

LUPINE FIELD DAYS HIGHLIGHTS ENDANGERED KINCAID SPECIES OF LUPINE



Kincaid's Lupine
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The lavender-colored perennial, normally found on the dry upland prairies on the western side of the Willamette Valley, was spotted approximately two years ago on the Mallonee farm by an inquisitive WDNR employee. The Mallonee farm, a 330-acre certified organic farm with 60 head of cattle, marks the northernmost spot that the Kincaid Lupine has been spotted. Not just a pretty flower, the lupine provides habitat for the endangered Fender's Blue butterfly.

"If our farm wasn't organic, there wouldn't be any lupine" state Maynard Mallonee, Organic Valley Coop member and third-generation farmer. "We've proved by pasturing grasses, clovers and weeds and implementing organic practices, the lupine has been given a chance to flourish." Lupine Field Days will commence at 10am at Baw Faw Grange Hall, located at the 900 block of Boisfort Road next to the Boisfort School, with presentations by USFWS representatives and a Fender's blue butterfly expert. Mallonee will also share the preservation plan he developed for the lupine - incorporating pasturing strategies and a no-cutting period, among other strategies. A noontime lunch, sponsored by Organic Valley Family of Farms will feature an array of organic dairy products. Following the noon meal, a tour guide will usher visitors through the five acres of lupine fields and point out other rare and common plants on the Mallonee property. The event is free and open to the public. Baw Faw Grange Hall is located 20 miles south of Olympia, WA and 80 miles north of Portland, OR. Travelers heading southbound take I-5, exit 76; northbound take I-5, exit 77. Reservations are requested for lunch. Please contact Maynard Mallonee at 360-245-3733 or email at Maynard@localaccess.com.