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As a botany instructor at Central Oregon Community College in Bend Oregon I use the Oregon Flora in my classes to help students learn about the flora of our region. We use both the website and App to learn floral characters and identify plants. The extremely high quality photos are a digitally accessible and free way to see the important floral characteristics to learn the distinguishing features used to identify plants. The maps are another also invaluable resource showing the range and distribution of our plant species. The carefully curated data is checked by taxonomists providing confidence in its reliability.

Botanical collections made centuries ago are readily available on the website and bring the work of botanists into the 21st century and available for students and the public. I support HB 3173 to establish the Oregon Flora Program at OSU.

Sincerely,

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