

I work for a community program in Portland that educates the public about native plants and encourages them to plant them where they live to support native wildlife and insects. This program also encourages the removal of nuisance weeds that have a negative impact on habitat areas. Over many years, I have used the Oregon Flora Project website and wildflower app to educate myself about the wide diversity of native and exotic plants that grow throughout our state. I have referenced these resources to the community members I work with so that they can enrich their own education. The oregonflora.org website offers the most comprehensive search and plant identification tools that I use on a regular basis to help identify plants I have seen throughout Oregon. I support HB 3173 to help fund the OregonFlora program at Oregon State University and ask you to support this bill so that this valuable resource continues to exist and grow.