

## For the Love of the Siskiyou!

Located in southwestern Oregon and northwestern California, the region of the Siskiyou Mountains is one of the richest areas in the world, botanically speaking, that is...

In 1980 I began my field research on a group of mustards (*Arabis*) in the Siskiyou. The background image for this page is of the Rogue River near one of my study sites downstream from Hellgate Canyon. While conducting my research I could hear the hoops and hollers of exhilarated rafters. Ever since the 1980s I have returned to this area. Now I do field research; I teach field courses through the Siskiyou Field Institute; I happily botanize. Thankfully this area is becoming well known for its botanical richness--its biological treasures will stand a better chance of protection. If only everyone understood diversity...how some areas lack it, and how other "hot spots", such as this one, are botanical gold mines.

Flowers clockwise from upper left: bleeding hearts, wild hyacinth, golden iris, pussy ears, Henderson's brodiaea, pine violet, ookow, Hooker's pink. Write me if you want the Latin names...I resisted including them!

