



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

Join Any Chapter E-List

The best way to keep up with the latest AZNPS events is to join the chapter e-list, which notifies members about meetings, events, conferences, field trips, workshops, and volunteer opportunities in the area. Don't forget to keep us updated on e-mail address changes. To be added to any chapter e-list, send your name and e-mail address to:

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Chapter News

Cochise Chapter



In normal circumstances, we held monthly programs on the third Friday of each month from September through May at 5:00 PM in the Cochise County Community Development Office conference room, 4001 Foothills Dr. (corner of Highway 92 and E. Foothills Drive), Sierra Vista. With the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, we held our monthly meetings virtually via Zoom Conferencing on Friday of each month at 7:00 PM. However, in the latter part of 2021 we were unable to schedule monthly meetings. Instead we invited Cochise Chapter members to attend excellent remote meetings held by other Society chapters. Please note that most of our monthly virtual meetings, as well as those of other chapters, and the entire Botany 2021 Conference held in November 2021, are recorded and that you can access them on the YouTube Channel link: <http://vew.me/aznpsyt>

The Chapter has established a Facebook website (<http://www.facebook.com/AZNPScochise>) where much useful information about the chapter and its members is posted.

Chapter Offices

President: Douglas Ripley (aznpscochise@gmail.com); Vice President: Elliott Hendricks (emhndrks@yahoo.com); Secretary: Deann Sanner (longeyesone@gmail.com); Treasurer: Pat Sullivan

POTENTIAL FIELD TRIPS

Unfortunately, the September 2021 Chiricahua Mountains Field Trip was cancelled due to Covid-19. We are hoping that it will resume in September 2022. We also anticipate conducting field trips in Cochise County in late spring and summer which will be announced on the Chapter Facebook website and the Chapter's listserv.



Orange caltrop (*Kallstroemia grandiflora*), Dragoon Mountains. Summer 2021

Flagstaff Chapter



In normal circumstances, regular evening programs are presented on the third Tuesday of the month, March through October, at 7:00 PM. These take place at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1601 N San Francisco St. With the onset of the COVID pandemic, chapter meetings were shifted to the Zoom platform. 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), Facebook page, or AZNPS.com.

Meetings & Field Trips

Evening Program Talk: Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM. Jaime Yazzie, Forestry Consultant. *Climate Projections on the Navajo Nation*

Annual Officer Elections

Field Trip: Sunday, March 20 at 10:00 AM (weather permitting)

Finding and collecting early spring bloomers on the Museum of Northern Arizona grounds. Learn basic plant collecting techniques and see our first spring wildflowers.

Evening Program Talk: Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 PM: TBD

Field Trip: Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 AM (weather permitting)

Finding and collecting spring bloomers along the Rio de Flag on the Museum of Arizona grounds.

Evening Program Talk: Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 PM: TBD

Field Trip: Sunday, May 22 at 10:00 AM (weather permitting)

Field trip south of Flagstaff to see Bitterroot (*Lewisia brachycalyx*) or to Grand Canyon National Park south rim to see *Lewisia redivia*. Own transportation required.

Phoenix Chapter



To stay up to date on Chapter activities and announcements, please subscribe to our **email list** by contacting aznpsphoenix@gmail.com.

We also share a variety of native plant news and information on our [Facebook page](#) and our [Chapter webpage](#).

Follow [@aznpsphoenix](#) on **Instagram** and use the hashtag #aznativeplants on your plant photos to help us showcase the beauty and importance of Arizona native plants!

Chapter Offices

President: Lisa Rivera, Vice President: Pam McMillie, Treasurer: Danielle Carlock, Secretary: Kathy Balman. We can be reached at aznpsphoenix@gmail.com

January Meeting Recap

We held our annual Chapter election during our January Chapter meeting. Members reinstated all of the incumbent officers for another year. Many thanks to our leadership for your continued service!

We also began a collaborative discussion to help our Chapter continue to grow in the coming year and better serve our members and community. We will continue these efforts at future Chapter meetings, as well as through the creation of committees.

Upcoming Activities

The Phoenix Chapter is currently planning Spring and Summer activities. Chapter events will be announced to our email list subscribers at least 2 weeks in advance. Please be on the lookout for messages from us with details about these events.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please see the Volunteering Opportunities section at the bottom of [our web page](#) for information about the following volunteer activities.

Local Fieldwork: If you are interested in helping with invasive species control, restoration, or scientific research, we've compiled a list of recommend organizations that regularly lead volunteer events related to these activities.

Citizen Science: There are a variety of environmental citizen science and community science projects that you can participate in on your own at home, during a walk in your neighborhood, or while exploring Arizona's public lands.



When did you see your first poppy of the year? Our Chapter President saw the first one in her yard on January 29! Photo credit: Lisa Rivera

Spring is in the air!

Spring is the perfect time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Sonoran desert weather and scenery! Check out the [Phoenix Chapter web page](#) for information about **spring plant sales** and **guided wildflower walks** in and around the metro Phoenix area.

Member Resources

The AZNPS website continues to add additional resources for members and others. The **Events Calendar** includes dates and links to chapter meetings, field trips, and community plant sales. Thank you to volunteers who provide the timely information for this feature.

Users will also find an additional resource on the AZNPS web site. **The Sue Rutman Image Collection** is a tool for plant identification and appreciation. A product of almost 20 years of dedicated work by Arizona botanist Sue Rutman, these scanned images of Arizona plant species show the flora in amazing technical and artistic detail. The images will be helpful to examine taxonomically important details of each species, and spark the imagination about the intricacy and beauty of the plant form.



Santa Cruz Chapter



Monthly presentations are held on the third Thursday of the month from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Our presentations at this time are all virtual via Zoom.

The URL is zoom.us (not zoom.com). The meeting ID is 874 9175 9629 and the “waiting room” security function will be used.

To stay up to date on chapter events, you can be added to our email list and/or follow our Facebook page. Send an email to santacruz.aznps@gmail.com to join our mailing list or for any other contact.

Chapter Offices

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Tucson Chapter



The Tucson Chapter meets on the **second Thursday of each month**, from **September to May**. Our meetings are currently being held on Zoom. If you are not on our mailing list and would like the link for a meeting, email us the week before the meeting requesting the zoom link (nativeplantstucson@gmail.com). Videos of past meetings can be viewed on our [YouTube channel](#).

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President: Lyn Loveless (lyndloveless@gmail.com); Vice-President: Jack Dash (pjdash23@gmail.com); Treasurer: Jackie Taylor; Secretary: Matthew Lutheran

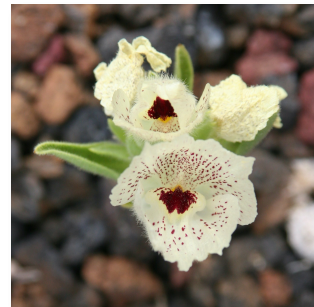
To communicate with the chapter officers, write to nativeplantstucson@gmail.com.

Meetings

Thursday, March 10: Sue Rutman. *Spring Wildflowers of the Sonoran Desert*

Will the Sonoran Desert have a good wildflower season? There's no way to know if it will, but we can all see some wildflowers at this presentation! Take a walk through the winter/spring annual plants with Sue. See some all-time favorites and some more unusual species. Be prepared to share your favorite spots to see wildflower displays or unusual plants.

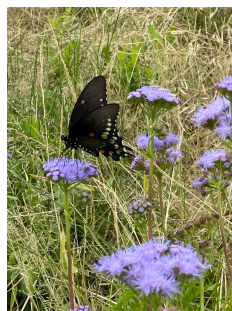
Sue has been learning about plants of the Sonoran Desert since she moved to southern Arizona in 1983. Sue worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Endangered Species Office, in Arizona for 8 years and then was the botanist at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument for 19 years. After retiring in 2013, she co-authored *Flora of SW Arizona* with Richard Felger. This publication is available online at the [University of Arizona herbarium website](#).



From left to right: Sue Rutman; *Eschscholzia californica mexicana*, a classic early spring annual in southern AZ; *Mohavea confertiflora*, a spring annual of southern AZ.

Thursday, April 14: Fred Heath. *Bodacious Butterflies*

Anyone present in SE Arizona in the second half of 2021 couldn't help but notice the unprecedented abundance of butterflies. Fred will present a brief primer on butterfly biology: life cycle, host vs. nectar plants, predators and avoidance including mimicry, which will help explain this phenomenal flight. In addition, Fred will explain how members of Tucson ANPS helped to solve the mystery (at least to him) of a grass/butterfly connection.



Thursday, May 12: Wynne Brown. *The Forgotten Botanist: Sara Plummer's Life of Science and Art*



Wynne will share with us the story behind the recent publication of her book celebrating the life of Sara Plummer Lemmon, a 19th century botanist who, with her husband, carried out early botanical explorations in the Santa Catalina and other SE Arizona mountains. It was she who is commemorated in the naming of Mt. Lemmon.

Wynne is a free-lance author, editor, and graphic designer. She has recently been chosen by the Pima County Public Library as a writer in residence for the spring of 2022.

Trip Report

We are slowly moving in the direction of organizing more field trips, as the weather and the virus landscape permit. In January, we had a field trip to the Pima County Native Plant Nursery, where Amy Belk and her staff grow native plant materials for use in landscaping and restoration efforts in Pima County. We heard about plant propagation, from seeds and from cuttings, and learned that the nursery is propagating some local endangered species for potential recovery efforts.

We plan to sponsor more trips as the spring weather begins to entice annuals into bloom. Watch our web page or follow our monthly eblasts for more information.



Amy Belk, Director of the Native Plant Nursery, explains cholla variations to the group.

Upper Gila Chapter



Chapter activities, including meetings, have not been finalized. To keep up to date on activity dates, please contact us at uppergilaaznps@gmail.com.

Chapter Offices

President: Kara Barron; Vice President: Diane Drobka; Secretaries: Julie Plath & Clara Gauna; Treasurer: Julie Davis. Contact: uppergilaaznps@gmail.com

White Mountain Chapter



The White Mountain Chapter is excited to kick off 2022 as a brand new chapter of AZNPS! The chapter covers all of Navajo and Apache counties, but welcomes native plant enthusiasts from Greenlee and northern Gila counties also. Meetings will start in a couple months. Stay tuned for further information.

Chapter Offices

President: Anita Thompson (doubletbarfarm@gmail.com); Vice President: Michelle Straight; Social Media/Email: Jess Roller; Treasurer: Bob Roller; Event Planning: Kira Russell.

Yuma Chapter



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

Announcements of these events and other news updates will be posted via email. Follow us at yumanativeplant@gmail.com by requesting to be on our email list.

Chapter Offices

President: Valerie Morrill; Vice President: Karen Reichhardt; Secretary: Deirdre MacDonald (yumanativeplant@gmail.com); Treasurer: Tom Fox

Welcome New Chapter Members!

Cochise: Jenine Britton, Donna Merritt, Rebekah Wilce, Francesca Ziemba

Flagstaff: Tina Ayers, Rebecca and Michelle Kriz

Phoenix: Kristen Feuerstein, Bryant Cruz, Dan Kalinowski, Lisa Booth, Brenda Davis, Peggy Moss, Jennifer Halladay, Beverly Klemme, Gerald Miller, Anthony Motta, Jason Rane, Sidney Sexson, Anu Srinivasan

Tucson: Ilene Scherbarth, Jessica Montgomery, Anne Arnold, Beth Eisenberg, Sally Error, Linda Simon, Michael Landrum, Michael Donoghue, Karen Howe, Martha Auslander, Peter Darling, Carol Pinkerton, Karlene Schowalter, Florian Blume, Susan Cover, Irene Hefner, Kate Rutter, Kathy Sudano, Betty Taylor

Yuma: Ben Gilbert

Notice Regarding Change in the Distribution of the *Happenings* Newsletter

Printed and mailed copies of the *Happenings* newsletter will soon be sent only to the few members who do not have email addresses. All others will be notified via email when each new issue of the *Happenings* is available on the Society website (aznps.com). This change will result in substantial printing and postage cost savings and will provide more flexibility in the newsletter format and length. This change will be effective with the Summer 2022 issue in June. As always, members can access the current and past issues of *Happenings* on the AZNPS website.

Plant Press Arizona is not affected by this change, and will continue to be available in printed format for members who request it.

Volunteer Opportunity

Did you know that the society website has an events calendar? It is used to list chapter meetings and community events sponsored by other non-profits with objectives common to AZNPS. Help us share information about community-based native plant events.

A volunteer is sought who could collect such information from throughout the state or a more local region. By passing the curated information on to a website administrator, we could share information in a timely manner.

Interested? Reply to arizonanativeplantsociety@gmail.com with your interests and contact information.

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Please send information for the newsletter by:

February 1st for March - May events

August 1st for September - November events

November 1st for December - February events

May 1st for June - August events



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