

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

### **Five Casual Factors: A General Framework for Wetland Science and Restoration**

Webinar [Society of Wetland Scientists](#)

Date: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

A webinar put on by Paul Keddy, Ph.D, Independent Scholar, 2017 SWS Lifetime Achievement Award Winner. This webinar will explore how only five casual forces may account for nearly all the variation we see in and among wetlands, hydrology, fertility, natural disturbance, herbivory and competition. These factors operate in all wetlands and the order in which we list them above matters, since hydrology alone likely accounts for half the variation, with fertility and natural disturbance next. There will be a discussion of these factors with two examples: one that illustrates generality and the other that illustrates application.

### **NPSS Annual General Meeting and Conference**

Date: January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Plan now to attend the upcoming NPSS annual general meeting and conference on January 27-28, 2018 at the Conexus Arts Centre in Regina. This year's theme is "A Prairie Patchwork: Selected Topics on Native Prairie" and is packed with interesting topics and speakers. Our keynote speakers will be the team of acclaimed author and naturalist Trevor Herriot, and biologist and award-winning environmental photographer Branimir Gjetvaj. The two have recently joined forces to create a book entitled "Islands of Grass".

Register online through the following link:

<http://www.npss.sk.ca/store/events/2018-npss-annual-general-meeting-and-conference>

For more information, please contact Chet Neufeld at [\(306\) 668-3940](tel:3066683940) or [info@npss.sk.ca](mailto:info@npss.sk.ca), or visit: <https://www.npss.sk.ca/news-and-events/251>

### **Native Prairie Restoration and Reclamation Workshop**

Date: February 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The conference will have plenary and break-out sessions, case studies, a trade show and poster session with proceeds going to PCAP education programs.

As details are released they will be posted on <http://www.pcap-sk.org/upcoming-events-workshops/2018-nprw>

## **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)**

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**

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)

## **LINKS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

For the upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ANPC is preparing a slide show and collecting memories of the last 30 years. If you have memories of past activities or events, please send them to Anna at [amozolik@gmail.com](mailto:amozolik@gmail.com). I will add them to the list. Please send any contributions by Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

### 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. The Element Occurrence (EO) data was also updated in October and must be downloaded. The can be found on the ACIMS website.

<https://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/management-land-use/alberta-conservation-information-management-system-acims/download-data/>

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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