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Workshop Report

April's pollinator habitat workshop was a success! Thirty-five attendees learned about pollination ecology, pollinator garden design, plant selection for their projects, and gained some hands-on experience adding important plants to the **NPS Desert Research Learning Center** native plant and pollinator garden. The event was a collaboration with **SER-SW**, **Strategic Habitat Enhancements**, **USGS RAMPS**, and **NPS EPMT**.

If you are interested in attending a workshop in the future, email:

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*"You guys did a great job organizing this event. I learned so much valuable information about pollinators and the plants they depend on. Looking forward to incorporating the huge importance of pollinators into our program."
-workshop attendee*

NEWS

New Study Shows Local Adaptation Affects Plant Survival

Plants, like all living beings, adapt to their surroundings. Over time, populations of a plant species that have been separated over a landscape



"Although the Great Basin is sometimes perceived as a region of homogeneous ecosystems, our results demonstrate widespread habitat-related population differentiation and local adaptation. Locally-sourced plants likely harbor adaptations at rates and magnitudes that are immediately relevant to restoration success, and our results suggest that certain key traits and environmental variables should be prioritized in future assessments of plants in this region."

Photo of Great Basin: USFWS

can exhibit differences in traits, for example flowering time and leaf size. The question is if these adaptations matter or affect survival at a restoration site.

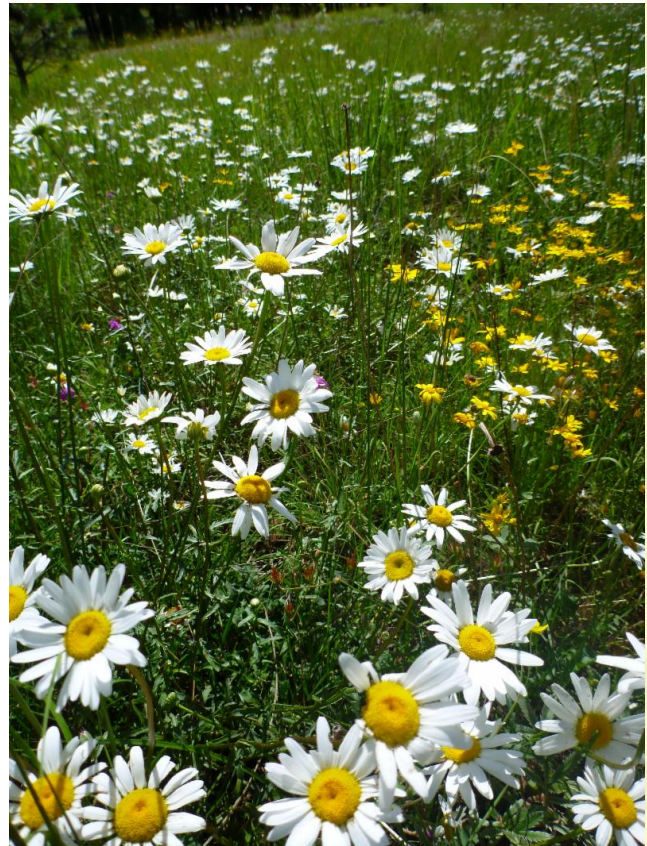
A new study in the journal *Ecology and Evolution* looked at 75 years of common garden and plant experiments in the Great Basin (GB) desert ecosystem. The authors found that plants in the GB adapt to environmental variables like mean annual temperature and precipitation. They also found that at experimental sites, plants seeded or transplanted from local populations with similar climate zones had higher survival than plants from different climate zones. This can be important for restoration and how we choose plant materials for projects.

[Read the Article>>](#)

Groups Encourage Native Plant Use

A recent letter signed by 85 groups asks the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to give priority of native plants in its conservation programs. This may be the first time that so many groups have expressed public support for preferential use of native plants in USDA conservation work.

"We are too frequently missing out on the important benefits native plants provide," said Aviva Glaser, director of agriculture policy for the National Wildlife Federation. "Native plants can protect soil, water, and air quality while also providing needed habitat for monarch butterflies, upland game birds, pollinators, and many other wildlife species. We encourage USDA to make this switch to prioritizing diverse native plantings in conservation practice standards in order to maximize the resource benefits of our limited conservation dollars."



[Read the letter here>>](#)

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Part-Time Restoration Coordinator

Location: Tucson/Phoenix area of Arizona in order to be within proximity to partners. Functions remotely with REW staff and leadership based in Grand Junction, CO.

This position's focus will be to work in conjunction with Watershed Partnerships (e.g. Gila Watershed Partnership, Friends of the Verde River) to support their river restoration efforts. This position will also work with other agencies and entities throughout Arizona and the basin to support, educate, and offer technical assistance on planning for and implementing riparian restoration. APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 16



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Nursery Assistant - Full Time Safford, AZ

The Nursery Assistant will participate in the assorted tasks necessary for the production and maintenance of container grown material primarily for ecological restoration/revegetation and, to a lesser degree, retail sales at the Gila Native Plant Nursery in Safford, AZ. There will be interactions with volunteers, teachers, interns and students as well as the general public. Plant installation and maintenance of a 1.5-acre pollinator garden will also be among the periodic tasks. Seasonally the Nursery Assistant may be requested to work on GWP project sites with the restoration staff, assisting with plant and irrigation installation and maintenance.

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Applications accepted until by May 24

New Mexico Tribal Liaison

This position will manage relationships between the South Central CASC and its Tribal partners in New Mexico. The liaison will be responsible for working closely with partners from a variety of Tribes, Pueblos, and inter-tribal organizations in New Mexico to develop and deliver trainings on climate adaptation and related topics, provide support to communities seeking or engaged in adaptation activities, and work to identify and reduce barriers to implementing Tribal adaptation activities.

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Seasonal Precision Restoration Technician

The Nature Conservancy - Lander, Wyoming

The Full-Time seasonal Precision Restoration Technician will primarily support The Sagebrush Sea Innovative Restoration project by producing and field-testing enhanced seed materials, which are designed to increase the success of native perennial vegetation restoration in wildlands prone to invasion by exotic weeds.

Start on 7/1/2019 and end 11/22/2019

The **deadline to apply is June 3 at 11:59pm.**

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Oregon Buttes, Wyoming Scott Smith

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Desert Horticulture Conference

May 31 \ \ Tucson, AZ

The Desert Horticulture Conference is the premier annual conference for all members of the southwest green industry: landscape architects, designers, growers, retailers, contractors, maintenance personnel, suppliers, and educators. Presenting timely and research-based information relevant for designing, building, maintaining, and producing plants for urban landscapes in the arid Southwest.

[Conference Website >>](#)

Monarch Webinars

The MJV is partnering with the USFWS to develop and host a series of webinars on monarch biology, monitoring, and conservation.



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Native Plant Workshops

California Native Plant Society's plant science training workshops provide



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botanists, biologists, ecologists, and others the scientific skills and practical experience necessary to assess, manage, and protect native plants and lands in California and beyond. Small classes offer hands-on learning from field-leading experts in both the classroom and field.

Details & registration are available now for all 2019 workshops.

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BIENNIAL CONFERENCE for science and management on the Colorado Plateau and Southwest Region

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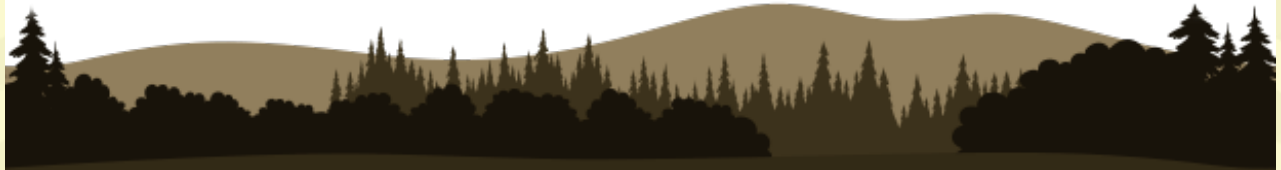
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