SHRUB-STEPPE ALL-STAR

Narrow-leaved phacelia

*Phacelia linearis*

These tiny annual plants with narrow green leaves and long-blooming purple flowers pop up after fires and other disturbances. You can start phacelia from seed or living plants; once established, it spreads rapidly. While annuals haven’t been included in many steppe restorations, this may change as native seed production increases.

*See other Shrub-Steppe All-Stars on pp. 20, 27, and 34.*

The future site of the demonstration garden at Methow Natives in 2002.

The same site in 2006.
**Recommended Reading**

*Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest*

A wealth of information on propagating and growing northwest natives.

*The Wildflower Gardener’s Guide*

Organized according to western habitat types, with good information on propagation of numerous species. Not very technical, full of tips.

*Biology and Management of Noxious Rangeland Weeds*

A detailed look at noxious weeds and control strategies. Relies heavily upon herbicides and is geared for managers of large tracts but also contains a wealth of information for interested homeowners.

*Landscaping with Native Plants in the Inland Northwest*

Covers a wide variety of habitat types found in our area.

*Landscaping with Native Plants of the Intermountain Region*

Landscaping guide with detailed information on many native species; it includes plants from throughout the West that grow well in our climate. Helpful color photographs.

*The Methow Naturalist*
The Methow Biodiversity Project. P.O. Box 175, Winthrop, Washington 98862.

A quarterly journal focused on the Methow Valley. A "must have" for anyone interested in our local natural history.

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**Field Guides**

*Northwest Dryland Wildflowers*

In three volumes, an excellent guide with photographs from local botanist Dana Visalli. Organized by flower color, this book makes flower identification a snap.

*Sagebrush Country: A Wildflower Sanctuary*

A great introductory guide to shrub-steppe plants; almost all of our common dryland species are found in this book. Makes a good companion to *Northwest Weeds*.

*Plants of Southern Interior British Columbia and the Inland Northwest*

This covers all Methow Valley habitats, from shrub-steppe to subalpine. If you choose only one plant identification guide, this is it.

*Northwest Weeds*

Clear photographs accompany lively text that covers most of our common weeds.

*Weeds of the West*

An extensive, easy-to-use guide with photographs of western weeds, grouped by family. Includes numerous native species toxic to livestock.
Organizations and Agencies
Okanogan County Noxious Weed Board
509-422-7165  http://okanogancounty.org/nw
nw-insp@co.okanogan.wa.us
  Responsible for countywide weed control; offers on-site visits and advice on herbicides, licensed applicators, and homeowner application courses.

Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
541-344-5044  www.pesticide.org  info@pesticide.org
  Works to protect people and the environment by advancing healthy solutions to pest problems; provides news and information on pesticide issues.

Washington Native Plant Society, Okanogan chapter
www.wnps.org
  Offers a series of wildflower hikes throughout the year.

Methow Conservancy
315 Riverside, Winthrop, WA 98862
996-2870  www.methowconservancy.org
info@methowconservancy.org,
  Land protection through conservation easements; educational resources including a resource library, weed assessment services, mapping, and stewardship planning services.

Local Businesses
Methow Natives, Rob Crandall
996-3562  www.methownatives.com
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  Sells locally grown native plants and restoration seed; offers consulting, restoration, landscaping, and weed identification and control service.

Rendezvous Reclamation, Sam Lucy, 996-3526
  Restoration of agricultural lands and drill seeding.

Wild Hearts Nursery, Dan and Mary Kirkmire, 996-2368
  Landscaping plants and restoration seed.

Plantas nativa east, Camden Shaw, 997-0273
  www.pneast.com  camden@pneast.com
  Restoration plantings, native landscaping, weed control, consulting.

Cascade Pipe and Supply, 997-0720
  Irrigation supplies and weed control products.

Hamilton’s Farm Equipment Center, 509-422-3030
  Irrigation supplies and weed control products.

Loomis Ag Service, Craig Tomlinson, 509-223-3823
  Herbicide application.

Caribou Trail Pest Control, Terry Crim, 509-422-2325
  Herbicide application.

Gary Piper, Dept. of Entomology, Washington State University, 509-335-1947  glpiper@wsunix.wsu.edu
  Biocontrol insects and information.

Canyon Creek Landscapes, Bergen Brell, 997-0625
  wildearth@mymethow.com
  Native plant landscape design.

Equinox Designs, Laura Bitzes, 996-2462
  Commercial and residential landscape design.

S&L Services, Steve Wilson, 996-2544
  Hydoseeding and irrigation services.

IFM (Integrated Fertility Management)
1422 N. Miller St., No. 8, Wenatchee, WA 98801
800-332-3179
  Analysis of soil samples and amendment advice.

Botanical consulting:
  Rob Crandall, 996-3562  Dana Visalli, 997-9011
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