

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 cannabinum dogbane
Astragalus conjunctus Idaho milkvetch
Balsamhorrriza incana balsamroot
Balsamhorrriza sagittata balsamroot
Brodea douglasii brodea
Camassia quamash camas
Commandra umbellata toadbane
Erigeron speciosus showy fleabane
Frageria 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 cinerus 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

Symphorocarpus 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 officianale houndstongue

Lepidium campestre field pepperweed

Mellilotus officianalis sweet clover

Potentilla recta sulphur cinquefoil

Rumex crispus curly dock

Taraxacum officinale dandelion

Vicia sativa common vetch

Grasses:

Dactylis 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