

Introductory talk for URPM 2017: an historical perspective.

How many Utah rare plant meetings have there been? When did western US native plant societies get started? And the TNC-UNPS-RBG connection to the University of Utah's Walter Cottam.

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How many annual Utah* rare plant meetings have there been?

- 10
- 16
- 30+
- Too many
- This is a trick question

*sponsored in some way by UNPS; counting years with separate day status reviews and presentation conferences as “one”

A few . . .

1978 to 1992: ~15

2002 to 2017*: 16

Total: 31


16th consecutive rare plant meeting+

*2009: Fifth Southwestern Rare and Endangered Plant Conference at University of Utah

+14 with Red Butte Garden as co-sponsor; last three with Garrett Herbarium as co-sponsor

The 1978 to 1992 era meetings tended to be more than in the nature of status review meetings, but not solely.

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 **NOTICE:** An Endangered Species Symposium will be held at BYU on December 7-8, 1978, at the M. L. Bean Museum. The cost is \$40 for registration and includes a banquet and one copy of the proceedings. Checks should be mailed by November 7 to: Center for Health and Environmental Studies, 786 WIDB, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.



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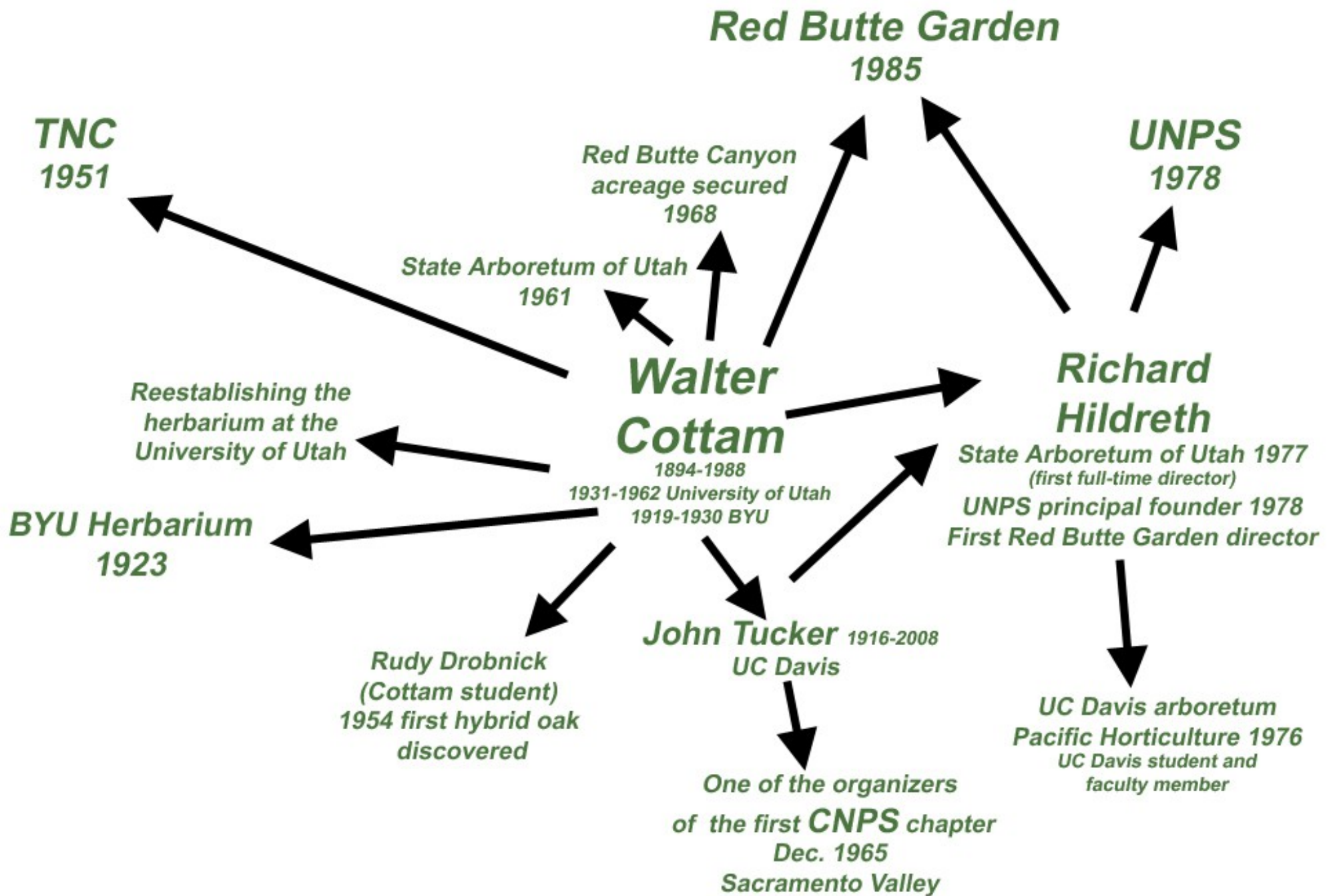
The annual Utah Rare/Threatened/Endangered Plant Meeting, sponsored by the Utah Native Plant Society, will be held on December 4 at Brigham Young University, Monte L. Bean Museum Building. At this meeting, to be attended by botanists, biologists, environmental consultants and federal agency personnel, recommendations will be drawn up regarding the status of each of Utah's rare species.

The agenda for this meeting is:

10:00 a.m.	INTRODUCTIONS AND REVIEW OF PROGRAM STATUS
10:30	RE-EVALUATE "NOTICE OF REVIEW LIST" AND THE UTAH NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY RARE PLANT LIST
11:30	LUNCH
1:00 p.m.	COMPLETE REVIEW OF T/E LIST AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UPDATING THE NOTICE OF REVIEW LIST
3:00	SUMMARIZE AND CLOSE

Note: Please bring an extra copy of data gathered during the 1981 growing season. If you have extra voucher specimens or specimens you are having trouble identifying, bring them with you. We are expecting a good group so plan on attending--the meeting will not be complete without you!

State	NAPS formed	Misc. comments
Oregon	1961	Works tirelessly for plant/habitat conservation; Oregon mini-ESA achieved (Dept of Ag. 603-0703 Wildflowers and Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate Species since at least 1989, 59 plant species currently listed)
California	1965	Native Plant Protection Act 1977; CESA 1984
Nevada	1975	Nevada endangered plant law 1969 (NRS 527.260 et seq) under Div. of Forestry; as with other NAPS, started out of a general interest and increasing awareness of native plants
Colorado	1976	Founded prompted by an early 1976 T&E workshop led by Denver Audubon and USFS
Arizona	1976	Horticulture focus but second meeting: rare plants/gov. Agencies; Dept of Ag Protected Native Plants law
New Mexico	1976	First newsletter Mar. 1982 featured the ESA
Washington	1976	Has long supported protection for rare plants
Idaho	1977	27 th rare plant conf. in 2016
Utah	1978	Horticulture and rare plant focus from the beginning
Texas	1981	
Wyoming	1981	
Montana	1987	





Alpine Summer School 1920's -
Walter Cottam (standing), A.O.
Garrett (sitting - far right)

Courtesy, L. Tom Perry Special Collections,
Harold B. Lee Library,
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT 84602.





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Walter P. Cottam will be presented with an honorary life membership in the Utah Native Plant Society on Arboretum Day at the University of Utah May 4, 1979. For more information contact Dr. Richard Hildreth, University of Utah Arboretum, Salt Lake City, 84101.



Bill King congratulates Dick Hildreth on March 3, 2005 as Dick receives a lifetime achievement and service award from UNPS.