

Cascadia Prairie-Oak Partnership 2015 Conference

CONSERVATION WITHOUT BORDERS

Working Across Boundaries to Restore Prairie and Oak Communities

October 26-29, 2015 | Tacoma, Washington



Cascadia
Prairie-Oak
Partnership

Conference Information
cascadiaprairieoak.org/2015conference

©CHRISLINDER

Event Schedule

Monday, October 26

Concurrent sessions (10 am -4 pm)
Welcome mixer (4:30 pm)

Tuesday, October 27

Keynote (8:30 am)
Concurrent sessions (all day)
Poster session (4:30 pm)
Banquet (6:30 pm)

Wednesday, October 28

Concurrent sessions (all day)
Breakout meetings (10:30 am)



Special Sessions



Soils in Restoration Symposium

Organized by Society for Ecological Restoration
NW and Center for Natural Lands Management

Sustainability in Prisons Project in OR & WA: Conservation Programs Across Social Borders

Organized by Sustainability in Prisons Project

Oak Habitat Restoration: Project Planning to Lessons Learned

Organized by The Nature Conservancy, Oregon; City of Eugene; Metro; and Washington Department of Natural Resources

See following pages for more information
about speakers, sessions, and breakouts.

Conference Rates

Register by August 31 for these rates!

Professional: \$175 | Student: \$75

Interested in volunteering?

Contact ekim@cnlm.org for information

Keynote Speaker

Scott Hoffman Black

Xerces Society Executive Director

Banquet Speaker

Paul Bannick

Wildlife Photographer and Author

Register Today!

cascadiaprairieoak.org

Field Trips - Thursday, Oct. 29

Visit the conference website to learn more about these field trips!

Trip A—Conservation Nursery Tour

Trip B—Restoration at JBLM and Tenalquot Prairie

Trip C—Restoration at Mima Mounds, Scatter Creek, and Cavness Ranch

Trip D—Restoration on San Juan Island (Fri. Oct. 30, see website for info)

Important Dates

September 1

Late Registration Begins

October 5

Last Day to Book Rooms

LOCATION & LODGING Courtyard Marriott - Tacoma Downtown | 1515 Commerce St.
A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate.
See 'Hotel Accommodations' on conference site for more information.

**CONFERENCE
SPONSORS**



Featured Speakers

Keynote Speaker | Tuesday, October 27th | 8:30 am

Scott Hoffman Black

Executive Director, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Scott Hoffman Black is the [Xerces Society's](#) executive director. He also serves as chair of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Butterfly Specialist Group, deputy chair of the IUCN Invertebrate Conservation Subcommittee, chair of the Migratory Dragonfly Partnership, co-chair of the Monarch Joint Venture, and as an ex officio member of the Federal Monarch Butterfly High Level Working Group. Scott holds a master's degree in ecology and a bachelor's degree in horticulture, both through the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University. He has authored more than two hundred scientific and popular publications, co-authored three books, and contributed chapters to several others, and his work has been featured in newspapers, magazines, and books as well as on radio and television. Scott received the 2011 Colorado State University College of Agricultural Sciences Honor Alumnus Award and the U.S. Forest Service Wings Across the Americas 2012 Butterfly Conservation Award, among others.



Scott's presentation, titled "Bringing Back the Pollinators: An Integrated Landscape Approach to Pollinator Conservation" will discuss the latest science on pollinators, their importance and decline, and efforts at the federal level and more locally here in the Pacific Northwest. He will conclude with a framework for how we can all work together to ensure pollinators are considered in land management decisions at all levels. [Read the full abstract here.](#)

Banquet Speaker | Tuesday, October 27th | 6:30 pm

Paul Bannick

Wildlife photographer and author

Paul Bannick is an award-winning wildlife photographer specializing in the natural history of North America with a focus on birds and habitat. Coupling his love of the outdoors with his skill as a photographer, he creates images that foster the intimacy between viewer and subject, inspiring education and conservation.



In 2012, Paul was awarded the Canon prize in the International Conservation Photography Awards, an award selected by Art Wolfe from among thousands of entries worldwide, for the photo that best exemplifies the mission of the ICP Awards. In 2011, Paul took first place among professionals in the Birds and Their Habitat category in Audubon Magazine's prestigious annual photography contest. Paul's first book, *The Owl and the Woodpecker*, published by The Mountaineers Books in 2008, continues to be one of the best-selling bird books in North America, and was a finalist for the Washington State Book Award for general non-fiction.

Paul's work can be found in bird guides from Audubon, The Smithsonian, Stokes, The National Wildlife Federation, and in the Handbook of the Birds of the World. His work has been featured in a variety of publications from The New York Times, Audubon, Sunset, Nature's Best Photography Magazine, Birds and Blooms, Ranger Rick, Pacific Northwest (two cover stories), Seattle Times, Alaska Air Magazine, and in many other books, magazines, parks, refuges, and other outlets in North America and Europe. He has appeared on NBC Nightly News, Evening Magazine, King 5 and on dozens of NPR stations and programs, including Travels with Rick Steves and BirdNote. Paul currently serves as the Director of Development for Conservation Northwest, an organization dedicated to protecting and connecting wild areas from the Pacific Coast to the Canadian Rockies.

Symposium & Special Sessions

Symposium

Soils in Restoration



Organized by Sarah Hamman, Center for Natural Lands Management and Allison Warner, Society for Ecological Restoration NW

The role of soils in restoration has long been overlooked in the fields of conservation and restoration ecology. Research is increasingly showing that efforts to restore or amend soils before or while attempting native plant reintroduction can dramatically improve restoration success. A clear understanding of how soil structure, nutrients and microbial communities affect native plant establishment, and what science-based soil restoration methods exist, will help managers achieve conservation success in their prairie and oak woodland restoration sites.

This Symposium will include presentations and discussions to help identify the following:

1. How prairie and oak woodland soils have been altered by historical disturbances or invasions
2. Strategies that can be used to overcome biogeochemical or microbial legacies
3. Feasibility, costs and timeline associated with soil restoration actions

Presenters:

Sara Grove, UC Santa Cruz; **Matt Bahn**, Institute for Applied Ecology; **Sasha Porter**, Center for Natural Lands Management; **David Polster**, Polster Environmental Services Ltd.; **Craig Cogger**, WSU Puyallup; **Darlene Southworth**, Southern Oregon University.
Panelists: **Matt Slaughter**, Earthfort; **Robert Linderman**, Plant Health LLC.

Special Session

Sustainability in Prisons Project in Oregon and Washington: Conservation Programs Across Social Borders



Organized by the Sustainability in Prisons Project

This session will include 8 presentations each highlighting a unique aspect of how the Sustainability in Prisons Project has contributed to the conservation of prairies, oak woodlands, and other ecosystems. Topics include the process of building partnerships; the benefits of partnering with the corrections community; education, environmental literacy, and conservation; breeding Taylor's checkerspot butterflies; building a culture of sustainability; corrections community crews; and conducting research inside a correction center.

Presenters:

Kelli Bush, **Lindsey Hamilton**, **Conrad Ely**, and **Carl Elliott**, SPP WA; **Carolina Landa**, Butterfly Technician SPP; **Karen Lewis**, Oregon Zoo; **Larkin Geunther** and **Stacy Moore**, Institute for Applied Ecology.

Special Session

Oak Habitat Restoration: Project Planning to Lessons Learned



Organized by The Nature Conservancy, Oregon; City of Eugene; Metro; and Washington Department of Natural Resources

This session will focus on oak habitat restoration projects from across the region. From the different speakers, we hope to demonstrate the various habitat conditions, ecological objectives, and treatment methods involved in doing oak restoration work. In addition, the talks in this session will present a variety of monitoring approaches, financial strategies, and project outcomes that illustrate the complexity inherent in oak projects. We hope to highlight all aspects of oak restoration projects that might be of interest to the restoration practitioner: project successes, difficulties, and lessons learned.

Presenters:

Matthew Gibbons, The Nature Conservancy, Oregon; **Emily Steel**, City of Eugene; **Elaine Stewart**, Metro; **David Wilderman** and **Carlo Abbruzzese**, Washington Department of Natural Resources; and **Eliza Habegger**, San Juan County Land Bank.