – Craig Freeman, *Penstemon* author in *Flora of North America*. Note: This is the only 2012 event that requires pre-registration, has a fee to cover costs (\$100), and is open ONLY to members of WYNPS and American Penstemon Society (APS). Fri-Sun registration is through APS: <http://apsdev.org/aps/meetings.html>. A separate Monday hike will explore dunes with blowout penstemon, Wyoming's only Endangered plant. No cost, but please pre-register so that we don't leave without you! Email: wynps@wynps.org ; meet 9:00 am at Sinclair Truck Stop. More information is in the March newsletter. Lead by a galaxy of Wyoming botanists!

June 23, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – noon/1:00 p.m.: **Teton Pass area trails**. Join long-time resident and naturalist, Jean Jorgensen, for a leisurely walk to learn about the uses and stories of plants. Meet at Owen Bircher Park in Wilson. Jean Jorgensen, 307-733-5625.

June 30, Saturday, 9:00 am - **Steamboat Rock, Bighorn National Forest**, meet at the Steamboat Rock Parking Lot, above Dayton, WY (HWY 14). Wildflower hike lead by Dick Birkholz, 307-674-4303; birkhozds@bresnan.net.

July 14, Saturday, 9:00 am – **Sheep Creek, Bridger-Teton National Forest**. Join author Orval Harrison to explore the headwaters of Sheep Creek and Wyoming Range history. Meet at 9:00 am at the Bridger-Teton Natl. Forest boundary parking lot (just east of Alpine) to carpool/drive up Greys River. [People camping in the area might also meet at 10:00 am at the junction of the Greys River Rd and Sheep Creek Rd; FS Roads 10138 and 10125.] Cold drinks and refreshments will be provided!! Cosponsored by Nature Conservancy and Star Valley Historical Society. More information is in the March 2012 newsletter.

July 14, Saturday, 9:00 am - **Burgess Junction Visitor's Center, Bighorn National Forest**, above Dayton, WY (HWY 14). Wildflower hike lead by Claire Leon and Jean Daly (307-674-9728, djdaly@fiberpipe.net).

July 20, Friday, 8:00 a.m.: **Hanging Canyon to Lake of the Craggs, Grand Teton National Park**. Very difficult, day-long hike; approx. 6 miles round-trip with 2700' elevation gain with some low angle slabs and boulders along the way. Hiking poles would be helpful. Stunning views & interesting plants. Meet at Jenny Lake Boat Dock. Park and boat fees apply. Beverly Boynton 307-733-9649.

July 28, Saturday, 9:00 am - **Piney Creek Trail, Bighorn National Forest**, Story WY, Fruit and Seeds hike lead by Ami Erickson. Take Fish Hatchery Rd, up through Story to Thornerider Rd. Trailhead is at end of road. Ami Erickson, 307-683-3412, ami.erickson@gmail.com.

August 4, Saturday, 9 a.m.-2p.m.: **Phillips Canyon Trail, Bridger-Teton National Forest**. A loop hike that leads to Phillips Pass and down to Ski Lake before returning to trailhead. Difficult hike due to high elevation and steep terrain. Fireweed displays are typically phenomenal in this area. Park on the south side of Hwy 22, which is part way up Teton pass and across the road from the trailhead. Susan Marsh 307-733-5744.

September: To be announced: **Dugout Gulch, Black Hills National Forest**. Explore one of the two designated special interest areas on the Black Hills National Forest that are in Wyoming. Beth Burkhart, 605-673-3159; www.gpnps.org.