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As has become my custom, I thank everyone who contributed to *Native Plants Journal* this past year by providing reviews of manuscripts or books. It seems that referees are asked to review papers at an ever-increasing rate, which makes their service to NPJ even more remarkable and appreciated. It's mostly a thankless job—today though, *thank you* Robert Antibus, Jay F Bolin, Cheryl Boyer, Robert Brzuszek, James Chamberlain, Janet Cole, Michelle Cram, Roseann Densmore, Tracy Dougher, Kern Ewing, Matthew W Fidelibus, William E Fox III, Jason Goldman, Janet Grabowski, Robert Grese, Marshall Haferkamp, Sarah Hamman, Patricia Holloway, Nate W Hough-Snee, Robert L James, Paul G Jefferson, Randy Johnson, Thomas A Jones, Stanley Kitchen, Elizabeth Leger, Stephen Love, Linda R McMahan, Susan E Meyer, Jeffrey G Norcini, Burton K Pendleton, Hector Perez, RN Reese, Iain Robertson, Larry A Rupp, Paul Scowcroft, Jyotsna Sharma, Mack Thetford, Robert Tripepi, Jeff Walck, Kristen Waring, and Amy Wright.

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This issue, as usual, contains an esoteric mix of articles spanning the continent, including propagation of bigtooth maple in the Pacific Northwest US, huckleberries in British Columbia, California fan palms, and blackbrush in the desert southwest US. We also feature an article about establishment of bristly locust in the Midwestern US for agroforestry, the natural history and status of a rare Texas orchid, and information about restoring bog pools in eastern Canada. And, even if your region wasn't covered by one of these articles, the review on the USDA's revised Forest Nursery Pests handbook should be of interest.

I hope you enjoy this issue. I can still use more content, particularly from practitioners in the field. And, as always, thank you for subscribing to NPJ.

R Kasten Dumroese



On the cover: Seed heads of snow buckwheat (*Eriogonum niveum* Douglas ex Benth. [Polygonaceae]) in a seed production area of BFI Native Seeds in Moses Lake, Washington. Photo by Kelsey Loeffler

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