

The Eugene Natural History Society Presents a Free Program



Nymph of the oak treehopper, *Platycotis vittata*. Michael Palmer

Bug Hunting at the McKenzie Valley Bug Lab

Michael Palmer

McKenzie Valley Bug Lab, Blue River, OR

Friday, 16 October 2026, 7:00 pm

At his McKenzie Valley Bug Lab, Mike raises phytophagous insects, including leafminers, stemborers, gallmakers, and seedhead feeders. He's interested in the relatively unknown hosts and larval stages of these species known mainly from their adult forms. "If things end up being something common and well known, I photograph them and release them," he says. "But if it's something that's potentially new to science or a range extension ... then I preserve it in ethanol and send it off to the experts." Come meet some of Mike's usual and unusual local insects!

This month's meeting will be a hybrid of in person and real-time Zoom. The in-person lecture will be held at **7:00** in **221 Allen Hall, University of Oregon campus**. The Zoom lecture link is <https://zoom.us/j/97499095971?pwd=eE9sdG9hSHMvOHhIUEJuU21wT20rdz09> or see our website at <https://eugenenaturalhistorysociety.org/>