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I support designating April as Oregon month for native plant appreciation. It will bring more awareness to the importance of native plants, which is desperately needed. Native plants serve many purposes in our environment, but to me the biggest reason is, their vital place in our natural ecosystems. A big example: native plants support the insect populations that are required by birds to raise their young. Exotic and invasive plants succeed because they are not subject to the predation they experience in their native environment. Birds, especially songbirds, require the caterpillars that feed on native plants to form their babies. They cannot stuff birdseed down those little guts and they require hundreds of caterpillars per day. Replacing some of our exotic horticultural plants in our gardens will help our bird population! And this bill will help to educate people.