## THE NATURE OF EUGENE

Fall 2021 LA 337 4 credits Instructor: Whitey Lueck MW 2:00-3:50 p.m.

From the hills that embrace it to the Willamette River that flows through it, learn what makes Eugene's natural landscape unique and what efforts are being made to preserve and sustain it. Topics include flora, fauna, geography, geology, soils, human history, climate, and nature-friendly landscape design.

- An active and fun course for outdoor-oriented students who want to better understand their Eugene surroundings
- Three-quarters of class time spent outside, including great field trips to many of Eugene's finest natural areas
- No pre-requisites; light reading load
- Be able to go anywhere in Eugene—from downtown to the top of Spencer Butte—and understand the site's current landscape as well as its history and how the landscape is likely to change in the future

Columbia larkspur (*Delphinium trolliifolium*) and cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*) in April in Eugene's riparian woodland.