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Field Guide to Rare Plants of Washington

Spokane, Wash. - The University of Washington Press recently released the Field Guide to the Rare Plants of Washington. This 400-page guide, containing more than 600 color illustrations, is the product of long-term collaboration between the BLM Spokane District, Washington Natural Heritage Program, Washington Native Plant Society, and the University of Washington Herbarium. The BLM Spokane District provided financial support, expertise, and oversight throughout the research and production of the book.

The guide provides essential information about the rare plants of Washington and is intended to help amateur and professional botanists identify rare plants throughout the state. Additionally, the guide will assist the BLM's field work and planning efforts in support of the Endangered Species Act.

A trip across Washington presents an array of habitats from dripping spruce and hemlock forests along the coast to arid grasslands, shrub-steppe, and sand dune systems east of the mountains; from low-elevation outwash prairies to alpine slopes; and from basalt flows and rocky islands to salt marshes and riverbanks. This guide brings attention to the rarest and least understood plant species that find niches in this complex landscape.

Editors Pamela Camp and John G. Gamon have compiled early loose-leaf and recent online records, field reports, and photographs into an accessible and comprehensive desk or field reference. Pamela Camp is a private consultant in field biology and restoration ecology and former Spokane District Botanist with the Bureau of Land Management. John G. Gamon is the Natural Heritage Program Manager at the Department of Natural Resources in Olympia, Washington.

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