

Experts Used in the Survey and Manage Species Ranking Process

The Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center was fortunate to have the following experts assist us in ranking the Survey and Manage Species. Most of the people ranking and reviewing the taxa are the regional and often international authority on these species. They were given a very short timeline to do this work, and all of them put in an amazing amount of time and effort in this project. The Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center has the final responsibility, and therefore the blame, for any mistakes that might have been made.

Fungi

Ranks Developed by:

- Francisco Camacho (private contractor)
- Efren Cazares (Oregon State University)
- Daniel Luoma (Oregon State University)
- Lorelei Norvell (private contractor)
- Michelle Seidl (University of Washington and the US Forest Service)
- Nancy Weber (private contractor and Oregon State University)
- Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center Staff – Jimmy Kagan, lead

Ranks Reviewed by:

- Joseph Ammirati (University of Washington)
- Tina Dreisbach (US Forest Service – Agency Taxa lead)
- David Largent (private contractor and Humboldt State University)
- Kathleen Maybury and Leah Oliver (along with other NatureServe staff)
- Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center Staff– Jimmy Kagan, lead

Lichens

Ranks Developed by:

- Eric Peterson (Nevada Natural Heritage Program)
- Daphne Stone (private contractor)

Lichen Ranks Reviewed by:

- Chiska Derr (US Forest Service)
- Judy Harpel (US Forest Service - Agency Taxa Lead)
- Bruce McCune (Oregon State University)
- Kathleen Maybury (along with other NatureServe staff)
- Andrea Ruchty (US Forest Service)
- Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center Staff – John Christy, lead

Bryophytes

Ranks Developed by:

- John Christy (Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center)

Ranks Reviewed by:

- Judy Harpel (US Forest Service – Agency Taxa Lead)
- Sheila Martinson (US Forest Service)
- Daniel Norris (University of California, Berkeley)
- James Shevock (National Park Service)

Mollusks

Ranks Developed by:

- Jay Cordeiro (NatureServe)

Ranks Reviewed by:

- Terrence Frest (private contractor)
- Paul Hohenlohe (US Forest Service – Agency Taxa Lead)
- Larry Master (along with other NatureServe staff)
- Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center Staff – Eric Scheuering, lead

Vertebrates (Wildlife)

Ranks Developed by:

- Eric Scheuering (Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center)

Ranks Reviewed by:

- Barbara Hill (Bureau of Land Management – Agency Taxa Lead)
- Larry Master (along with other NatureServe staff)

Vascular Plants

Ranks Developed by:

- Susan Vrillakas (Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center)

Ranks Reviewed by:

- Joan Seevers (BLM – Agency Taxa Lead)
- Jimmy Kagan (Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center)
- Larry Morse and Leah Oliver (along with other NatureServe staff)

State Ranks

All State Ranks were developed by one of the three Natural Heritage Programs from California, Oregon or Washington. Primary staff involved included:

California Natural Diversity Database

Plants – Roxanne Bittman

Animals – Darlene McGriff

Washington Natural Heritage Program

Plants, Bryophytes, Lichens and Fungi – John Gamon and Florence Caplow

Animals – John Fleckenstein and Lisa Hallock

Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center

Vascular Plants – Susan Vrilakas, John Christy and Jimmy Kagan

Bryophytes, Lichens and Fungi – John Christy and Jimmy Kagan

Animals – Eric Scheuering

Survey and Manage Program

The project could not have occurred without major assistance from the Survey and Manage program. Too many people were involved to mention here. However, the key leads working with the Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center in developing these ranks are listed below.

Joan Seevers (BLM) – Project Coordinator

Joey Neff (BLM) – Interagency Species Information System (ISMS) Information Coordinator

Russ Holmes (BLM) – Survey and Manage Program lead

Barbara Hill, Ken Denton, Larry Mangan, Dick Prather and Rob Huff – SEIS contacts