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As a natural science educator in the greater Portland area, I cannot stress the value of our native plants. Our native species are vital to our ecosystems and to the heritage of indigenous cultures in this land. Our natives are regularly under threat from the spread of aggressive invasive species and other damaging human activities, and a month dedicated to recognition and appreciation of our native plants would be a wonderful measure to ensure that these indigenous species are respected and preserved for generations to come.