

MANZANITA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF KANE COUNTY

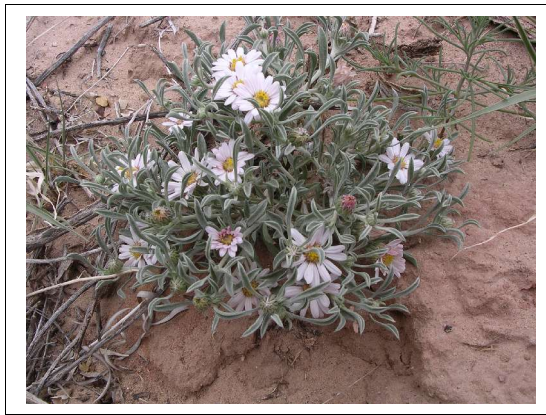
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PLANT SOCIETY

March 2005 News

Upcoming Events

March Monthly Meeting: “The Benefits of Xeriscaping vs. Zeroscaping in Kanab” by Barbara Warner. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 7 at 7 PM in the public meeting room of the Grand Staircase-Escalante NM Visitor Center (next to Holiday Inn). Barb Warner, founder and Executive Director of the Kanab Center for Field Studies (KCFS) will describe how xeriscaping is different than zeroscaping and the benefits of using drought tolerant and native plants in home landscaping. Her presentation will also cover the basics for designing your own xeriscape in the Kanab area. Barb and KCFS are working with the Utah Extension Service, Master Gardeners, UNPS, and the City Beautification Committee to bring a community xeriscaping to Kanab. We are pleased that Barb will be sharing her extensive xeriscaping experiences with us. As usual, our dessert pot luck will follow. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Botany 101: Starting promptly at 6:45, I will recommence Botany 101, picking up where we left off in January to conclude our discussion of that wacky taxonomist Linnaeus and his classification schemes. Be prepared to discuss the unusual (but tasteful) words you derived from “*Krascheninnikovia*” as part of January’s homework assignment.



Above: Silvery Easter daisy (*Townsendia incana*) is one of the earlier wildflowers to appear in spring and occurs commonly on sandy soils in the Kanab area. It can be recognized by its white, daisy-like flowers, matted growth form, densely white-hairy stems, and slender silvery-hairy leaves. *T. incana* often blooms again in the fall, being tricked into thinking it is springtime by the change in daylength and cooler temperatures. Photo by W. Fertig.

Mark your Calendar

April 4: Dora Homer will discuss use of native plants by the Kaibab Paiutes and demonstrate basket-weaving with *Yucca*.

April 16: Lee Hughes, ecologist with the Arizona Strip BLM, will lead a field trip to the Virgin River Gorge area near St. George to see spring wildflowers, including many unusual Mohave species. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the BLM office in St. George on Bluff Street.

May 2: Denise Louie, botanist/ecologist for Zion National Park will describe plant revegetation efforts in the park.

May 14: John Spence, ecologist for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area will lead a field trip for early spring wildflowers in the Glen Canyon Area. Meeting time still to be determined – but we will meet at the Glen Canyon NRA headquarters in Page, AZ.

Summer: we have field trips tentatively planned for the Smokey Mountain area of the Grand Staircase-Escalante NM in June, the Kaibab Plateau in July with ethnobotanist Phyllis Hogan,

and a field trip/camping trip to Calf Creek and Deer Creek near Boulder in August.

Recap

February Meeting A record crowd of 60 people attended our February meeting to hear Dr. Susan Meyer from the USDA Forest Service Shrub Sciences Lab give a lively presentation on her adventures converting her Provo area suburban yard from a Kentucky bluegrass wasteland into a beautiful, but water-wise, native plant garden. Susan also discussed the Utah's Choice Program, an effort to get local nurseries to promote the use of selected hardy native wildflowers and shrubs for home gardening and landscaping, and discussed several native plant species suitable for use in the Kanab area.

Chapter Business

Chapter Elections: The following individuals have volunteered or been coerced into running for officers of the Manzanita chapter:

President: Walter Fertig
Vice President: Jana de Peyer
Treasurer: Anne Mejia
Secretary: Jan Gisler
At large Board Members: Carolyn Shelton and Barb Warner

Other nominations from the floor will be accepted, but should be limited to living persons and members in good standing. Names like Heywood U. Buzof, Sarah Bellum, and Krascheninnikovia will not be allowed.

Miscellaneous

Native Plant Nurseries There are an increasingly large number of retail and wholesale suppliers of native plant seed and live plants in southern Utah/northern Arizona and the west in general. The following list includes some (certainly not all) in our vicinity:

Honey's Nursery
260 East, 300 South, Kanab, UT
Ballard's Nursery
691 N. State, Hurricane, Utah
435-635-4274

Wildflowers Unlimited
P.O. Box 2114, Hildale, UT 84784-2114
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