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As volunteers at the Delbert Hunter Arboretum, we've used several websites to identify and learn about native plants of the Mid-Willamette Valley. It would be beneficial to us to have a database that includes useful information all on one website. In conjunction with the Native Plant Society of Oregon, and Washington State University Plant ID website, we would use this new database proposed by OSU on a regular basis. It would serve us well to have a database focusing on local native species.

We not only need to learn about natives species for our own use, but in accordance with our mission statement, to also educate the public about the plants grown at our arboretum. We want to be as accurate as possible.