

# Forest Forum

## Washington County Small Woodlands Association

**September 2023**

### October Monthly Meeting to Focus on Harmful Algal Blooms

If you have a pond on your property, enjoy being outdoors near water or just have a general interest in water quality and water supply, please plan on joining us on October 24 at the Hub in North Plains (30780 NW Highland Ct) for our October monthly meeting. The focus of the meeting will be Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and will include a brief overview of the Joint Water Commission, why they are interested in source water protection, ways to mitigate and prevent HABs, and funding sources in the area available for this work on local private properties. Our featured speakers will be Malyhea Haghshenas (Maly), Source Water Protection Project Specialist for the Joint Water Commission/City of Hillsboro and Brittany Contreras, Water Resources Program Coordinator for the Joint Water Commission/City of Hillsboro.

### 2023 WCSWA Monthly Programs

<b>September</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Matteson Demonstration Forest Field Tour</b>	Presentation by Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU. 9:00 – noon. See details below.
<b>October</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	7:00pm. 30780 NW Highland Ct. N. Plains.
	<b>28</b>	<b>Amy's Trail maintenance</b>	Matteson Demonstration Forest, 9:00-noon. See details on page 3.
<b>November</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Annual Banquet</b>	Embassy Suites, Hillsboro

#### **WCSWA Field Tour – White Oak Management at Matteson Forest (Registration Required)**

**Date:** Saturday, Sept. 16 **Time:** 9:00 am – noon

**Location:** Matteson Demonstration Forest, Gaston and Chehalem Ridge Nature Park, just east of Gaston

Stephen Fitzgerald, OSU Extension Silviculture Specialist, will first talk to us at Matteson Demonstration Forest about Oregon white oak management and restoration. Oregon white oak was once more prevalent in the Willamette Valley, but due to human land uses over the past 180 years, oak habitats have succumbed to development and agriculture, and thus maintaining and restoring remnant oak habitat has become a priority for many landowners.

We will then drive to Chehalem Ridge Nature Park and visit with Mary Meier, Associate Natural Resource Scientist for Metro Parks and Nature, to look at some active Oregon white oak restoration projects that they've completed. **RSVP** by emailing [washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com) by Sept 13. Please include the names of everyone in your group. Wear closed toed shoes and bring a hard hat if you have one. Parking space is limited – please carpool if possible.

#### **Directions to the Matteson Forest:**

Highway 47 to the Hagg Lake /Scoggins Valley Park turnoff. Follow Scoggins Valley Rd. past the park gate and turn left on West Shore Drive, crossing the dam. Proceed another two miles past the dam on West Shore Drive. Turn left on Hankins Rd. Follow to the property gate on your right.

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### Forest Forum Newsletter

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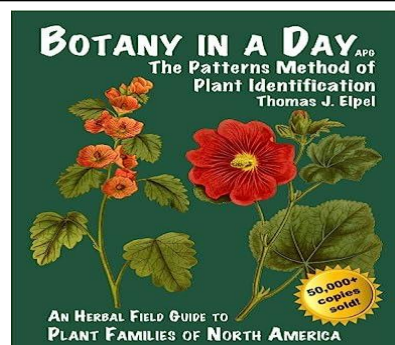
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### Book: Botany in a Day The Patterns Method of Plant Identification

**An Herbal Field Guide to Plant Families of North America**  
**By Thomas J. Elpel**

Looking for a faster, easier, and engaging way to identify plants? Related plants have similar characteristics, and they often have similar uses. Rather than learning new plants one at a time, it is possible to learn them by the hundreds, based on plant family patterns.

Each family of related plants has unique patterns for identification. Learn to recognize these patterns and discover them again and again in the plants you encounter. It is possible to instantly recognize a plant never before seen, and in many cases, to know its edible or medicinal properties on the spot— even before you have identified it down to the species!

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*Botany in a Day* is principally written for North America but used by readers all over the world. It is used as a textbook in numerous universities, high schools, and herbal schools. This book is widely used in nature programs and promoted in national parks. *Botany in a Day* is your passport connection to nature and discovering the amazing world of plants!

I was disappointed to miss the Bell Timber tour on August 12, but had the pleasure that day of helping kick off a thinning project in a 25-year-old stand at Tom and Pat Nygren's property south of Hillsboro on Finnigan Hill Road. This event included three generations of Nygrens and in-laws and totaled 17 people in all. The day started with visiting among family members that enjoy spending time together but don't get enough opportunities to do it. Tree farm projects are a great opportunity to help make that happen. The day included a lot of education on plans and goals for the thinning, safety, demonstrations on tree felling, bucking, pruning and little production, maybe 20 logs in all. Of course, some education can only be done the hard way (like Eric Nygren finding out that bits of plastic wedges can break off and that it's really a good idea to have your face shield in place when something like that happens). Overall, it was a great kickoff and nice to remove some defective trees from the stand.

You may recall last year we allocated \$4,000 as seed money for an educational building at the 180-acre Matteson Demonstration Forest near Hagg Lake. Bill Triest recently met with Stephen Fitzgerald to talk about progress and next steps to moving this project along. There is continuing work being done related to objectives, permits, land use, architecture and other considerations. Stay tuned for updates.

Hope to see you all at program events in September and October and the annual banquet and business meeting coming up on November 4. At the business meeting we will vote on the following candidates for the positions listed below and also accept nominations from the floor.

- Board Position #5: John Bucsek
- Board Position #6: Mary Spiering
- President: Vic Herinckx
- Vice-President: Dan Shumaker
- Treasurer: Melinda Shumaker

Thanks to retiring board members Cathy Dummer and Kent Grewe for their willingness to serve WCSWA and for all the new candidates that accepted their nominations to the board.

**Until next time continue to stay safe!**

### **WCSWA Field Day – Amy's Trail Maintenance at Matteson Forest (Registration Required)**

**Date:** Saturday, Oct. 28

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Location:** Matteson Demonstration Forest, Gaston

Come join us at Matteson Demonstration Forest for some regular trail maintenance work, including clearing vegetation from the trail corridor and opening drainage to prepare for the coming winter. We would also like to take this opportunity to honor Amy Grotta's spirit. To that end, please consider being ready to share something about forestry or forest management that you have found particularly helpful or even something you've learned recently and would like to share.

Please come dressed for working outside in the elements, boots, long pants, long-sleeved shirts. OSU Extension will provide the appropriate PPE (hard hats, hearing protection, gloves if needed) and tools. People can bring their own PPE and tools, however no chainsaws.

**RSVP** by emailing [washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com](mailto:washcosmallwoodlandsassoc@gmail.com) by Oct 25. Please include the names of everyone in your group. Parking space is limited – please carpool if possible.

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### Tillamook Forest Center to shift to fall hours before closing for the season

As fall approaches, so do the seasonal fall hours for the TFC. The center will be closed on Labor Day, Sept. 4, and then fall hours start with TFC open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. These operating hours will continue until Nov. 26, when the center will begin its annual winter closure and will re-open in March of 2024. The reduction in hours allows the newly formed team to catch up on projects from the previous lengthy closure.

For current information on Tillamook State Forest recreation facilities (campgrounds, day-use areas, and trails), please visit the recreation list on the ODF website

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### **Songbird publication updated**

The latest scientific research findings regarding the effects of forest management on songbirds and ways to promote songbird habitat on young forests are now part of the newly updated OFRI publication, *Wildlife in Managed Forests: Early Seral-Associated Songbirds*.

The booklet is part of OFRI's *Wildlife in Managed Forests* series, developed for foresters, wildlife managers and landowners, as well as interested parties such as conservation organizations, regulators and policymakers. Each publication in the series synthesizes current research findings about the habitat requirements and ecological roles of various forest-reliant wildlife species found in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

*Early Seral-Associated Songbirds* offers scientific background and solutions for managing early seral forests — the earliest stage of forest growth typically seen after clearcutting and replanting tree seedlings or following a wildfire — to support the songbird species that rely on these young forest habitats.

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**Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 – 9 – 11 a.m.**

PCC Rock Creek, Bldg. 4, Room 103 and WCMGA Education Garden  
PCC Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Rd., Portland, OR 97229



Fall is terrific timing for planning and completing tasks to prepare for winter, as well as to set up your garden for success year-round, whether it is landscape plants, fruits or vegetables. Join the Washington County Master Gardeners for tips on planting trees and shrubs in the fall, tasks to prepare the vegetable and fruit garden for winter and techniques to protect the soil. The session begins in Bldg. 4, Rm. 103, then after the presentation we will take a short 5-minute walk to the WCMGA Education Garden to demonstrate some of these tips. OSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers Lisa Hansen and Sue Ryburn will lead you through the session and answer questions. Approved for one hour of MG education credit.

Lisa Hansen became a Master Gardener in 2019. She volunteers at the Education Garden at PCC Rock Creek. Her horticultural interests include organic vegetable gardening, dwarf conifers, garden design, and pollinator-friendly habitat. Sue Ryburn has been a Master Gardener since 2012 and is active at our garden at PCC Rock Creek. She enjoys gardening at home with native and ornamental plants, along with providing habitat for the wonderful creatures found in the home garden.





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## ODF updates stream maps

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has updated its stream classification map as required by recent changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act. The map identifies which streams have fish, or are used as a domestic water source, and classifies the streams based on the protections required for each stream type under Oregon law. The new map went into effect July 1 and is available through ODF's website.

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf>



## Report explains changing forest protection laws

Fish and amphibian habitats on private industrial forestlands now receive expanded protection under Oregon law, part of a sweeping set of changes to the state's forest practice regulations that are set to take full effect at the start of 2024. A new special report published by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute goes into detail explaining these updates to the Oregon Forest Practices Act, which were forged through an unlikely collaboration between representatives from the forest products industry and conservation groups.

The 28-page report, titled *Finding Common Ground*, focuses on how the historic Private Forest Accord agreement between 11 forest products companies, the Oregon Small Woodlands Association and 13 conservation groups has led to the most significant changes to Oregon's forestry regulations in 50 years.

The report highlights major changes to the Forest Practices Act designed to avoid, minimize and mitigate the effects logging and other forest management activities have on native fish and amphibian species on private and other non-federal forests. The changes include expanded forest stream habitat protections, new forest road construction and maintenance standards, and new rules for logging on steep slopes. The report features the voices of scientists, state regulators and industry representatives explaining the changes to Oregon's forest protection laws, and it outlines how these new regulations will shape the future of forestry in the state.

To order a free copy of *Finding Common Ground* or to download a PDF of the report, go to [oregonforests.org/pub/finding-common-ground](https://oregonforests.org/pub/finding-common-ground)



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## Lookout tower at Hopkins now open

The former Clatskanie Mountain Fire Lookout Tower, which was relocated from the Oregon Coast Range east of Astoria to the Hopkins Demonstration Forest in Oregon City, is currently open to the public. The tower can be visited between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. through September, based on volunteer availability. Learn more about the lookout tower on the Hopkins Demonstration Forest <https://demonstrationforest.org>.



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## Fact sheets detail new forest regulations

OFRI has developed a series of fact sheets summarizing the Private Forest Accord (PFA) targeted at small forestland owners. Fact sheets cover what the PFA is, how it affects forestland owners, and specific proposed changes to the Oregon forest practice rules.

The three fact sheets explain the significance of the Accord, related changes to the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and plans for the state to seek a Habitat Conservation Plan for private forests. Order free at [OregonForests.org](https://oregonforests.org)

[https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI\\_PFA-Conservation.pdf](https://oregonforests.org/sites/default/files/2022-07/OFRI_PFA-Conservation.pdf)

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- Find educational materials in the Learning Library
- Refer to forest practice laws
- Register for classes



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### **Tree School Field Day**

**Tree School Field Day** will be returning to the Hopkins Demonstration Forest in Oregon City on Saturday, October 7 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Registration is now open!**

The day will include a schedule of free-choice field classes and learning opportunities throughout the demonstration forest for students to choose from. The wide variety of forest types and demonstrations at the 140 acres of Hopkins provides diverse learning opportunities for woodland owners, caretakers, and enthusiasts.

Some likely topics include:

- Enhancing bird habitat
- Sawmill demonstration
- Weed management for landowners
- Tree thinning and pruning
- Logging with a tractor and winch
- Attracting forest pollinators to your property
- Uneven-aged forest management
- Wildfire and home defensible space
- Bigleaf maple tapping

Please note the course lineup may change prior to the Tree School Field Day. Students will have the opportunity to rank their interests during registration which will influence the lineup and schedule. A schedule, map, and class descriptions will be provided to registered attendees prior to the Tree School Field Day. Registration is \$30 per adult or \$20 per youth (ages 12 – 17) and includes a boxed lunch. If you need to bring a child under 12 or if you have accessibility requests, please reach us at 503-655-8631 or [jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu). Registration will close either September 22nd or once capacity is reached. To receive reminders about Tree School Field Day registration and other forestry programs in the Clackamas County region, please subscribe to our Woodland Notes newsletter.

*Registration is required for all in attendance, there will be no walk-in registration. Please note that Hopkins Demonstration Forest will be closed to the public during this event.*



## Bell Pole and Timber Tour: Fun and Informative

By Bonnie Shumaker

On Saturday August 12, WCSWA members had the opportunity to tour and learn at Bell Pole and Timber in Longview, WA.

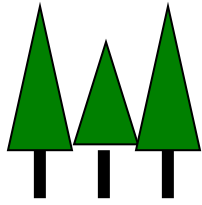
When trucks deliver poles, they are unloaded, scaled, and marked as to length and delivery source. At this point, payment is determined. We learned that poles can be 30 to 125 feet long, the taper needs to be no more than 1 inch per 10 feet, and the amount of sapwood (the outer white part and the only part that can take preservative) must be no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch after peeling. Treatment plants are located all over the U.S. There, logs go into a cylindrical pressurized bath, moisture is vacuumed out and chemical forced in. Ninety-nine percent of pole demand is east of the Rocky Mountains.

We were able to watch the peeling process which can peel one truckload per hour. Sometimes during this process small holes are incised to draw the preservative in better. Rejects after peeling go to nearby sawmills. After the tour, we enjoyed nearby Lake Minnetonka to visit and eat lunches we brought. A lovely, informative day.





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## Potpourri

**New Members:** Welcome to new members **David Dunstan** of North Plains and **Charles Kilo** of Portland. We are here to help members achieve their management goals. To get the most out of your membership, come to the meetings and tours that are scheduled throughout the year. You'll find many kindred spirits among our diverse membership – and many opportunities to learn and share together! If you have any questions or need help, contact any of the Directors, Officers, or Newsletter Editors listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

**Forestry for the Birds: *Western Oregon*** was produced by the Forest Stewards Guild. Download at: <https://foreststewardsguild.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ForestryfortheBirdsWesternOregonGuide.pdf>

**How to Prevent Phytophthoras in Restoration Plantings on Your Woodland** A new informational brochure for small woodland owners, published by the Oregon State University Extension Service and funded by OFRI, offers advice on how to prevent the introduction of invasive Phytophthora species – microscopic organisms that can cause root, stem and leaf diseases in native trees and plants. The brochure is available online through the OSU Extension Catalog in both English and Spanish. <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9398>

### Recommended Fire-safe Brochures:

[NFPA - Preparing homes for wildfire](#) (Home Ignition Zone)

[Defensible Space - Ready for Wildfire](#) (Defensible Space)

Firewise Landscaping Checklist: [checklists \(oregon.gov\)](#)

[FireWise: Living With Fire | OSU Extension Service \(oregonstate.edu\)](#)

Fire Resistant Plants for the Home Landscape: [Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes | OSU Extension Catalog | Oregon State University](#)

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