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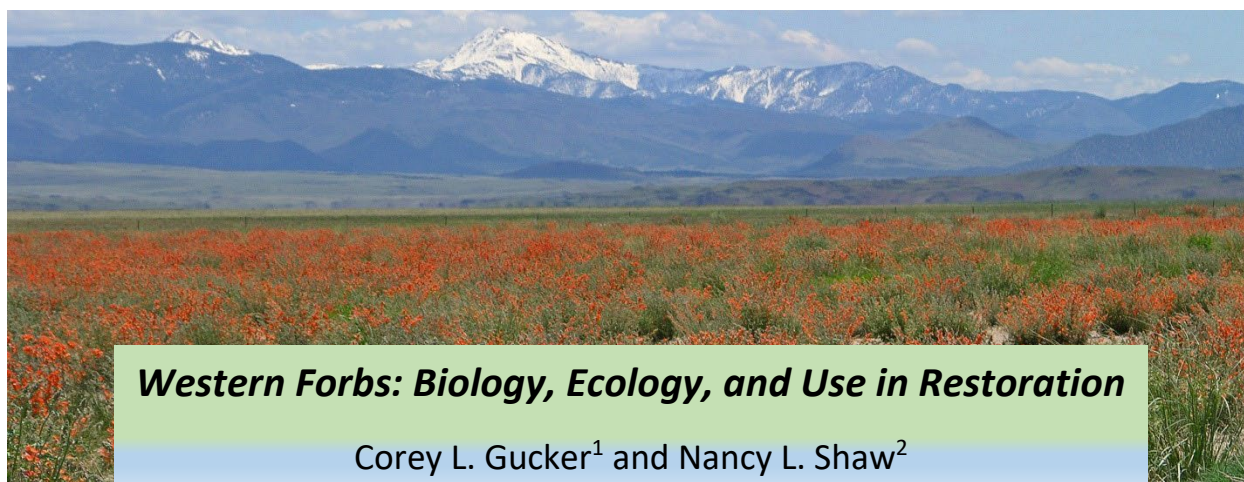
Westernforbs.org is designed to aid seed collectors, seed growers, nurserymen, landowners, restoration practitioners, and land managers as they increase the supply and use of native forbs.

- **Species** – Offers complete reviews that synthesize existing research and practical experience available for western forb species. Anything reported on the biology, ecology, seed technology, and use in wildland restoration is included.
- **Lookup Table** – Summarizes forb species data in a searchable and filterable table. Included are the data on taxonomy, distribution, biology, ecology, seed supply development, and nursery and wildland restoration knowledge for each species.



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Federal directives including the National Seed Strategy, the President's Memorandum on Pollinators, and Greater Sage-grouse conservation plans emphasize the use of native species to recover ecosystems damaged by fire, mineral extraction, energy development, recreation, road construction, or other disturbances. Native forbs are essential components of resilient, biologically and functionally diverse plant communities. Recognition of their importance to pollinators and other wildlife, successional processes, and healthy communities is contributing to their increased use for restoration. Synthesis of research and practical experience is essential to the selection of appropriate native forb species and populations, management and increase of seed supplies, and development of strategies to improve success in establishing diverse wildland communities.

This online book, [*Western Forbs: Biology, Ecology, and Use in Restoration*](#), synthesizes all existing research and practical experience gained over the last 20 years, to aid seed collectors, seed growers, nurserymen, landowners, restoration contractors, and land managers as they increase the supply and use of native forbs. Each chapter features an individual species' biology, ecology, seed technology, and use in restoration. Sixteen chapters are available now with many more to be added.

Chapters are being added as completed, and the manual will eventually include at least 98 forb species. USDI Bureau of Land Management personnel provided the species list and prioritization based on the projected importance of each species for Great Basin sites in the greatest need of restoration.

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