



Jack & Martha Carter Conservation Fund

Thoreau, Muir and Leopold recognized that land, water and air are basic to the survival of biologic systems, and that finally they provide the beauty of place. Through evolution over millions of years these basic requirements for life have advanced a diversity of life that we must not allow to slip from our grasp. We recognize that each ecosystem is made up of thousands of living and nonliving parts that must be protected, and that we must not disrupt or destroy the least of these, or we lose a part of ourselves.

The Native Plant Society of New Mexico holds the potential, through education and research, to make a difference in conserving critical habitat and reducing basic threats to the flora of our state. To assist the NPSNM in maintaining a balanced budget while continuing to award research and educational grants to individuals and organizations, the Carter Conservation Fund was created. It is a long-term endowment fund that will provide considerably more funds for the future than are currently available.

Our plan calls for 50% of the income from investments in the Carter Conservation Fund to be used to support future research and education grants; the remainder will stay in the fund. Every dollar that goes into the corpus is there to stay and to grow.

We encourage you to become a part of this important effort to protect New Mexico's natural history. We also invite you to browse through the new, used, and rare books on our website (www.mimbrespublishing.com); 80% of the purchase price will go directly to the Carter Conservation Endowment Fund.

Please contribute as you feel you can, recognizing that if each of the NPSNM's 800 members contributed \$10, the Fund would grow by \$8,000; if each member contributed \$20, the Fund would grow by \$16,000.

In 2008 the NPSNM divided \$5,000 among 6 grantees, and divided \$2,500 among the 5 major herbaria of the state. The membership should be pleased with this grants program; we have seen the funding grow slowly over the past decade. At the same time the needs for plant study programs in our schools from K–12, for university undergraduate and graduate research, and for the survival of herbaria in New Mexico’s colleges and universities, tell a story of tremendous need. **If we are to protect the flora of New Mexico well into the future, the NPSNM is the only and best hope for moving toward a solution to budget shortfalls in education and research.**

*The Jack & Martha Carter
Conservation Endowment Fund
is a means of protecting
our small part of planet Earth
for future generations.*

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