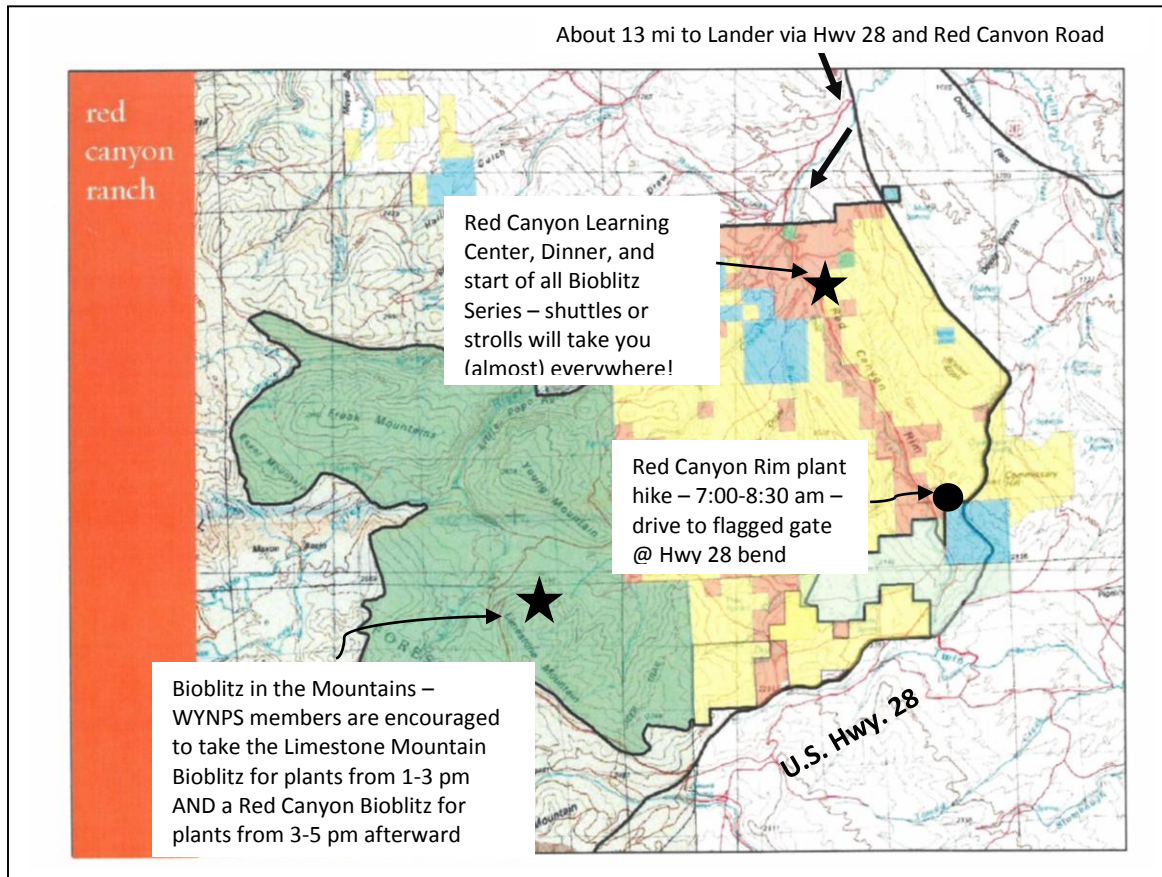


2014 WYNPS MEETING SCHEDULE – June 20-22, 2014

Red Canyon Ranch is located about 13 miles south of Lander, in south central Wyoming.

Directions to Red Canyon (<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/wyoming/placesweprotect/red-canyon-ranch.xml#directions>)



This year's meeting is an exciting program that we have not participated in before—a BioBlitz as organized by Audubon Rockies.

Friday June 20

Campers, we will congregate at Popo Agie Campground at Sinks Canyon State Park. This is the largest of the campgrounds at the park (24 sites), with several walk-in tent sites near the entrance. We cannot reserve sites, so camping will be first-come, first-served. Fee = \$6/site. Local members will try to reserve sites in advance though cannot guarantee sites. There are also a few sites at Sawmill Campground, and a City Park Campground in Lander. For non-campers, there are a few hotels in Lander, which is only a 20-minute drive from Sinks Canyon.

Come early for an outdoor *Pollinator Party*, Friday, **11 am-2pm** at **Sinks Canyon State Park**, sponsored by the Biodiversity Institute and Park

Evening hike: Meet at **Bruce's Camp** (just above the state park, where the road crosses the river) at **6:30 pm** for a hike to Popo Agie Falls, a 3-mile road trip walk. Remember, this is the longest day of the year, so we should have plenty of time, or we can walk slowly and botanize until dark.

****All Events are Open to the Public****

Events are in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, Shoshone National Forest and BLM Land Field Office. The checklist of Red Canyon plants is posted at the WYNPS homepage for you to bring. If you don't have internet access, there'll be some extra copies at the hike.

Saturday June 21, 2014

Red Canyon BioBlitz Series

6:30 am – 8:30 am Bird mist netting (meet at Learning Center)

7:00 am – 8:30 am Red Canyon Rim plant stroll (drive to flagged gate at Hwy 28 bend – if you come to the scenic overlook pull-off, you’ve gone too far!)

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Herps sampling and Pollinator sampling – held at both Red Canyon and at Limestone Mountain/Upper Cherry Creek (the latter has a shuttle) – meet at the Learning Center

12:00-1:00 lunch (The shuttle leaves for Limestone Mtn. from the Learning Center at 12:00 – eat on the run!)

1:00-3:00 pm – Plant walks – held at both Red Canyon and at Limestone Mountain, the latter via shuttle

3:30-5:00 pm – Repeat of the Red Canyon walk for WYNPS members who went to Limestone Mtn

2:00-4:00 pm – Fish electroshocking and aquatic macroinvertebrates – near Learning Center

6:00-7:00 pm – A buffet-style dinner will begin at 6 pm, brought to you by Gourmet Catering of Lander (\$20 adults, \$10 kids 12 and under) – menu options are below, or you can bring your own dinner. Reservations for catered dinner must be received by WYNPS by **June 6** – online at www.wynps.org or use form (below).

7:00-8:00 pm – Wild Bees of Wyoming’s Wildflowers, by Jim Cane (USDA National Bee Lab and Red Canyon researcher)

8:00-9:00 pm – Setting out small mammal traps

8:30 – 10:00 pm Bat mist netting and Moth blacklighting

Our Speaker – Dr. Jim Cane has spent many of the past 27 years studying the nesting and pollination ecologies of native non-social bees of North America. He has worked with pollination and pollinators of alfalfa, cranberries, blueberries, squashes, almonds, onions, raspberries and 13+ native seed crops used for restoration seed. He has published on native bee nesting biologies, chemical ecologies, foraging ecologies, floral specializations, community dynamics and conservation. For the past 14 years, he has worked for the US Department of Agriculture at the Pollinating Insect Research Unit at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, USA.

Sunday July 22, 2014

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast and WYNPS annual meeting at Learning Center – coffee and doughnuts provided

9:00 am-12:00 pm – Sunday’s hike will take us to a recently discovered population of Desert yellowhead (*Yermo xanthocephalus*), a colorful state endemic that is designated as Threatened. Meet at the **Sweetwater Station Rest Area** at **9 am** (at the intersection of Hwys. 287 and 135). The hike to the population is less than half-mile.

2014 Meeting Registration

Name(s)_____ Phone or email_____

Address_____ City_____ State____ Zip_____

I/we plan to participate: _____Fri _____Sat _____Sun

Dinner registration: No. of adults x \$20.00 = _____ No. of children (12 and under) x \$10.00 = _____

Total = _____

Entrees will include Chicken Cordon Bleu or Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms. Please indicate number of chicken dinners = _____ and number of mushroom dinners = _____.

You can register and pay online (Paypal) at www.wynps.org or by mailing this registration form, along with a check for dinner made out to Wyoming Native Plant Society, to WYNPS, P.O. Box 2449, Laramie, WY 82073. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy Tuthill (dtuthill@uwyo.edu) or Ann Boelter (amb749@yahoo.com)