

## Gangloff Park and Cusick Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon

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From City of La Grande website:

"Since 1991, the William Cusick Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon has been responsible for the development and maintenance of this special use park which is designed to be educational and informational. There is a paved walkway throughout the site, weaving through native plants and grasses reminiscent of those the pioneers found when they first passed through the area. *Clemens' Cabin*, a historic log cabin, was obtained by the Chamber of Commerce and moved to the park, adding to the ambience of the native gardens."

Bob Ottersburg, long time member of the Cusick chapter, is remembered as the person who had the vision to feature natives at Gangloff, and followed through with many hours of work. In order to restore the bunchgrasses to the previously over-utilized area, Bob roto-tilled the flattest area and re-seeded with bluebunch wheatgrass and Idaho fescue, the native grasses most appropriate to the site. That was in the early 1990's. Many of the forbs present at the park were already present. The area was burned twice in the following few years, once by Bob, Berta Youtie, and others, and once by ODF, and the La Grande City and Rural fire departments. Bob also got funding for the pathways and picnic tables, which are handicap accessible. Bob passed away in 2004 after battling pancreatic cancer. A memorial rock was placed in the northwest corner of the park by his widow.

Other NPSO members, particularly Dick Kenton and Sandy Roth (weed control and plantings), Andy Huber (grass seed) and Brian Kelly (tree planting) have contributed to the maintenance of Gangloff, however, weeding has been somewhat neglected in recent years. As parks go, it is relatively self-sustaining. The native plants are doing well, but as with many areas, weeds are a problem.

**The information above, and following lists are preliminary. Please note other information you have, or species that you see and provide them to me via paper or e-mail:**

### Native plants at Gangloff:

Forbs:

*Apocynum cannibinum* dogbane

*Astragalus conjunctus* Idaho milkvetch

*Balsamorhiza incana* balsamroot

*Balsamorhiza sagittata* balsamroot

*Brodiaea douglasii* brodiaea

*Camassia quamash* camas

*Comandra umbellata* toadbane

*Erigeron speciosus* showy fleabane

*Fragaria vesca* wild strawberry

*Geranium viscosissimum* sticky geranium

*Helianthella uniflora* little sunflower

*Iris missouriensis* wild iris

*Lathyrus lanzwertii* Nevada pea

*Lathyrus pauciflorus* ssp. *pauciflorus* var. *pauciflorus* few-flowered pea

*Linum lewisii* Lewis' flax

*Lithophragma parviflora* prairie star

*Lomatium dissectum* cut leaf lomatium

*Lomatium macrorcarpum* big seeded biscuitroot

*Lomatium triternatum* nine-leaf lomatium

*Lomatium ambiguum* swale desert parsley

*Lupinus sulphureus* sulphur lupine

*Microseris nutans* microseris

*Penstemon venustus* lovely penstemon

*Potentilla gracilis* (probably var. *flabelliformis*) slender cinquefoil

*Senecio integerrimus* western groundsel

*Trifolium eriocephalum* wooly head clover

*Triteleia grandiflora* Douglas brodiaea

*Wyethia amplexicaulis* mule's ears

Grasses:

*Festuca idahoensis* Idaho fescue

*Leymus cinereus* basin wildrye

*Psuedoroegneria spicata* bluebunch wheatgrass

Shrubs:

*Amelanchier alnifolia* serviceberry

*Crateagus douglasii* black hawthorne

*Prunus virginiana* chokecherry

*Ribes aureum* golden current

*Rosa nutkana* Nutka rose

*Rosa woodsii* Woods rose

*Sambucus caerulea* blue elderberry

*Symphoricarpos albus* snowberry

Trees:

*Pinus ponderosa* Ponderosa pine

*Populus tremuloides* aspen

### Non-native species at Gangloff:

Most will be targeted for removal, but those marked "\*" are meant to portray pioneer plantings to fit in with the cabin

Forbs:

*Chicorium intybus* chicory

*Cynoglossum officinale* houndstongue

*Lepidium campestre* field pepperweed

*Mellilotus officinalis* sweet clover

*Potentilla recta* sulphur cinquefoil

*Rumex crispus* curly dock

*Taraxacum officinale* dandelion

*Vicea sativa* common vetch

Grasses:

*Dactylus glomerata* orchard grass

*Bromus inermis* smooth brome

*Bromus tectorum* cheatgrass

*Elymus repens* quack grass

*Poa bulbosa* bulbous bluegrass

*Poa pratensis* Kentucky bluegrass

*Taeniatherum caput-medusae* medusahead rye

*Ventenata dubia* ventenata

Shrubs:

*Eleagnus angustifolia* Russian olive

*Syringa vulgaris* common lilac\*

Trees:

*Malus* apple\*

*Pinus nigra* Austrian pine