



Alberta Native Plant Council

Welcome to the Alberta Native Plant Council. The ANPC promotes knowledge and conservation of the native plants and vegetation of Alberta.

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Botany Alberta: August 2nd-5th, Lake Louise AB

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Come enjoy a botanical exploration of the mountainous Lake Louise area! Please complete the [registration form](#). The program for Botany AB 2013 can be found [here](#).

There will be a number of hikes including longer and shorter options, and we even may have access to some normally 'off-trail' areas! Along the way, there will be sightings of whitebark pine, limber pine, numerous other rare plants, bryophytes and lichens, and of course... incredible mountain views.

We've booked the meeting room at the hostel Saturday night from 6pm and will have a speaker presenting on whitebark pine.



Photos - Anne Elliot

Bonus Botanizing! There is also an opportunity to extend your trip and enjoy two botany weekends in a row. Botany BC is planning their annual get-together for the weekend after Botany AB: August 8th-11th in the Columbia Mountains near Revelstoke, BC. For costs and more information about this event, check the [Botany BC website](#) or contact [Elizabeth Easton](#). The main headquarters for Botany BC will be in the Revelstoke Senior's Centre. There are many options for accommodations nearby (including camping suggestions at the above website), but it is a popular place in the summer, so you will need to book a spot early.

Rare Vascular Plants of Alberta



We have hardcover books left for sale. Please [contact us](#) to inquire about purchasing one.

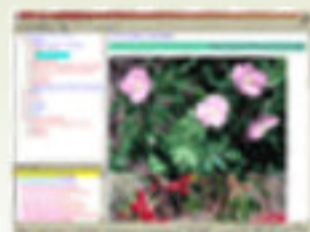
Volunteer Opportunities

The ANPC counts on the services of volunteers to make a difference. See what opportunities are [currently available](#).

Native Plant Source List

Learn where you can buy native seeds and plants! ([Excel spreadsheet](#) or [Adobe PDF file](#).)

Alberta Digital Flora



Special offer for ANPC members. For more information click [here](#). Or, [download an order form](#).

Invasive Plants Wiki

[Click here](#) for A *Rogue's Gallery of Invasive Non-native Plants of Alberta*.

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Recipient of a 2010 Emerald Award!

The ANPC was recognized for its efforts in promoting knowledge of Alberta's native plants; conserving Alberta's native plant species and their habitats; and preserving plant species and habitat for the enjoyment of present and future generations.

Feature Plant

The colors of summer..



Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)

Harebell is one of our most common plants (ACIMS rank for Alberta is S5**). This may be because its habitat requirements are relatively broad - it seems to like relatively dry, relatively open sites, and can be found throughout the province up to the alpine. It is also common to relatively common (S4 or S5) across Canada, but becomes rarer to the north (S2 in Yukon) and to the southeast (S1 in North Carolina and Virginia).

The species portion of the scientific name for harebell, "rotundifolia" means round-leaved. But if you look at the plant, what you see are simple, linear leaves arranged alternately on the stalk. So that's confusing! If however you look at the very lowest leaves, they are set on a long stalk and actually do have a rounded outline. They also wither early in the season, so you are lucky if you see them.



Alaska Harebell (*Campanula lasiocarpa*)

When in bloom harebell (sometimes called bluebell) is unmistakable. Several to many beautiful blue-purple flowers are set on slender stalks atop a 2 to 4 dm tall slender stem. Remarkably the flower on Alaska harebell (*Campanula lasiocarpa*) is almost the same size and color. But Alaska harebell is found only in the alpine, is a much shorter plant (rarely getting 1 dm tall) and has only one bloom per plant.

A third species, the alpine harebell (*Campanula uniflora*), is rare in Alberta (ranked S2), also restricted the alpine and also has only one flower per plant. The bell however is "funnelform" (shaped like a funnel and expanding only gradually) as compared to the "campanulate" shape of harebell and Alaska harebell.

Photo and text by Lorna Allen

**this is the ranking system used across North America by the NatureServe network. Go to [NatureServe Explorer](#) and type in any species to see it's rank.