

# NEWS



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## **SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE ON APRIL 29 TO FEATURE PLANTS POPULAR WITH BIRDS AND BEES**

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District hosts its annual Spring Native Plant Sale on Saturday, April 29, at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center (15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton). The free event takes place from 10 am to 2 pm.

Native plants are a great way for gardeners to create a beautiful backyard habitat. This year, the sale will highlight plants that attract native pollinators such as birds, bees, and butterflies.



**The red-flowering currant is just one of dozens of native plants that will be available for purchase at THPRD's annual Spring Native Plant Sale on April 29.**

“Not only are they beautiful, native plants can transform your yard into a pollinator garden.” said Karen Munday, program coordinator at the Tualatin Hills Nature Center. “Our staff and volunteers are eager to help visitors locate the perfect plant to add a little life to their yard this year.”

Visitors can learn more about how to improve habitat, save water and reduce pesticide use at the sale's resource fair. Plant experts, THPRD park rangers and a host of community groups will lend their expertise to the event.

Established native plants can flourish with less care, water, fertilizer and pesticide than non-native ornamental plants. More than 100 varieties of trees, shrubs, ground covers and perennials will be available.

A small selection of native plants -- including trilliums and other early-blooming wildflowers -- are available now at the Nature Center during business hours (8:30 am to 5 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 5 pm on weekends).

The Spring Native Plant Sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Tualatin Hills Nature Park. Proceeds will support environmental education programs and future improvements at the Tualatin Hills Nature Park, a 222-acre wildlife reserve in the heart of Beaverton.

The Tualatin Hills Nature Center hosts education and recreation programs for children, adults and families – including summer camps – throughout the year. For more information about the Native Plant Sale or other THPRD nature programs, call 503-629-6350.

### **About THPRD**

Formed in 1955, THPRD is the largest special park district in Oregon, spanning 50 square miles and serving about 240,000 residents in the greater Beaverton area. The district provides year-round recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities. Offerings include thousands of widely diverse classes, 95 park sites with active recreational amenities, nearly 70 miles of trails, eight swim centers, six recreation centers, and about 1,500 acres of natural areas. For more information, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org) or call 503-645-6433.

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