

Wyoming Native Plant Society – Renewal and Ballot for 2026

Return to: Wyoming Native Plant Society – P.O. Box 2449 – Laramie, WY 82073 - **by 17 January!**

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____
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Please check all appropriate boxes:

- ☐ New member
☐ Renewing member
☐ Check here if this an address change
☐ Annual membership with email notification of newsletters: \$10
☐ Annual membership with mailed newsletters: \$12
☐ Annual membership with scholarship support and email notification of newsletters: \$20
☐ Annual membership with scholarship support and mailed newsletters: \$22
☐ Life membership with email notification of newsletters: \$300
☐ Life membership with mailed newsletters: \$300

In addition to the statewide organization, we have two chapters. Membership in chapters is optional; chapter members must also be members of the statewide organization.

- ☐ Teton Plants Chapter annual membership: \$5
☐ Sublette Chapter annual membership: \$5
☐ Additional donation of \$ _____

Total enclosed: _____

Please write checks to:

Wyoming Native Plant Society

2026 WYNPS BALLOT – Please mail for arrival by **January 18** or email your vote to: wynps@wynps.org

Please vote for one person for each Officer position, and for the vacant At-Large position:

President ____ Kelsey Smith (Pinedale) Secretary/Treas. ____ Dorothy Tuthill (Laramie)
Vice President ____ Kim Wahl (Cheyenne) At-Large (2-yr term) ____ Eva Crane (Lander)
At-Large (2-yr term) ____ Ben Legler (Laramie)

Write-in candidate: _____ ***Thank you to Mike & Joyce Evans for Board and President contributions in 2023-2025 and to Kathy Lichtendahl for Board and Vice-President contributions in 2024-2025!***

Candidate Biographies

Kelsey Smith is a restoration ecologist and plant nerd with the BLM out of Pinedale, Wyoming. Her work has centered around sagebrush steppe habitat management, watershed restoration, facilitating native seed collection, and vegetation monitoring in Utah, Colorado, Nevada, and Wyoming. S loves hiking, foraging, and landscaping with native plants.

Dorothy Tuthill has been secretary/treasurer since 2018. Her retirement from the University of Wyoming gives her time to pursue more travel adventures. Her creative and intellectual passions still include the Wyoming Master Naturalist Program, the Rocky Mountain Herbarium, Wyoming Bioblitz and Wyoming Native Plant Society; leading associated hike events and workshops.

Eva Crane studied Biology and Genetics in graduate studies at the University of Washington, and taught at Central Wyoming College as an adjunct. She is an avid backpacker, photographer, iNaturalist user and loves exploring the state with Wyoming Native Plant Society.

Kim Wahl serves as the Botanist for the Wyoming BLM, leading the Plant Conservation and Restoration Program with focus on rare plant conservation and native plant materials development for restoration. Weeds are also in her domain, and she spearheaded a Tamarisk mapping project on Hutton Lakes National Wildlife Refuge for Wyoming Native Plant Society in 2025.

Ben Legler is curator in the Rocky Mountain Herbarium at UW, where he oversees the digital resources and databases of Rocky Mountain Herbarium, promotes accessibility and innovation, and contributes to studying the flora of Wyoming, including an alpine focus, and the Rocky Mountains in general.



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2026 MARKOW SCHOLARSHIP/SMALL GRANT

Applications are due February 15, 2026. Awards will be made in April, 2026.

Electronic copies of this application are also posted on the WYNPS homepage at:
www.wynps.org

The Wyoming Native Plant Society promotes appreciation, understanding and conservation of native plants and plant communities through its annual scholarship/small grants program. For scholarships, thesis research may address any aspect of botany including floristics, taxonomy, ecology, genetics, plant geography, range science, paleontology, pollination biology, physiology, and mycology. For small grants, projects such as botany curriculum development, public native plant gardens, and other forms of outreach will be considered. **This competition is open to all grad students who conduct research in Wyoming, residents of Wyoming or members of WYNPS.**

Proposals must pertain to native plants/vegetation of Wyoming. Preference will be given to proposals expected to generate research data or promote public understanding. Up to \$1,000 may be covered for a scholarship proposal, and up to \$500 for a small grant proposal. *Awards defray direct project costs, excluding labor or conferences.* Eligible expenses include:

1. Direct costs of travel, meals, and lodging for research or education projects.
2. Supply and service expenses used for the sole purpose of the project (e.g., consumable supplies such as laboratory chemicals, soil and nursery stock, and services such as phone and computer time).

The deadline for proposals is February 15. Awards will be announced in April. The proposal should be no longer than three pages and include the following:

- Applicant's name, mailing address, telephone number (land &/or cell as appropriate), and email address.
- Name, mailing address, contact person's name & phone number for any organization that will be directly involved with the applicant in executing the proposal.
- Short abstract of the study or project (2-5 sentences).
- Description of the study or project: objectives, methods, description of final product, and short description of past similar work (if applicable). Garden proposals should include plant lists, an educational component, and explicitly address long-term maintenance plans.
- Description of how the study or project will benefit native plants or plant conservation in Wyoming.
- Overall budget showing amount requested from WYNPS (\$1,000 or less for scholarships; \$500 or less for grants), the intended purpose of the funding, and other funding sources.
- Timeline for completion of the major components of the study or project.
- Brief statement of applicant's qualifications or biography.
- Name, address, email address or phone number of two people as references.

Successful scholarship or grant recipients will be required to submit a final report (due February 15, 2027) as an article about the study or project, printed in our *Castilleja* newsletter.

Please send completed applications to: Wyoming Native Plant Society, P.O. Box 2449, Laramie, WY 82073; or www.wynps@wynps.org .