

# Converting a Wheat Field into Palouse Prairie

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**Presentation:** I will walk you through my attempt to reconstruct Palouse Prairie on a few acres of a former wheat field. My project was initially seeded in September 2017 and so is about to start its 7<sup>th</sup> growing season. Why did we do it? How did we go about it? Which aspects went well and which not so well? Are invasive weeds going to do it in? I hope this presentation will celebrate the beauty and resiliency of the native plant community as seen through the eyes of a non-botanist.

**Presenter:** I am a retired WSU researcher in veterinary microbiology. I became interested in native plants first through chance encounters with native bunchgrass prairie remnants then later through participating in field trips and seeing presentations sponsored by the White Pine chapter INPS and the Palouse Prairie Foundation. My project wouldn't have been possible without the efforts of the dedicated and passionate group of Palouse Prairie advocates who have done so much to write the educational materials and build the physical resources (seeds and equipment) that make projects like mine possible.

**7:00 pm PDT, Thursday April 18, 2024**

**Join us in the Lecompte Auditorium on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the  
1912 Center in Moscow, Idaho**

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