



**North Cascades National Park Service Complex**  
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## **Stewardship**

### **Botany Forays - A Search for New Plants at North Cascades**

Location: Washington

Partner(s): Washington's National Park Fund

Partner Website: [www.wnfpf.org](http://www.wnfpf.org)

Total Cost: \$8,000

Proposal # 137579

**Summary:** In an effort to improve knowledge of the flora of North Cascades National Park, botanical forays have been conducted each summer since 2002 in cooperation with the University of Washington Herbarium. This project uses skilled volunteers from the herbarium in cooperation with the park botanist, to conduct a botanical inventory for a targeted region of the park. The forays are intended to search specific areas and look for plant species not previously found in the park. The park gains valuable information about the flora of the park, including adding new species information and collections to the herbariums of the park and the University. In addition, this project builds park stewards and partners that come to know about and care for the park through the extraordinary opportunity to put their field botany skills to work. Tangible outcomes also include species distribution information for the park's inventory program.

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University of Washington Herbarium  
volunteers collect plant specimens in Fisher  
Basin, North Cascades National Park