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In my volunteer work as president of the Lane County Butterfly Club, I promote the protection and restoration of habitat for our declining native butterfly populations. I help the public find information about native plant species which are sources of nectar and larval food for butterflies so that people can plant and maintain these plant species on their property to help the butterflies. The Oregon Flora website is a very important source of information about gardening with native plants so that people will choose plants suitable for their site in terms of light level, moisture, and soil characteristics. Our group has found that the public is very interested in growing native plants. The more people grow native plants in their yards instead of lawns and exotic plants, the less water, fuel, and pesticides will be used. Less noise too from lawnmowers and leaf blowers! Maybe we can halt the insect apocalypse and stop the impending decimation of the birds and other creatures which depend on insects. Better for nature and better for our health. Please fund the Oregon Flora Program!