

Conserving Plant Biodiversity in a Changing World: A View from NW North America

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submit an abstract for presentations and posters by October 28th to:

2012plantconf@gmail.com



The Conference Steering Committee will be accepting abstracts for oral and poster presentations between **June 20 through October 28, 2011**. The conference sessions will focus on the impacts of climate change on plant biodiversity, management strategies for climate change and disturbance impacts, and recovery of rare and endangered species. The 2-day conference will include a keynote address by Dr. Peter Raven, three concurrent sessions that include invited and contributed oral presentations and a poster session. If you would like to share your relevant experiences, data and knowledge, please submit an abstract to the e-mail noted above. All abstracts should be submitted with the identified session for which your presentation is most suited. Presenters will be asked to submit an article or an extended abstract for conference proceedings. Visit the [conference website](#) for more information on the sessions.

Session Topics

Session A - Climate Change: Observed Effects on Plants and Plant Communities.

Session B - Climate Change: Predicted Effects on Plants and Plant Communities

Session C - Climate Change: Adapting Management Strategies to Observed and Predicted Effects

Session D - Disturbance Ecology and Plant Conservation

Session E - Recovery of Rare Species and the Restoration of their Habitat

Session F - Reintroduction in a Changing World: How well is it working, how can it be done better, and under what circumstances is it appropriate or not?

Session G - Strategies for implementing conservation: partnerships, outreach, and public engagement

Session H - Taxonomy, ecology, and population dynamics of rare and endangered plants

Session I - Poster Symposium (all topics)

Abstract Requirements and Guidelines

Please adhere to the following guidelines when preparing your abstract for an oral presentation or poster:

- Subject matter of presentations and posters should have a clear connection to conservation of plant biodiversity. All presenters should discuss the relevance of the research/work to protection, management and recovery of rare plants and plant biodiversity.
- Subject matter should be within the geographic region of northwestern North America (Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta, MT, ID, OR, WA). If research or topics fall outside of this region, abstracts should have a clear connection to conservation of plant biodiversity in northwestern North America (example: lessons learned in X system has broader implications to management issues in northwestern North America because...). If this criterion is NOT met abstracts may not be selected.
- Oral presentations will be limited to 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions.
- Abstracts for research presentations should include specific information about the results and conclusions of the study.

Abstract Formatting

Items 1-8 below need to be incorporated within the submitted abstract document in an attachment to an e-mail.

Abstracts that do not include items 1-8 may be rejected.

- 1) Title. List the title in CAPITAL LETTERS.
- 2) Full names of all authors and affiliation information for each author (note if you are a student and what school you are affiliated with). Underline the presenter's name.
- 3) Presenter's contact information, including name, address, e-mail address and phone number.
- 4) The abstract body should be 250 words or less. Give a clear statement of the subject, problem or objectives, give brief methods and major results if a research talk, and end with a substantive conclusion.
- 5) Give a brief description (1 to 2 sentences) of the talk for the conference program.
- 6) Identify the session(s) for which your presentation is best suited.
- 7) Indicate oral presentation or poster presentation preference. For poster presentations, please limit the size of the poster to standard 4 x 3 feet.
- 8) The abstract should be submitted electronically as an attachment in Microsoft Word or as a PDF document. E-mail your abstract with the subject line "Abstract for 2012 conference" to 2012plantconf@gmail.com

Abstract Review Process

Abstracts will be reviewed by the Steering Committee, composed of professionals with extensive experience in plant conservation in academic, government, and private sector employment. Submitted abstracts will be allocated to contributed talk sessions, poster presentations, or rejected. If your abstract cannot be accommodated as an oral presentation due to time constraints, you will be notified as soon as possible so that you will have ample time to prepare a poster.

Oral Presentations

If your abstract is selected for an oral presentation, you will be notified with an acceptance email by **December 16, 2011**. All oral presentation rooms will be equipped with a laptop computer and projector. Detailed information and instructions will be provided to presenters approximately 2 months prior to the Conference.

Registration

Presenters should register for the meeting by **January 30, 2012**. **All presenters are responsible for paying registration fees.**

Questions about the registration process and can be directed to Jean Robins at (206) 685-8033 or e-mail at herbhort@uw.edu

Questions about the abstract submission and general questions can be directed to the conference e-mail: 2012plantconf@gmail.com