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I hereby submit my support for this program as it will develop a centralized, accessible resource for understanding Oregon's plant life.

Such a resource will not only support research and responsible environmental efforts, but will provide public education about the state's diverse and rich botanical landscape.

The flora of Oregon is something quite unique to our state and it includes the multiple food crops, the plant nurseries, and the vineyards - and it is a cornerstone of much of the natural beauty that attracts tourism and the surroundings we value.