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Five years ago, when I took on the role as Editor-in-Chief of the Native Plants Journal, I had intent to frequently attend as many native plant conferences and workshops as possible to rub shoulders with like-minded people who were involved with various aspects of conservation and restoration. Fate had other ideas and a sudden development of serious personal health issues limited my ability to travel. But short, local trips are still feasible, meaning a few conferences are still accessible. One such event is the Native Plant Summit, held every other year in Boise, Idaho. This conference is sponsored by the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) and the Boise State University Department of Biological Sciences. The conference has historically been free, and it attracts a wide range of native plant workers, from ecologists to restoration specialists, propagators, land managers, native plant nurserymen, and landscapers. The summit was last held during early November 2019.

After the 2019 conference, I contacted each of the 22 presenters and offered to publish printed versions of each talk in a proceedings issue. Seven of the presenters completed manuscripts based on their conference talks. We are pleased to publish their papers in this issue of the Native Plants Journal. As readers of the journal, I hope you find them to be of interest.



Stephen L Love
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On the cover: Gray-foliaged tufts and pink umbels of *Eriogonum ovalifolium* Nutt. var. *depressum* Blank. (cushion buckwheat [Polygonaceae]) adorn the rock crevices at the summit of Steens Mountain (2967 m [9734 ft]) in the northern-most fault block range in the Great Basin. Its relative isolation in southeastern Oregon and extensive contiguous area above 2438 m (8000 ft) have contributed to the region's unique flora. Photo by Richard M Anderson