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Please support state funding for Oregon Flora. Its web resources are invaluable to my colleagues and me as natural resource professionals seeking to understand and document the species found in formal surveys of managed forest and unique habitats, the communities that establish following fire, and appropriate species for restoration seed collection and planting. We deeply appreciate the up-to-date, locally relevant taxonomy. The Oregon Flora resources are valuable for orienting botanists, ecologists, and other professionals and enthusiasts new to the state. I look forward to seeing OSU secure funding to publish the complete Flora and its dichotomous keys for identification, so we can use all the volumes. Apart from professional work and recreational botanizing, Oregon Flora is an important tool for species identification as part of the Glide Wildflower Show, a unique cultural event that brings thousands of visitors to the small town of Glide, Oregon in Douglas County on the last full weekend of every April. Please commit this small fraction of state funds to complete and maintain this reliable, comprehensive statewide botanical resource.