



# HAPPENINGS

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Arizona Native Plant Society  
Our mission is to promote knowledge, appreciation, conservation  
and restoration of Arizona's native plants and their habitats

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## Grass Identification Class

October 10 & 18, 2025

Back by popular demand, the AZ Native Plant Society and the University of Arizona Herbarium will offer a two-day combination lecture and hands-on workshop for students serious about doing grass ID work. The course goals are to impart sufficient knowledge for students to make wise decisions regarding collection of grasses, to provide complete information on grass morphology, and to teach the use of keys for identification of many Arizona species. Handout materials, dissecting scopes, tools, and pressed grass specimens for study will be provided. The first day will be lecture mixed with hands-on work. The second day will offer a local field trip to learn to ID some grasses in the field and how to press a grass specimen.

Total enrollment for the class is twenty students. Last year the class filled rapidly, and a waiting list was established. This year we will consult the 2024 waiting list and offer class slots to individuals on last year's waiting list who wish to take the course this year.

**Instructors:** AZNPS members Sue Rutman, Linda Kennedy, Dr. Lyn Loveless, Dr. Shelley McMahon, Herbarium Curator and Associate Professor, UA, George Ferguson, UA Herbarium Collections Manager, and John Scheuring, AZNPS Conservation Committee Chair, for the field trip.

**Sponsors:** University of Arizona Herbarium and Arizona Native Plant Society

**When:** Classroom, October 10, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Field Trip: October 18, time TBD

**Where:** University of Arizona Herbarium, Herring Hall

**Cost:** \$40

For Registration Contact: Douglas Ripley, [jdougripley@gmail.com](mailto:jdougripley@gmail.com), 520-909-3132



# Chapter News

## Cochise Chapter



After being in an inactive status for over two years, we are planning to reactivate the Cochise Chapter! An in-person meeting will be held on Saturday morning, October 11, at 10:00 AM at the San Pedro House Nature Center, San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area, 9800 AZ-90, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. We will meet at the ramada behind the house.

The meeting will include a review of the history of the Cochise Chapter and outline projects and activities that could be offered in the future. Participants will be encouraged to offer suggestions for future programs and activities.

Following the meeting, attendees are invited to join a nature walk along the San Pedro River in the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

Contacts for more information:

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Superstition Mountains. Photo: Shelley Silva

## Flagstaff Chapter



The Flagstaff Chapter will offer in-person meetings with the option to watch from home via Zoom. The meetings will still take place on the third Tuesday of the month, March through October, at 7:00 PM. We have a new location for 2025! The meetings are now being held at the Northern Arizona University Biology Sciences Building, Room 328. Street parking is available nearby. The doors will be locked in the evening, so please meet at the southern door (the end with the NAU herbarium) to be let in.

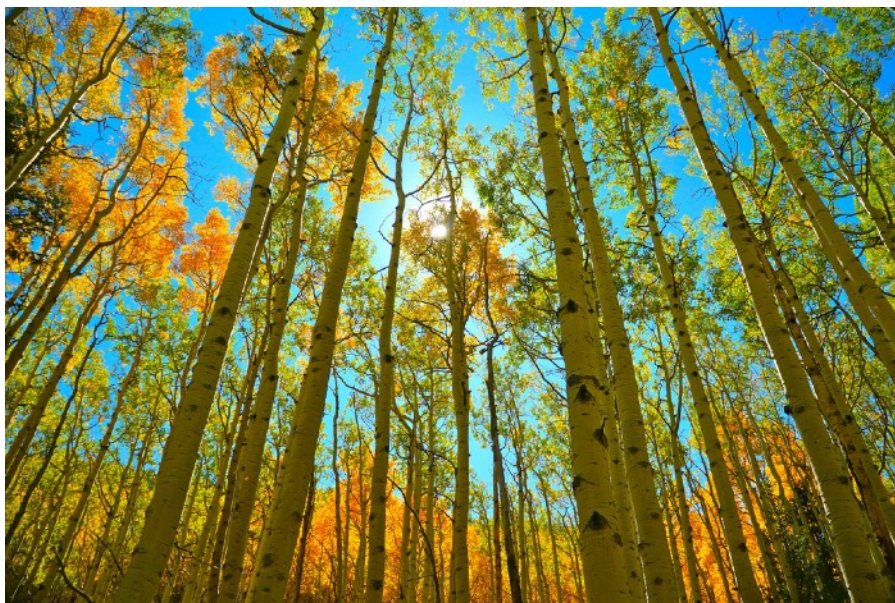
Some of the meetings have been recorded and can be viewed the Flagstaff Chapter's Facebook or at The Arizona Native Plant Society. For details about upcoming meetings, please see our email distribution list ([naris123@cs.com](mailto:naris123@cs.com)), Facebook page, or [AZNPS.com](http://AZNPS.com).

Register in advance once in order to attend any of the meetings virtually:  
[https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/fCOeo-qlSZmMeGZNsNfV\\_A](https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/fCOeo-qlSZmMeGZNsNfV_A)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Use the link Zoom sends or the passcode 242464 to join the meeting.

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Locket Meadow, Flagstaff. Photo: Shelley Silva

## September - In-person meeting at the Colton Gardens, Museum of Northern Arizona

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Stay tuned for details



## Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 PM. Ashley Doyle, herbalist and forager

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As a community herbalist, Ashley emphasizes empowerment in a self-sufficient lifestyle, through her herb work, known as Cinderfly Apothecary. Her work in the Flagstaff region includes wild food and herbal medicine workshops and the creation of a magazine, *The Underground Good Witch Watch*. With an academic background in Nutrition and Dietetics, she has been immersed in the Flagstaff community since 2007 sharing the benefits of foraging, wildcrafting, and gardening.

Stay tuned for more details.

## Hakdagwi:va Peach Springs Chapter



For information on chapter activities, contact [Carrie Cannon](mailto:Carrie.Cannon@hualapai-nsn.gov) ([Carrie.Cannon@hualapai-nsn.gov](mailto:Carrie.Cannon@hualapai-nsn.gov)).

### Chapter Offices

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President: Carrie Cannon; Secretary: Shaileen Gonzalez; Treasurer: Alicia Cesspooch

## Phoenix Chapter



We are in need of members to help plan our activities. If you are interested in assisting with the planning, organizing, or facilitation of Phoenix Chapter events, or would like to learn more, please contact Doug Ripley, [jdougripley@gmail.com](mailto:jdougripley@gmail.com)

## Prescott Chapter



The chapter continues to manage species growing in Walnut Meadow at the Highlands Center for Natural History, to provide workshops on plant families, to make seed balls to help with Prescott National Forest restoration, and to schedule evening programs.

### Chapter Offices

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President: Sue Smith; Steering Committee: Jeannie Tutone and Sara Vincent. We can be reached at [PrescottNativePlantSociety@gmail.com](mailto:PrescottNativePlantSociety@gmail.com).

## Santa Cruz Chapter



For information on chapter events, you can be added to our email list and/or follow our [Facebook page \(https://www.facebook.com/aznpssantacruz\)](https://www.facebook.com/aznpssantacruz). Send an [email \(santacruz.aznps@gmail.com\)](mailto:santacruz.aznps@gmail.com) to join our mailing list or for any other questions.

### Chapter Offices

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President: Robin Kulibert; Vice President: Rick Kulibert

## Tonto Basin Chapter



The AZ Native Plant Society Tonto Basin Chapter invites anyone interested in learning about native plants in Gila County to join us for chapter meetings, botany walks, and conservation activities.

Our chapter meets on the first Friday of each month, October through May, and includes guest speakers, botany walks, and field trips. Please join our email list ([tontobasinnativeplants@gmail.com](mailto:tontobasinnativeplants@gmail.com)) to receive up-to-date information and meeting reminders. You can also visit our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts for additional information.

### Chapter Offices

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President: Becky Settje; Vice President: Teri Balaska; Lead Botanist: Eric Sjoden.

## Tucson Chapter



The Tucson Chapter will kick off the 2025-2026 season with our Annual Monsoon Mixer on Thursday, September 11. This event highlights the companionship that “plant people” share in their appreciation of our native flora and ecosystems. This year it will be held at Slow Body Beer, located at 831 E. 17th Street, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Monthly chapter meetings featuring local speakers are held the second Thursday of the month at the ENR2 (Environmental and Natural Resources 2) building, room 225, on the University of Arizona campus. Meetings are in a hybrid format so that interested folks can attend in person or via Zoom.

If you are not on our mailing list and wish to attend one of our meetings on Zoom, [email \(nativeplantstucson@gmail.com\)](mailto:nativeplantstucson@gmail.com) us the week before the meeting requesting the zoom link. Videos of past meetings can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVBSV1oOi6enVYcI2CShTfw) (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVBSV1oOi6enVYcI2CShTfw>)

Watch our [chapter page](https://aznps.com/chapters/tucson/) (<https://aznps.com/chapters/tucson/>) on the website for more information.

### Chapter Offices

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## Upper Gila Chapter



To keep up-to-date on chapter activities, please contact us at our [chapter email](mailto:uppergilaaznps@gmail.com) ([uppergilaaznps@gmail.com](mailto:uppergilaaznps@gmail.com)).

### Chapter Offices

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President: Vacant; Vice President: Diane Drobka; Secretaries: Julie Plath and Clara Gauna; Treasurer: Julie Davis.

## White Mountain Chapter



Our chapter covers all of Navajo and Apache counties, but welcomes native plant enthusiasts from Greenlee and northern Gila Counties also. For more information, contact the [chapter](mailto:aznpswhitemountain@gmail.com) ([aznpswhitemountain@gmail.com](mailto:aznpswhitemountain@gmail.com)).

### Chapter Offices

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President: Jess Rollar; Education Coordinator: Anita Thompson; Treasurer: Bob Rollar; Master Gardener: Michelle Straight.

## Yuma Chapter



Yuma will forgo regular monthly, in-person meetings for the foreseeable future. Instead, we will focus on outdoor activities, such as field trips and work projects, with a virtual format for meetings and similar indoor activities.

Announcements of these events and other news updates will be posted via email. If you would like to receive updates, please contact us at our [chapter email](mailto:yumaaznps@gmail.com) ([yumaaznps@gmail.com](mailto:yumaaznps@gmail.com)) and ask to be put on our list.

### Chapter Offices

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President: Valerie Morrill; Vice President: Karen Reichhardt; Secretary: Deirdre MacDonald; Treasurer: Tom Fox

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## Welcome New Chapter Members!

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**Flagstaff:** Richard Hodel, David Koerner, Shannon Lencioni

**Phoenix:** Rick Clark, Jack Drumm, Joyce Hall, Matthew Jimenez, London Lacy, Anmarie Stone, Kevin Brown, Annie Jensen

**Prescott:** Zakiyah Harrison

**Tonto Basin:** Todd White

**Tucson:** Susana Almuina, Tereasa Corcoran, Jennifer Karl, Douglas Koppinger, Dinusha Maheepala, Paula Pierson, John Temperilli

**Yuma:** Gemi Brown



West Fork, Oak Creek Canyon. Photo: Shelley Silva

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