



Community Education

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Plant ID Primer - Introduction to PNW Plants

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Course Description:

Join us for an enriching outdoor experience focused on wild and weedy medicinal plants led by a skilled herbalist. Embark on a guided plant walk to discover the diverse medicinal flora of our region. Learn how to identify and ethically harvest these valuable plants while gaining insights into their traditional and contemporary uses. This immersive class is perfect for nature enthusiasts and those interested in herbalism. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your connection with nature's healing bounty!

Learning Outcomes:

- **Learn Plant Identification Principles:** Students will understand the fundamental principles of plant identification, including morphology, taxonomy, and key characteristics specific to Pacific Northwest flora.
- **Hands-On Identification Practice:** Students will gain practical experience through hands-on activities in the classroom, developing the skills necessary to accurately identify a variety of plants.
- **Apply Identification Skills in the Field:** Students will practice their classroom knowledge in a real-world setting during the field day, enhancing their ability to identify plants in their natural habitat.
- **Understand Local Flora:** Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of the diversity and significance of Pacific Northwest plants, recognizing their ecological roles and unique features.

- **Build Confidence in Botanical Skills:** Students will increase their confidence in plant identification, preparing them to continue exploring and studying plants independently in the future.

Course Schedule:

Tues July 23rd, 6 to 7:30 pm

Tues July 30, 6 to 7:30 pm

These two will be classroom days, introduction to plant ID principles with discussion and lots of fun hands-on ID practice

Tues Aug 6, 6 to 8 pm

This is a field day at a local park to practice ID skills and see plants in the wild!

Selected Bibliography/Resources:

Any relevant resources will be provided in class.

Class Evaluation: Class evaluations are sent by email. Sometimes the email will be delivered to your “junk mail,” but we can assure you it’s from Clark College only. Your responses are completely anonymous. If you do not see your evaluation immediately after class, look in your junk mail and send it to your email address. If you do not receive an evaluation please Call 360.992.2939.

Inclement Weather:

If the College cancels due to icy conditions you can find this on the college website www.clark.edu ~ If Community Education concludes that the weather is too hazardous we may also decide to cancel this class. In that case you will receive both a phone call and email. Make certain that we have your correct contact information by viewing the class roster.

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