



## ABOUT THE COORDINATOR

**Jim Evans, M.S.**

### Education

*B.A. -- Environmental Studies, Johnson State College, Johnson, VT.*

*M.S. – Botany (Plant Ecology), University of Washington*

*Certificate in Wetland Science and Management – University of Washington Extension*

A fascination with tiny plants clinging to alpine ridges sparked for Jim a lifelong interest in native plants and their relationships to the environment. These interests led first to work as a ranger-naturalist and environmental educator and, eventually, to advanced study in plant ecology and a career as a conservation biologist and restoration ecologist. In this role Jim has worked in urban, rural, and wildland settings across Washington, and enjoyed the opportunity to work intensively in a range of ecosystems, including oak woodlands, forests, and riparian and wetland systems.



In his current position as the State Stewardship Program Manager for WNPS, Jim's job is to extend opportunities for Native Plant Stewardship training to all chapters and members of the Society across the state. The Koma Kulshan training is one of several new programs being offered as part of this statewide initiative.



Jim has been a member of WNPS for more than 25 years and has been active leading field trips and giving presentations for several chapters of the society. He's been a member of the Northwest Chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration (SERNW) for many years and has given a number of professional presentations at SERNW annual meetings as well as to other scientific audiences. He's an enthusiastic volunteer for the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust in his home community of Vashon Island, and works with his neighbors to restore eight acres of forested wetland on shared property. Jim's special conservation interests

at this time include the roles of native plants in wildlife habitat and as pollinator resources, and the evolution of ecological restoration practices to meet the challenges of climate change. Jim can't take a walk without noticing the plants along the way, but other interests include hiking (to look at plants and ecosystems!), cross-country skiing (ecosystems are fascinating in winter, too!), music (especially jazz, African, and Afro-Cuban), history, and the novels of John LeCarre', Jonathan Franzen, and others.

