



Plant Conservation Alliance e-Meeting

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The **Plant Conservation Alliance** (PCA) holds [Bi-Monthly Meetings](#) that are an open forum for anyone interested or working in plant conservation. Meetings are held every other month in the Washington DC metropolitan area, with an option to join online.

Each meeting features a speaker from the plant conservation community. In addition, there is a roundtable for attendees to share relevant events, as well as updates from each of the PCA working groups and committees. Regular attendees include representatives from the PCA Federal agencies and from Cooperating organizations; however anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Mark your calendars for the 2022 PCA Speaker Series - see the full list of 2022 speakers [here](#).

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 14, 2:00 - 4:00 pm ET (Remote Only)

FEATURED PRESENTER: Dr. Wesley Knapp, Chief Botanist, NatureServe

TOPIC: Preventing Plant Extinction Events in the U.S.A. and Canada

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER: Wesley Knapp is the Chief Botanist at NatureServe, a leading biodiversity conservation non-profit in the United States. NatureServe leverages the power of science, data, and technology to guide biodiversity conservation and stewardship. Wes has over 20 years of experience working in the NatureServe Network as a Botanist and Ecologist with both the Maryland and North Carolina Natural Heritage Programs. He has extensive field experience across much of the United States with additional fieldwork experience in Australia, Canada, and Central America. His research includes the first examination of the extinct plants of the United States and Canada, new plant species discoveries, and treatments of plant groups in various Floras and Manuals. He has also published two books including, *Vascular Plants of Maryland, USA: A Comprehensive Account of the State's Botanical Diversity* which is freely available through the Smithsonian Scholarly Press. His research interests include identifying and preventing plant extinction events, describing undescribed plant species, systematics, ecology, and taxonomy. He has a B.S. from Catawba College, a M.S. from Delaware State University, and is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Alan Weakley's lab.

***TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, **PLEASE RSVP by Monday, September 12 by 5pm Eastern**, to elizabeth_krone@fws.gov

The meeting login details will be shared via calendar invite and email at least one day before the meeting.

Please see '[MS Teams How To](#)' [pdf] for step-by-step directions to join the meeting. You will be able to join the meeting from the web or via the Microsoft Teams app, which can be downloaded in advance [here](#).

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