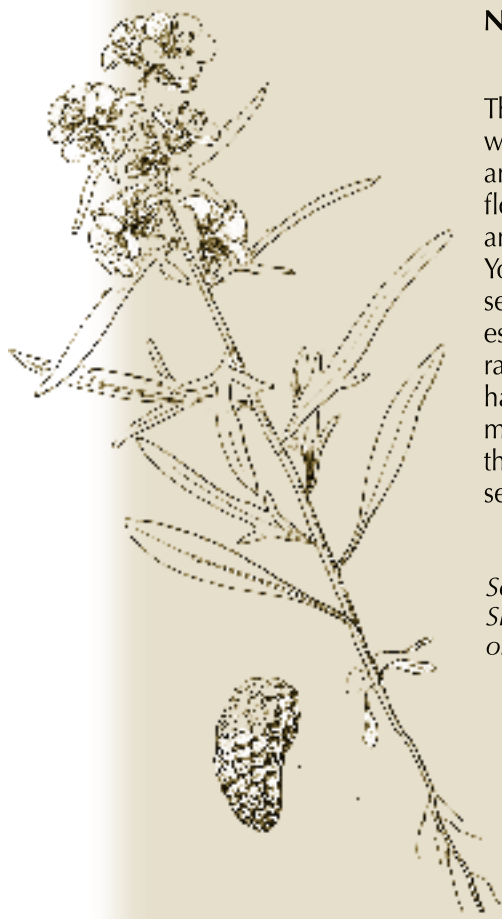


SHRUB-STEPPE ALL-STAR
Narrow-leaved phacelia
Phacelia linearis

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.

Resources

Recommended Reading

Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest

Arthur R. Kruckeberg. University of Washington Press, 1989.

A wealth of information on propagating and growing northwest natives.

The Wildflower Gardener's Guide

Henry W. Art. Garden Way Publishing, 1991.

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

Roger L. Sheley and Janet K. Petroff. Oregon State University Press, 1999.

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

Tonie Fitzgerald. Washington State University, Publication MISC0267, 2003.

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

Landscaping with Native Plants of the Intermountain Region

Hilary Parkinson. United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Technical Reference 1730-3, 2003.

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.

Field Guides

Northwest Dryland Wildflowers

Dana Visalli, Walt Lockwood, and Derrick Ditchburn. Hancock House Publishers, 2005.

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

Ron Taylor. Mountain Press Publishing Company, 1992.

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

Roberta Parish, Ray Coupe, and Dennis Lloyd. Lone Pine Publishing, 1996.

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

Northwest Weeds

Ronald J. Taylor. Mountain Press Publishing Company, 1990.

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

Weeds of the West

Tom D. Whitson, et al. Western Society of Weed Science and the Western United States Land Grant Universities Cooperative Extension Services, 2002.

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
methownatives@methownet.com

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

Hydroseeding 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

Anaka Mines, 997-0053

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Bitterroot, *Lewisia rediviva*

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