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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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The Calypso Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society meets on the first Wednesday of March, April, May and October. The Chapter schedules field trips during the Spring, Summer, and Fall. The Calypso Chapter of the INPS was founded in 1991. We continue our efforts in promoting interest in native plants and native plant communities, collecting and sharing information on all phases of botany concerning this flora. Membership is open to all interested in the native plant community.

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### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 2, 2012**, at 7:00 p.m. at the **Idaho Fish and Game Building** at 2885 W Kathleen, Coeur d'Alene, directly across from US Forest Service Nursery on the west end of Kathleen near Atlas Road

### **Agenda**

Agenda for the meeting:

Call to order

Agenda additions or corrections

Approval of minutes as submitted in the Calypso Companion

Treasurer's report/membership status

Old Business

Annual meeting

## COME AND BRING A FRIEND!!

### April 4, 2012 minutes

The April 4th meeting of the Calypso chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society was held at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at 2885 W Kathleen Ave. President Derek Antonelli brought the meeting to order at 7pm and opened with a discussion of the Hager Lake project. The Hager Lake study area is located near Priest Lake and is said to be a rare gem for its unique character and rare plant species. This year marks the 60 year point that data has been collected for the area. The Idaho Master Naturalists will be conducting plant surveys beginning this spring and continuing through late summer. The Naturalist group is looking for volunteers to aid in that effort. Work project dates are as follows: May 18-19 (initial survey), June 1-2, July 7-15, and September 7-8 (final survey). A Fish and Game cabin will be available for use for the overnight periods. Contact Derek at antonelli8@frontier.com to volunteer and for more information.

The group then focused on this month's featured plant, *maidenhair spleenwort*. Known locations for this Idaho rare plant were noted as well as plant characteristics and current status G-5 (globally common) and S-1 (rare in Idaho).

The group then viewed a slide presentation of past field trips compiled by Karen Williams who used photos taken by the membership. Janet Benoit also brought the club photo album she has been updating.

The following dates and locations were chosen for the 2012 field trip season:

**Dishman Hills**-May 5th,

**Morris and Regal Creek**- June 9th, (meet 7:30am Walmart),

**Marie Creek**-June 21(meet 9:30am Appleway Walgreens),

**Stevens Peak**- August 18th(meet 7:30 am Walgreens).

Derek reminded everyone to check the new and improved signup sheet he sent out via e-mail for volunteering for the annual meeting to be held June 22-24 near Hope, Idaho at the Clark Fork Drift Yard. A Saturday night dinner will be held at the Clark Fork Senior Center with a presentation to follow by Fish and Game staff member Kathy Cousins. Laura and Bill Asbell volunteered to coordinate one of the Morris Creek hikes on Saturday. Karen Williams and Susan Lee will be the team leaders for the 2nd hike. A Scotchman Peak hike as well as a car caravan to Ross

Creek Cedar Grove are additional activities planned for this year's event. Derek encouraged everyone to send in their registration forms ASAP.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Williams, Secretary

**Other Meetings of interest**

**North Idaho Mycological Association** -- Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month in March, April, May, June, September, October and November. Visit their website for details.

**Spokane Chapter Washington Native Plant Society** --meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Manito Gardens. They don't meet in the summer, June through August, and in December.

**Featured Plant:**

By: Karen Williams



**Featured Plant:** Purple meadow-rue;  
*Thalictrum dasycarpum*- **BUTTERCUP**  
**FAMILY-RANUNCULACEAE.**

**General:** Erect perennial forb.

**Flowers:** The green to white flower cluster (panicle) is irregularly branched with 4-5 parted, petal-like sepals, falling early. The fringe-like filaments remain; blooms June-July.

**Leaves:** Leaflets leathery to membranous, heavily veined and generally hairy beneath, more or less revolute, about 2-3 cm, acutely 3 lobed, mostly entire. Stem leaves stalkless.

**Fruits:** Generally brownish-hairy dry seed.

**Ecology:** Native to Canada and lower 48. Full to partial sun, moderate moisture to wet; meadows, streambanks; in sandy loamy soil.

**Notes:** From the Greek *Thaliktron*, "divided leaves", and *dasys* for "hairy-carpelled", which is the seed bearing organ of a plant. Purple meadow-rue is rated as an S1, a rare plant in Idaho.



