



# 31<sup>st</sup> Idaho Rare Plant Conference

## Alpine Ecosystems

February 25-27, 2025

Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game  
15950 N Gate Blvd.  
Nampa, ID 83687

### Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Moderator: **Rose Lehman**

11:00 - 1:00 – *Registration, poster set-up, and lunch social opportunity (on your own)*

1:00 - 1:10 – **Michael Mancuso**, Idaho Native Plant Society President  
Opening remarks

1:10 - 1:20 – **Crista O’Conner** and **Elle Kramer**, Boise National Forest Botanists and co-chairs  
Logistics and introductions

1:20 - 1:35 – **Beth Corbin**, South Idaho Rare Plant Working Group Lead  
Overview of rare plant ranking in Idaho

1:35 - 1:50 – **Pam Brunsfeld**, Retired Stillinger Herbarium Director & Systematic Botany Instructor, and  
**Kristin Kaser**, Idaho National Lab Botanist | Bell Mountain and Finding the Rocky  
Mountain Poppy

1:50 - 2:05 – **Lynn Kinter**, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Lead Botanist  
*Oreomecon coloradense* Conservation Ranking

### Agency Updates

2:05 - 2:35 – **Kim Frymire**, USFWS Fish & Wildlife Biologist/Botanist  
US Fish and Wildlife Service Updates on Listed Plants in Idaho

2:35 - 3:05 – **Jennifer Miller**, IDFG Research Ecologist, and **Lynn Kinter**, IDFG Lead Botanist  
Idaho Fish and Game Updates

3:05 - 3:10 – **Kristin Kaser** | Botany Fun!

3:10 - 3:20 – *Break (refreshments and light snacks provided)*

3:20 - 3:50 – **Ethan Ellsworth**, BLM Idaho Aquatic Resources Program Lead, and  
**Gillian Wigglesworth**, BLM Botanist | Bureau of Land Management Updates

3:50 - 4:20 – **Tova Spector**, USFS Region 4 Botanist, and **Jessie Salix**, USFS Acting Region 1 Botanist  
Forest Service Northern Region 1 and Intermountain Region 4 Program Updates

4:20 - 4:35 – **Samantha Seabrook-Sturgis**, USFS Pacific Planning Service Group Botanist  
Species of Conservation Concern: A New Concept for Managing At-Risk Species on  
National Forest System Lands

4:35 - 4:45 – Announcements and evening logistics

5:30 - 8:00 – Casual Social at **Fiesta Guadalajara**, no host appetizers and dinner  
1202 N Jacob Alcott Way, Nampa, ID 83687

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Moderator: **Kevin Laughlin**

8:00 - 8:30 – *Registration and morning social (coffee, hot tea, and light snacks provided)*

8:30 - 8:40 – **Elle Kramer** | Opening remarks

**Alpine Plant Community Conservation**

8:40 - 9:40 – **Hannah Marx**, Director L. H. Bailey Herbarium, Cornell University

**Keynote:** Updates on the Floristic Diversity of Alpine Ecosystems in the Southern Rocky Mountains and Beyond

9:40 - 10:10 – **Michael Mancuso**

Idaho Peaks Project - Documenting Idaho's Alpine Flora

10:10 - 10:20 – **Kristin Kaser** | Botany Fun!

10:20 - 10:30 – *Break (refreshments and light snacks provided)*

10:30 - 11:00 – **Rose Lehman**, Retired USFS Botanist

Idaho GLORIA (Global Observation Research Initiative in Alpine Environments) Update

11:00 - 11:30 – **Mike Kintgen**, Curator of Alpine Collections, Denver Botanic Gardens

The North American Botanic Garden Strategy for Alpine Plant Conservation Partnering with Idaho and Wyoming

11:30 - 1:00 – *Lunch (on your own)*

**Rare Species Conservation Ranking**

1:00 - 1:30 – **Janel Johnson**, NatureServe Research Botanist

NatureServe's Role in Plant Conservation

1:30 - 3:00 – **Derek Antonelli**, Northern Idaho Rare Plant Working Group Lead & Facilitator

Rare Plant Ranking

3:00 - 3:05 – **Kristin Kaser** | Botany Fun!

3:05 - 3:15 – *Break (refreshments and light snacks provided)*

3:15 - 4:30 – **Beth Corbin**, Southern Idaho Rare Plant Working Group Lead & Facilitator

Rare Plant Ranking

4:30 - 6:00 – Poster session and social

6:00 - 7:00 – Banquet dinner catered by **Mazzah Mediterranean Grill**

7:00 - 8:00 – **Shannon Fowler**, Director Communications & Public Programs, Center for Plant Conservation | **Banquet presentation:** Cultivating Conservation: Training our Botanical Workforce in the Best Practices of Rare Plant Conservation

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

Moderator: **Don Mansfield**

8:00 - 8:30 – *Registration and morning social (coffee, hot tea, and light snacks provided)*

8:30 - 8:35 – **Crista O’Conner** | Opening remarks

8:35 - 8:45 – **Karie Pappani**, Pahove Chapter President | Announcements

- ❖ **INPS Statewide Annual Meeting**, Three Island Crossing State Park, Glenns Ferry, ID  
**May 30 – June 2, 2025**
- ❖ **Idaho Botanical Foray**, Penn Basin Campground, Boise National Forest, Cascade, ID  
**July 17 – 21, 2025**

### **Taxonomy and Conservation**

8:45 - 9:15 – **Don Mansfield**, Professor Emeritus, College of Idaho  
Recent discoveries among biscuitroots and desert parsleys (parsley family)

9:15 - 9:45 – **Laura Estrada**, Conservation Research Ecologist, Institute for Applied Ecology  
Investigating morphological differences between two *Allium tolmiei* varieties:  
Sevendevils onion (*A. tolmiei* var. *persimile*) vs. Tolmie’s onion (*A. tolmiei* var. *tolmiei*)

9:45 - 10:15 – **Ed Alverson**, Natural Areas Coordinator, Lane County Parks (OR), and **Alex Wright**,  
Curator of Bellevue Botanical Garden (WA) | *Erythronium* in Idaho: One species? Three  
species? More?

10:15 - 10:20 – **Kristin Kaser** | Botany Fun!

10:20 - 10:30 – *Break (refreshments and light snacks provided)*

### **Rare Species Conservation Ranking**

10:30 - 11:30 – **Derek Antonelli**, Northern Idaho Rare Plant Working Group Lead & Facilitator  
Rare Plant Ranking

11:30 - 1:00 – *Lunch (on your own)*

1:00 - 2:15 – **Beth Corbin**, Southern Idaho Rare Plant Working Group Lead & Facilitator  
Rare Plant Ranking

### **Rare and Native Plant Community Conservation**

2:15 - 2:45 – **Lynn Kinter** and **Jennifer Miller**  
Rare Plants of Craters of the Moon

2:45 - 2:55 – **Kristin Kaser** | Botany Fun!

2:55 - 3:10 – *Break (refreshments and light snacks provided)*

3:10 - 3:40 – **Barbara Ertter**, Emeritus Curator of Western North American Flora at  
the University and Jepson Herbaria at UC Berkeley, and Research Associate at  
the College of Idaho and Boise State University | The West's Vanishing Wildflowers

## Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – cont'd

3:40 - 4:00 – **Jessica Irwin**, Boise National Forest Botanist

Open Discussion: critique, next steps, recommendations to agencies and others

4:00 - 4:10 – **Barbara Ertter** | Logistics for evening social and Friday's field trip

4:10 - 4:30 – **Elle Kramer** and **Crista O'Conner** | Closing remarks and acknowledgements

5:30 - 8:00 – Casual Social at **Ling & Louie's Asian Bar and Grill**, no host appetizers and dinner  
2288 N Garden St, Garden City, ID 83714

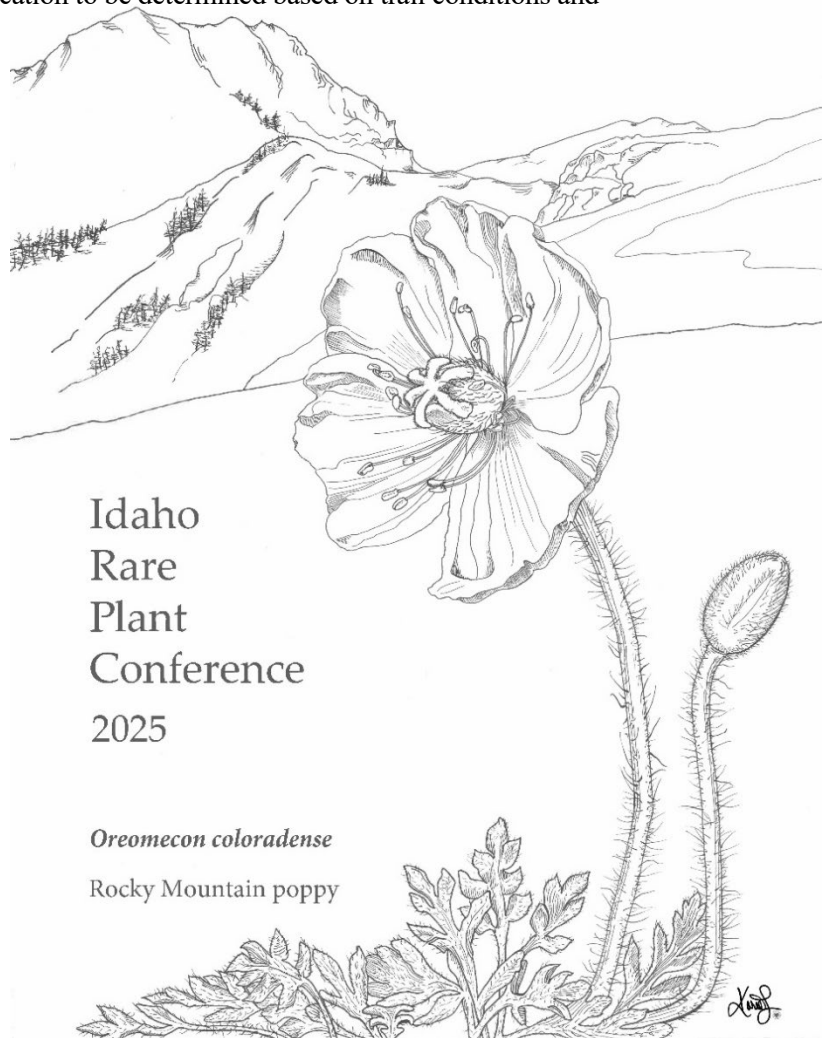
## Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | FIELD TRIP (weather permitting)

9:00 - 12:00 – Led by **Barbara Ertter** | Location to be determined based on trail conditions and phenology.



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Rocky Mountain poppy

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