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Hello, my name is Marek Stanton. I am an artist and conservationist currently finishing my senior year of highschool and am an active member of the Oregon Bee Atlas. I have found the tool and project of OregonFlora to be beneficial in multiple aspects of my life. As an artist, much of my work is inspired by the natural world. I try to use my art to convey accurate information while inspiring a connection and action in the viewer. OregonFlora is a powerful tool that I use to access information on plants, ensuring that what I provide is as accurate as possible. As a member of the Oregon Bee Atlas, I am collecting bees to document the species present throughout the state. A key part of this is knowing where to look for the host flowers and, equally important, being able to identify those host flowers we collect the bees off of. OregonFlora is important in the process of these both. To conserve the bees we rely on for healthy environments, we need to be able to know more about the flowers the bees rely on.