

Oregon English Ivy Forum March 29, 2016



Speaker Biographies

Erin Riggs, Curator, Hoyt Arboretum Herbarium

Erin Riggs received her Master's degree at Portland State University, her thesis focused on the phylogenetics of *Iris* series *Californicae* (Pacific Coast *Iris*). In collaboration with Leach Botanical Garden and U. of California, Berkeley, Erin continues to conduct primary systematics research on the genus *Iris*. Erin is curator of the Hoyt Arboretum Herbarium located at Hoyt Arboretum, Portland. Erin has over 25 years experience in systematics and taxonomy. Her systematic work has included work on rare species and seed banking of rare species. As the curator of the Hoyt Arboretum Herbarium, she is conducting determination work on all species in the Arboretum's collection as well as making vouchers of this scientifically significant natural history museum. Along with Martin Nicholson, Hoyt Arboretum Curator, they strive to build and expand the Hoyt Herbarium and Arboretum as a regional educational resource for all users, with easy access. The Hoyt Herbarium also focuses on collections of exotic species. Portland, as a port city, is the epicenter of dispersal for many exotic species and it is vitally important to document these phylogeographic events. Erin has 3 publications on the systematics and phylogenetics of Pacific Coast *Iris*.

Wyatt Williams, Invasive Species Specialist, Oregon Department of Forestry

Wyatt works for the Oregon Department of Forestry as the agency's Invasive Species Specialist, where his focus is on prevention, detection and monitoring of invasive insects, disease and plants. He provides technical assistance and management advice to private and public forestland owners regarding forest health issues. He serves on the Oregon Invasive Species Council and enjoys mountain biking and being with his two daughters and wife.

Claudia Ingham, PhD, Senior Instructor, OSU Animal & Rangeland Science

Claudia Ingham is a Senior Instructor in the Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences at Oregon State University and owner of Ecological and Agricultural Consulting. She has researched the control of invasive plants through targeted grazing in Western Oregon. Related publications include "English ivy (*Hedera* spp., Araliaceae) Response to Goat Browsing" and "Himalaya Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*) Response to Goat Browsing and Mowing", both in *Invasive Plant Science and Management*. She consults with land managers and conducts workshops on the appropriate use of targeted grazing. An overview of targeted grazing as part of IPM is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cwU1WSk2sg&list=PL2-JjtPZCj2v2A2smeP0aLzgJhk9sPec0>

Jane Hartline, Director, Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership

Jane Hartline is an ivy ninja. For three years, she and a small and merry band of skilled warriors have been spending almost every Tuesday morning (except during hornet season) killing ivy. But she has also served as “general” on many more traditional ivy removal events—marshaling volunteers with varying degrees of motivation and skills. As director of the Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership, Jane is involved on many restoration fronts—ranging from propagating and planting native trees, shrubs and forbs, creating basking habitat for native turtles, conducting vegetation, bird and amphibian surveys and setting up a massive volunteer effort to shuttle a population of Red-legged frogs across a major highway. She serves on the education/outreach committee of the Portland area CWMA, where she has helped devise strategies and messages for a variety of audiences, including weed warriors. In her spare time, she serves on the boards of the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council and the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District.

Toby Query, Natural Resource Ecologist, Portland Watershed Revegetation Program

Toby Query has been a Natural Resources Ecologist with the City of Portland’s Watershed Revegetation Program since 1999. He manages several hundred acres of forests and wetlands in the city. He has coordinated the planting of over 3 million native seedlings and many tons of native grass and wildflower seeds. In 2011 he founded Portland Ecologists Unite!, a monthly discussion group working to improve land management practices and increase the resiliency of the community of ecologists. Toby has researched the great green macaw in Costa Rica, the spotted owl in Oregon, otters in Ireland, and is currently trying to understand why terrestrial mollusks eat his seedlings. He has a biology degree from Macalester College studying under the direction of Dr. Mark Davis. He has traveled to over 30 countries and crafts wine in his spare time.

Michael Ahr, Forest Conservationist

Michael Ahr has worked as the Forest Conservationist at West Multnomah SWCD for six years. His primary focus is to assist woodland owners in developing and implementing management plans for their larger acreages. Forest restoration projects include thinning, habitat enhancement, and almost always some invasive species control.

Mary Logalbo, Urban Conservationist

Mary Logalbo has been the Urban Conservationist at West Multnomah SWCD for the last seven plus years. She has managed invasive species and natural areas restoration programs for a non-profit watershed association and Oregon Soil & Water Conservation Districts throughout her career. She currently manages the Districts’ following urban-focused programs: canopy weeds, natural areas restoration, education and outreach, stormwater, partner funding and support, demonstration gardens and meadowscaping.