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On Behalf Of:

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Topic:

I am a retired physician with an interest in natural history, and am currently taking the Oregon Naturalist course at OSU. The first 2 volumes of OregonFlora have been a very useful resource for me in the study of native plants. How to recognize what is native and what is not is extremely important for the conservation of

Oregon's native flora. It is very easy to purchase plants or seed that have been mislabeled, and it is of vital importance to be able to recognize this using a good resource (before

they are spreading invasively in our yards). Both public and private conservation projects will find this an essential resource.