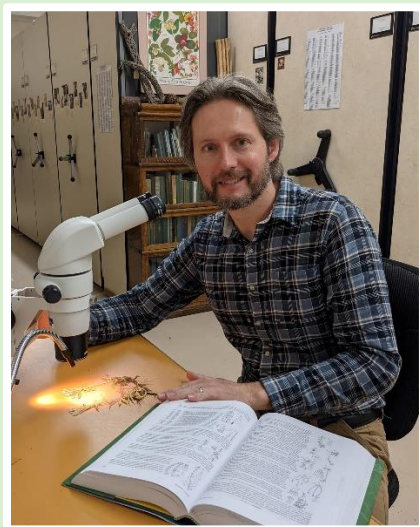




RM Staffing Increases!

An old face will return to the RM, to fill a new position! Ben Legler is not old in years, but he is a former RM student, who received his MS in 2010, with a floristic inventory of Vermejo Park Ranch (NM & CO). Before joining the RM as a grad student, Ben had many years of experience working in herbaria, getting to know all aspects of the work, from plant collection to database design and data delivery. In fact, the RM database and search portal that we all know and use, was developed by Ben when he served as a research assistant in the RM from 2008 to 2010. He will be returning this summer as the RM's first Digital Curator.



After finishing at UW, Ben worked for the University of Washington Herbarium, where he managed the Herbarium's online resources, served as coordinator and IT manager for the Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria, and was a co-editor of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest, 2nd edition. Wow! Most recently, he has been Collections Manager at the University of Idaho Stillinger Herbarium, where he oversees the day-to-day operations of the herbarium.

Ben's goals for the RM include modernizing the database and search portal, developing online resources for the flora of Wyoming and the Rocky Mountains targeting diverse audiences, and prioritizing future collecting efforts through use of data analytics. As if that's not enough, he plans to assist with general herbarium curation, continue field-based research, and contribute to RM's floristics program and other teaching goals. Ben, we are very glad to have you back!!

RM on the road this summer



RM is partnering with Audubon Rockies, UW Biodiversity Institute, UW Extension and more for some exciting learning opportunities around the state:

Learning Plant Families

July 9, 1-4 pm, Cheyenne Botanic Gardens
Participants will learn key characters to aid in identifying flowering plants from five major plant families with the aid of UW Extension, the Rocky Mountain Herbarium and the UW Biodiversity Institute. Activities will be both indoors and outdoors.

Registration and fee required:

www.botanic.org.

Wyoming BioBlitz

July 23-25, Brinton Museum, Big Horn

Hone your plant ID skills just before the BioBlitz! The RM will host 2 2-hour workshops on Friday afternoon, before the surveys begin.

The Wyoming BioBlitz is a free, one-of-a-kind opportunity for families,

students, and all nature-lovers to learn about plants and wildlife and help scientists survey them. Registration required:

rockies.audubon.org/naturalist/wyoming-bioblitz.



Discover Native Plants

August 6, 1-4 pm, Cody

Learn more about native plants, introduced species and their ecology. Spend time learning to identify a subset of species relevant for public and private land management. Participants will receive plant ID materials and have opportunities to win prizes. Check UW Extension calendars for more details after June 30.

www.uwyo.edu/uw/calendar/