

Field Season is slowly coming to an end and study groups are beginning. If you have anything you'd like to see in Plant Happenings, please let me know by responding to this email.

Thanks,  
Anna

## **UPCOMING COURSES, WORKSHOPS and EVENTS**

### **Pinhorn Grazing Reserve Field Trip**

Tentative date: Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017

ANPC is hosting their annual trip to the Pinhorn Grazing Reserve. More details at [www.anpc.ab.ca](http://www.anpc.ab.ca)

### **Invasive Plant Conference and Annual General Meeting**

Location: Ottawa Conference and Event Centre

Date: Oct 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The Ontario invasive plant council is hosting the invasive plant conference and annual general meeting. More information at [www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca)

### **Alberta Environment Network Volunteer Opportunity**

AEN is hosting a casino fundraiser and is looking for volunteers on October 20-21<sup>st</sup>. This is one of their biggest fundraising events of the year. If you would like to volunteer or need any additional information please contact Russ at [admin@aenweb.ca](mailto:admin@aenweb.ca).

### **Foothills Restoration Forum Annual Fall Information Session**

Location: Claresholm Community Hall

Date: November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Presentations on grassland conservation and restoration. There will be an open mike session to foster a collaborative environment for the exchange of current information and new ideas on emerging issues, current projects, restoration efforts and techniques for restoring native grassland habitats.

More information at [www.foothillsrestorationforum.ca](http://www.foothillsrestorationforum.ca), or Donna Watt [corporate@shaw.ca](mailto:corporate@shaw.ca)

## **ALBERTA PLANT STUDY GROUPS**

### **Northern Plant And Ecology Study Group (NPESG)**

Location: Field-based, operating in the Wood Buffalo National Park Area

For more details: Marsha Hayward, [wildloonart@mcsnet.ca](mailto:wildloonart@mcsnet.ca)

### **Peace Region Plant Study Group (Peace River)**

Location: NAIT Boreal Research Institute, 8102 – 99 Ave, Peace River

Date: First Wenedays of the month (October to May)

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

For more details: Melanie Bird, [mbird@nait.ca](mailto:mbird@nait.ca)

### **Medicine Hat Rare Plant Study Group**

Location: Medicine Hat College Herbarium (L155)

Date: Last Saturday of the month (October to March)

Time: noon to 3:00 PM

For more details: Cathy Linowski, [Clinowski@mhc.ab.ca](mailto:Clinowski@mhc.ab.ca)

### **Southern Alberta Plant Study Group (Calgary)**

Is not hosting anymore sessions until October, due to summer and field season.

Location: University of Calgary Herbarium, Biological Sciences Basement

Date: FIRST Saturday of the month; (October to April)

Time: noon to 4:00 PM

For more details: Leslie Monteleone, [lesliemonteleone@hotmail.com](mailto:lesliemonteleone@hotmail.com)

### **Central Alberta Rare Plant Study Group (Edmonton)**

Where: University of Alberta Herbarium, Edmonton

Date: Last Wednesday of every month (October to April)

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

For more details: Varina Crisfield, [vcrisfield@gmail.com](mailto:vcrisfield@gmail.com)

## **WEBSITES AND PUBLICATIONS**

The Secretariat of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) has released an invitation to review and provide comments on the draft International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs). The consultation period ends on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The draft can be accessed from this link: <https://www.ippc.int/en/core-activities/standards-setting/member-consultation-draft-ispms/> and comments can be sent to [IPPC-Contact@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:IPPC-Contact@inspection.gc.ca)

Wild Species 2015: The General Status of Species in Canada is now publically available. In this report, the conservation status of about 30,000 species has been assessed in Canada among 34 different taxonomic groups. To download the text and the database of the report on the Wild Species website [www.wildspecies.ca](http://www.wildspecies.ca) under reports.

The second edition of Rare Vascular Plants of Alberta book is currently being prepared. If you have any quality photos of rare plants species currently being tracked ACIMS, please check out [www.anpc.ab.ca](http://www.anpc.ab.ca) They have the list of species still requiring photos, instructions and release forms on the website.

Flora of AB Vol. 1 has been released and also has a free pdf version available as well. The pdf version can be found here: [http://dspace.ucalgary.ca/bitstream/1880/51799/1/9781552386835\\_web.pdf](http://dspace.ucalgary.ca/bitstream/1880/51799/1/9781552386835_web.pdf)

Alberta Environment and Parks has a new brochure aimed at the Prairie Plants at Risk in Southern Alberta. The brochure and information can be found [here](#).

Native Orchid Conservation Inc (NOCI) has just published the second edition of their book, Orchids of Manitoba. Their emphasis is on conservation and protection of Manitoba's native orchids. If you are interested in the book please contact Peggy at [NOCIpresident@gmail.com](mailto:NOCIpresident@gmail.com) or [www.nativeorchid.org](http://www.nativeorchid.org)

Nature Saskatchewan has released its fifth book, *Conifers and Catkin-Bearing Trees and Shrubs of Saskatchewan*. The book is now available for purchase through their website and should be available in stores.

## **LINKS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### Bumble Bee Count

The second annual Great Canadian Bumble Bee Count has just finished, and you can learn more at <http://foecanada.org/en/issues/bumble-bee-count/>

### Native Plant Suppliers

The ANPC is updating the native plant source list. If you are a native plant supplier and would like to be included please email [info@anpc.ab.ca](mailto:info@anpc.ab.ca) with your information and the subject Native Plant Source List.

A new nonprofit organization has come out with Flora ID, an app with is available on the Google play store. It will have native and naturalized vascular plants for BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. Just search "Flora Id" on the Google Play store.

Alberta Conservation and Information Management Systems (ACIMS) Data Base App: An ACIMS app has been made and is now available for free on android play store. Here is the link to the [app](#). A special thanks goes out to Cam Johnston for his work on this.

If you have anything of interest or any events that you think would be suitable for Plant Happenings please email me or respond to this email. If you would like to be removed from the email list, please contact me at [amozolik@gmail.com](mailto:amozolik@gmail.com)



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