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Natural landscapes (forests, lakeshores and river banks, mountain meadows, deserts, etc.) exist in a dynamic equilibrium, an every changing mix of geology, plants and animals. It is ever changing and yet stable and self maintaining. Natural landscapes thrive with only the water and nutrients nature provides. The typical landscapes that humans create are not only simplistic, but totally dependent on artificial inputs of water, fertilizers and pesticides. There are many lessons that can be learned from nature and it all begins with understanding native plants and how they might integrate into human communities. OregonFlora is a key resource for landscape professionals and the general public that will encourage and enable the growth self-sustaining landscapes that support nature and humans, too. Please support HB 3173 to fund a program at Oregon State University to gather and disseminate information about native plants.