

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

B.S.	Biology, University of Minnesota	1977
B.M.	Mathematics, University of Minnesota	1977
Ph. D.	Botany, Arizona State University (Statistics - Minor)	1983

### CURRENT ACTIVITIES

He formed and is President of Native Plant Landscaping and Restoration LLC. He started the company in 2009. He conducts research, performs services, and grows native plants for a variety of clients. Activities include conducting botanical surveys, environmental assessments, assistance with regulatory re-licensing documents (for Energy Northwest), seed bank studies, seed collection, plant propagation, ecological restoration plantings and seedings, rare plant re-establishment, monitoring of ecological restoration efforts, documentation of herbicide effects, fire risk assessment and reduction, landscaping with native species on governmental, commercial, and private lands, landfill vegetation monitoring, noxious weed control studies and surveys, greenhouse design, greenhouse energy budget studies, native plant cover crops in vineyards, fruit growth sensors, and plant water sensors. He writes regulatory documents, vegetation management plans, ecological restoration and landscaping plans, scientific publications, and popular articles on natural history. He currently is developing a book, "Native Plants to the Rescue: A Naturalist's Observations".

### PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

While (2010-2013) a member of the Department of Science and Engineering with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, he focused on Natural Resource Damage Assessment at the Hanford Site in south-central Washington. Funding was through grant awards from the US Department of Energy. This work included botanical surveys, determining injury to natural resources, determining the cost of ecological restoration, ecological restoration research, conducting ecological restoration, and developing a Natural Resources

regulatory position for the CTUIR. He created a list of all the plants species of the Hanford Site and the Tribal uses of each species.

While (1996–2009) on the faculty of Washington State University Dr. Link specialized in the areas of fire research, horticulture, seed studies, restoration ecology, plant sensor development for plant water status, botanical surveys, weed control research, fruit quality, agricultural research, global climate change, arid-land plant ecophysiology, landfill cover design, and ecosystem carbon budgets. While in Extension (2007–2009) he promoted xeriscaping using native plants in eastern Washington.

He worked over 10 years with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, had a 2 1/2 year post-doctoral fellowship position with Dr. Martyn M. Caldwell at Utah State University (Range Science Dept.) and did Ph. D. research with Dr. Thomas H. Nash III at Arizona State University (Botany Dept.).

He is a member of 3 societies, produced 15 graduate students, taught 11 courses at Washington State University, was the Editor of the Natural Areas Journal, performed editorial service for 17 journals, organized 8 symposia and conferences, reviewed grants for 6 agencies, and served on 11 boards including the Benton County Noxious Weed Control Board (President). He has been elected to 7 positions. He started the Columbia Basin Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society and was President of the Society for Ecological Restoration Northwest Chapter organizing a conference with over 500 attendees. He has won competitive grants and attracted funds from 48 different groups and numerous homeowners. He has 66 peer-reviewed papers, 81 technical reports, 76 newsletters, 111 newspaper articles, 121 abstracts, 111 reports, and has given over 123 invited speeches. He has been an expert witness in five lawsuits.