

Be on lookout for invasive loosestrife weed in Siuslaw region

Purple Loosestrife is easy to spot because it is blooming now (July to September) in the Siuslaw River area. The flowers are pinkish-purple held upright on long, rigid spikes. A great way to identify it is to touch the stems — its squarish-shaped stems may have four to six sides. A single plant may have up to 30 stems from a central, woody base, and can be five to 10 feet tall.

It seems to be a recent invader here, with a few known small populations around Mapleton and west to Phey Lane. Its tiny seeds are easily spread by wind, animals or other disturbances, and root sprouts up to 6 feet or longer; little pieces of root or stem will also grow.

Purple Loosestrife invades wetlands and crowds out natives, has little or no food or habitat value to wildlife and affects nutrient cycling. It prefers freshwater wetlands, but can adapt and spread to both saltwater marshes as well as drier areas. It is on noxious weed lists in most states and several Canadian provinces.

An online search for "Identify Purple Loosestrife" yields many great resources and photos, including its lookalikes. Here are some of our locally most common, similar flowers:

- **Hardhack**, or Douglas spirea — Native plant with a



COURTESY PHOTO

Purple loosestrife is an invasive weed that is often mistaken for a harmless garden wildflower in the Siuslaw region.

round stem and fluffy, pink flowers arranged in tight, sometimes lumpy clusters.

- **Fireweed** — Native plant that commonly grows on more dry ground than purple loosestrife with loose flower clusters, and does not have a square stem. 2-3 inches long seed pods are easily visible below the spent blooms.

- **Butterfly Bush** — also an invasive weed, it has a round stem, and bright purple flowers grown in a tight, cone-shaped head. This bush may get to be fifteen feet tall, with usually drooping flower heads and greyish leaves with fuzzy undersides. Older

stems have peeling, grayish bark.

A common question is: *Is my garden variety (cultivar) of Purple Loosestrife safe?*

No. Originally many garden varieties of purple loosestrife were considered to be sterile (safe). Recent scientific studies have shown that these plants can readily cross pollinate with other garden varieties, as well as wild loosestrife populations.

The majority of wild infestations of purple loosestrife are the result of garden escapes. (www.PurpleLoosestrife.org)

North Dakota State University's website has excellent information on this subject, as well as great substitute plant suggestions for your garden.

Control:

- Small outbreaks may be removed by digging, being careful to bag the whole plant. Any pieces left behind may grow. If flowers are starting to age, gently cut the flower stalks first and bag them to minimize spreading any tiny seeds, and then bag as much of the remaining plant as possible in a dark plastic bag, tie it securely and let it rot before sending to the landfill.

- Herbicides should only be used with no wind, on a dry, upland area on private property, and at least 50 feet away from any open water. Any herbicide used near or over water requires a special formulation such as Rodeo, with a permit and a special-licensed applicator.

- Several agencies and groups are in discussions about developing a coordinated weed response system for this area, and may use biological controls in the future.

Contact Liz Cadiz at projects@siuslaw.org if you know of Purple Loosestrife in the Siuslaw or its tributaries, or for more information.

— Submitted by Liz Cadiz, Mapleton

Warning

from 1B

precipitator fil-ters (ESP fil-ters) if you can. These can help clean indoor air.

The most effective way people can protect themselves is to limit exposure by staying indoors and limiting outdoor activities.

People who must be outdoors may be considering the use of masks to help protect their lungs from wildfire smoke. Masks can create a false sense of security if not properly selected, fitted and used. Here are a few things you should know if you are considering the use of a mask:

- Surgical masks and bandanas don't filter the fine

smoke particles that can affect your health.

- The type of masks that may offer protection are those with a specific type of respirator (P100 or N95). These respirators are not designed for children and are not made in children's sizes.

- Anyone choosing to wear a P100 or N95 respirator should receive a professional fit-test to ensure its effectiveness. If the respirator does not fit correctly or does not have a good seal, people may think they are protected when they are not. This false sense of security may lead to people taking on activities that continue to expose them to smoke.

SCORES & STANDINGS

WOMEN'S GOLF

Ocean Dunes Ladies Night

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018



COURTESY PHOTO

Low gross winners for Ocean Dunes Ladies Night with a score of 34 were (from left): Deb Lamb and Lynnette Wikstrom

MEN'S GOLF

Ocean Dunes

AUG. 16, 2018

- | | |
|---|--|
| FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE MIXED FLIGHTS NET— (THREE-WAY TIE) | BOB KESSEL (46) |
| • 1ST PLACE LOW NET: TOM THOMPSON, RICHARD KAPRIELIAN, ALAN MATISOFF, GREG WYNNE (46) | • 3RD PLACE LOW NET: JEFF DAGOBERG, TERRY ARBGAST, ROY PAHLMAN, ROD McCULLOCH (46) |
| • 2ND PLACE LOW NET: JERRY MULVEY, SKIP CONKLING, RON SCHREIBER, | KP#4: NONE; KP#8: PAUL RUNGE; KP#12: TERRY ARBGAST; KP#16: JEFF NOONAN |

Fishing

from 1B

warm water species available.

ALSEA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Trout fishing in streams and river opened May 22. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures through Aug. 31.

SALMON RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Trout fishing in streams and river opened May 22. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures through Aug. 31.

SILETZ RIVER: *Steelhead, spring Chinook, cutthroat trout*

Summer steelhead are in the river. Fishing is good in the lower gorge. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

Spring Chinook are available in the Siletz. Be aware of the regulations for the Siletz, 1 wild Chinook per day and two for the season through July 31.

Trout fishing in streams and river opened May 22.

- **Note:** The 3.5 mile bridge (aka Steel Bridge) in the Siletz gorge is now open to motorized vehicles, but is only open to public vehicles on the weekend.

Anglers can walk/bike in the road during the weekdays. If anglers do walk in they can park at the one mile gate and start from there.

SIUSLAW RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

Trout fishing in streams and river opened May 22. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures through Aug. 31.

WILSON RIVER: *Steelhead, spring Chinook, trout*

Summer steelhead are present in decent numbers. Low clear water can make fishing for summer steelhead challenging, but there can be some good action at first and last light, or on those drizzly overcast days. Concentrate on deep pools and deeper riffles. Drift fishing, spinners, and flies are good choices. Light line, small presentations, and fishing the riffles and deep pools at first and last light can increase success.

There are still a few spring Chinook available in the Wilson River, although numbers will be very low, especially considering the low runs we are seeing on other basins.

Cutthroat trout can be found throughout the river, with sea-runs beginning to enter tidal areas. Fishing

should be fair to good, with spinners or flies good bets for success.

YAQUINA RIVER: *Cutthroat trout*

These lakes and ponds are now listed individually in the alphabetical listing. Spring trout stocking begins around March 1.

COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS: *Trout*

These lakes and ponds are now listed individually in the alphabetical listing. Spring trout stocking begins around March 1 (see stocking schedule).

COOS RIVER BASIN: *Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, trout*

Streams and rivers are open to trout fishing. Trout

anglers are having success using small spinners or flies. Anglers can use only artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater. The daily limit for trout in streams is 2 fish per day and they must be 8-inches or longer.

Recreational fishing for bottomfish is open in the ocean along with bays and estuaries. Beginning July 1, the daily bag limit for marine fish will reduced from 5 to 4 plus 2 lingcod. The retention of cabezon starts on July 1 with a 1-fish sub-bag limit. Anglers have reported catching rockfish, greenling and striped surfperch inside Coos Bay near the north jetty.

Imagine The Difference You Can Make

DONATE YOUR CAR

1-844-533-9173

FREE TOWING TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Help Prevent Blindness Get A Vision Screening Annually

Heritage for the Blind

Ask About A FREE 3 Day Vacation Voucher To Over 20 Destinations!!!

EARTHLINK INTERNET

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

Enjoy big-time Internet speeds without spending big bucks!

Get Connected for as low as **\$14.95/mo.** HyperLink™ high-speed internet

Get Connected for as low as **\$49.99/mo.** Satellite internet

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AUTHORIZED RETAILER

855-977-9436

Authorized Dealer EarthLink

Let me Showcase your property.

Jan Jagoe Broker 541 999-0879

TR HUNTER REAL ESTATE 541-997-1200

85082 Hwy 101 – Highway 101 frontage with 5 acres, let me show you this property! 1945 house with well and septic. Great buildable area on the west end of property, bring your dreams and imagination! **\$159,000.** #2825-18414771

1749 Highway 101 • 541-997-1200

Your Family Deserves The BEST Technology... Value... TV!...

Upgrade to the Hopper® 3 Smart HD DVR

- Watch and record 16 shows at once
- Get built-in Netflix and YouTube
- Watch TV on your mobile devices
- Hopper upgrade fee \$5/mo.

ADD High Speed Internet \$14.95/mo.

190 Channels

CALL TODAY Save 20%! **1-866-373-9175**

OUT WITH CABLE. IN WITH SAVINGS.

Get a \$100 AT&T Visa® Reward Card when you sign up for DIRECTV SELECT™ Package or above.

ASK me how to Bundle and save. CALL TODAY!

IV SUPPORT HOLDINGS LLC **855-502-2578**

AT&T Preferred Dealer

See Jim for your auto sales needs!

JOHNSTON MOTOR COMPANY

2150 Hwy. 101 • Florence (541) 997-3475 • 1-800-348-3475

Ford Mercury

DENTAL Insurance

Physicians Mutual Insurance Company

A less expensive way to help get the dental care you deserve

- If you're over 50, you can get coverage for about \$1 a day*
- Keep your own dentist! You can go to any dentist you want
- NO annual or lifetime cap on the cash benefits you can receive
- No wait for preventive care and no deductibles – you could get a check-up tomorrow
- Coverage for over 350 procedures including cleanings, exams, fillings, crowns—even dentures

FREE Information Kit 1-877-599-0125 Or www.dental50plus.com/25

DIVORCE \$155

NO Court Appearances

www.paralegalalternatives.com

Divorce in 1-5 weeks Possible!

Complete Preparation Includes: Children • Custody • Support • Property • Bills Division

legalalt@msn.com 503-772-5295