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Please vote to make April Oregon's Native Plant Appreciation Month.

Oregon has more than 3400 species of native plants, including 120 species that only grow in Oregon. We should be protecting our state's native plants for the following reasons.

- Native plants are integral to Oregon's indigenous cultures, providing resources for food, medicine, and traditional crafts; preserving these plants honors the heritage and practices of Oregon's Native American communities.

- Native plants are more resilient and are better able to adapt as climate change affects temperature, precipitation, and seasonal patterns.

- Native plants are adapted to local soil conditions and help prevent soil erosion and stabilize areas prone to landslides or flooding.

- Native plants are the foundation of healthy ecosystems, and make Oregon's overall biodiversity possible.

- Native plants are adapted to Oregon's climate and require less water, fewer fertilizers, and fewer pesticides than non-native species.

- Native plants are critical for maintaining the balance of local ecosystems by supporting native wildlife, including pollinators (bees, butterflies, etc.), birds, and other animals, and by providing food, shelter, and nesting sites.

thank you for considering these points and please vote in support of this bill.