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I am strongly in favor of designating April as the Oregon Native Plant Appreciation Month. Native plant awareness is crucial to the enhancement of native plant communities within the state. Increasing native plant protection and encouraging the planting of natives increases the abundance of our native insects. Many insects are dependent upon our native species of plants as they coevolved. These native insects, in turn, are the foundation of foodstuffs for higher organisms like birds. Since native plants thrive without supplemental fertilizer or irrigation after they are established, they are much better for the environment, and they lessen the burden on water supplies and also create less runoff or the leaching of nutrients into groundwater. Please help to raise awareness of the importance of native plants by designating April as Oregon Naive Plant Awareness Month.