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I support making April Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month. We are so fortunate to have more than 3000 natives plant species in Oregon, including 120 species that only grow here the state.

This is why I fill my garden with natives:

- * Native plants do not require fertilizers or pesticides.
- * Native plants require less water than lawns and help reduce water runoff and prevent erosion.
- * The deep root systems of many native plants can increase the soil's capacity to store water.
- * Native plants help sequester, and even remove, carbon from the air, reducing air pollution.
- * Native plants provide shelter and food for pollinators and wildlife.
- * Native plants promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage.
- * Native plants are beautiful and help Oregonians find a deep sense of place!