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Plant Happenings

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Plant Happenings is an email listing of native plant related events, publications etc. that I send out whenever I have enough information gathered to make it worthwhile. I keep things short, with a contact or a web address if you want additional information.

If you do not wish to receive Plant Happenings, just let me know.

And of course, if you have appropriate information that you would like posted, email me the details.
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Upcoming events that have been on previous Plant Happenings are listed at the end, under Review Items, for those who are new to Plant Happenings, and as reminders to those who have seen them before.

ANNOUNCEMENT

ANPC Looking for Members to Represent on Committees

As provincial initiatives, such as the Watershed Planning Advisory Committees (WPACs), Rare Plant Recovery Teams and the Land Use Framework Regional Advisory Committees are being developed, ANPC sees a need for participation on these committees/teams. The ANPC is currently looking for volunteers that have an interest in representing ANPC's mandates on these committees/teams. Before we can approach various regulatory committees, we need to have a viable list of volunteers to provide upon request. Time commitments will probably be about 5 hours per month when volunteer positions have been identified. If you are interested in participating on behalf of the ANPC, please contact us at info@anpc.ab.ca for more information

Call for Nominations

Prairie Conservation Award

Individuals from any walk of life, organizations or Aboriginal groups can be nominated for the Prairie Conservation Award.

The Prairie Conservation Award is granted to a deserving recipient from each of the three Prairie Provinces. Nominations should be submitted in a letter outlining the significant contributions to native habitat or endangered species conservation of the nominated individual. visit www.pcesc.ca.

calls for applications for members of the different Species Specialist Subcommittees of COSEWIC

October 14 to November 12, 2009 (until 3:00pm Eastern time)

(<http://www.cosewic.gc.ca>).

The posting features calls for membership on nine COSEWIC Species Specialist Subcommittees, including:

Amphibian and Reptiles Specialist Subcommittee (4 positions);

Arthropods Specialist Subcommittee (6 positions);

Birds Specialist Subcommittee (3 positions);
Freshwater Fishes Specialist Subcommittee (3 positions);
Marine Fishes Specialist Subcommittee (6 positions);
Molluscs Specialist Subcommittee (5 positions);
Mosses and Lichens Specialist Subcommittee (3 positions);
Terrestrial Mammals Specialist Subcommittee (2 positions) and;
Vascular Plants Specialist Subcommittee (3 positions).

UPCOMING EVENTS

WAGNER NATURAL AREA SOCIETY ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 12, 2009

St. Paul's United Church Lower Hall

11526-76 Avenue, Edmonton

Doors Open: 7:00 p.m. Presentation: 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Anne Naeth: Getting Back to Nature: Restoring Degraded Ecosystems, Large and Small

Edmonton Plant Study Group

(Sponsored by the Edmonton Nature Club and the Alberta Native Plant Council)

Winter-Spring Schedule, 2009-2010

All presentations will take place at the **J. Percy Page Centre, 11759 Groat Road, Edmonton, Room # 8, at 7:30 p.m.** Refreshments will be available after the presentation. The meetings are free and open to all interested parties.

Monday, November 16

Listening to Trees

Dr. A. K. Hellum, Professor Emeritus at the U of A

Monday, December 14th

Ecology, Management and Restoration of Midwestern Oak and Pine Savannas with an Introduction to Alberta Analogs"

Dr. Scott Nielsen, Assistant Professor of Conservation Biology and Lead Researcher, Applied Conservation Ecology Lab in the Department of Renewable Resources at the University of Alberta,

Monday, January 11, 2010

"Orchids and their Habitats"

Dr. Ben Rostron is a University of Alberta engineer and hydrogeologist by profession but his "amateur" passion is for orchids.

Monday, February 8

Desert Plants of the American Southwest

Join Edmonton Naturalization Group members **Diana Baragar, Cherry Dodd** and **Judith Golub** as they show off their plant discoveries in the deserts of Nevada and California in March 2009;

Monday, March 8

Terra Incognita Australis: A Boreal Botanist Gets Lost Down Under
Patsy Cotterill

Monday, April 12

Alberta wetlands at a crossroads: from classification to policy
Dr. Markus N. Thormann, Aquilon Environmental Consulting Ltd.,

PUBLICATIONS

MUSHROOMS OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Trudell, Steve & Joe Ammirati. 2009. *Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest*.: Timber Press, Portland, OR. 349 p. with more than 450 species and over 500 colour photographs. ISBN-13: 978-0-88192-935-5 [soft cover], Price: US\$27.95

Reviewed in BEN 414

Lorelei L. Norvell and Ronald L. Exeter. 2009. *Phaeocollybia of Pacific Northwest North America*. US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Salem Oregon. 229 p. Price: US\$71

Reviewed in BEN 414

WEBSITES

I was surfing through the TV channels last night and came across a PBS show hosted by Michael Pollan entitled "*Botany of Desire*". I was engrossed for almost 2 hours watching this terrific production. This show expands upon his book of the same name by providing beautiful visuals and additional informative comments from experts. Michael and his experts provide a lot of fascinating "food for thought" on how humans interact with four unique plants namely the "apple", "tulip", "marijuana" and "potato" and how these interactions have evolved through time and continue to evolve. You can view this show in it's entirety with excellent audio and video streaming on the Internet at <http://video.pbs.org/video/1283872815/>.

Ed Karpuk

North American Tree distribution maps, tree abundance within the U.S. portion (for more common trees), and efforts to model changes due to climate.

http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/atlas/tree/tree_atlas.html

The UofC rag discusses an invasive algae: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/news/utoday/october6-09/rocksnot>

Submitted by E. Beaubien

See BEN 414 for details on the **Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria** (<http://www.pnwherbaria.org/> created in 2007 to bring together regional herbaria and provide an online portal to the wealth of existing and emerging information about the flora of Pacific Northwest North America

Canadian wildflower website <http://www.clunet.edu/cr>. The wildflowers are listed by common, scientific, and family names, and there is a search engine. Wildflowers in British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan are included. Please share this information with appropriate people. Submitted by K. Ostermann

LINKS OF INTEREST

BEN is the Botanical Electronic Newsletter
General information about the mailing list is at:
<http://victoria.tc.ca/mailman/listinfo/ben-l>

For seminars and events at the UofA, Biological Sciences Dept, see
http://www.biology.ualberta.ca/news_events/events/

For information about Federation of Alberta Naturalists (FAN), go to their website <http://www.fanweb.ca>

REVIEW ITEMS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2010

9th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference

February 25-27, 2010

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada!

www.pcesc.ca for the most complete and up-to-date conference information