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Governor Inslee: “Preserving native plant ecosystems is critical.”

Governor Inslee has proclaimed April 21 – 27, 2019 is Native Plant Appreciation Week. “Appreciate, Educate and Conserve” Washington’s natural heritage with activities throughout the state.

Just in time for peak wildflower display, Washington Native Plant Society chapters from the Sound to shrub-steppe, from the mountains to the prairies, joined by other organizations, will sponsor activities to create opportunities for public awareness.

Share your support of our native Washington flora with friends and family: join a local event that is fun, engaging, and educational for all ages. Visit the calendar of events at https://www.wnps.org/wnps-annual-events/npaw. The calendar will update regularly, so check back often.

A voice for Washington’s native flora for over 40 years, WNPS continues its mission to foster appreciation of Washington’s native plants through study, education, and advocacy.

Whether you want to plan an event or just enjoy one with your family, here are some ideas:

- **Attend** a speaker event sponsored by one of Washington Native Plant Society’s 12 Chapters statewide;
- **Join** an experienced leader on a field trip or hike. April is the time when wildflowers explode all over Washington;
- **Learn** how to landscape with native plants;
- **Shop** for native plants for your own garden at a native plant sale;
- **Tour** a native plant garden;
- **Volunteer** to join an invasive-plant weed-pulling party;
- **Learn** about native plants and restoration weed-pulling projects in your city parks;
- **Help** plant trees for restoration efforts;
- **Experience** the native plants growing in Washington’s native habitats.

The Washington Native Plant Society is a resource: use it year-round to learn about native plants, see restoration in action, and find other activities to help appreciate, educate and conserve Washington’s native plants.