

May 2025 Links

Linda Gilkeson: [LINDA GILKESON](#)

Linda's Books: , [Backyard Bounty: The Complete Guide to year-Round Organic Gardening in the Pacific Northwest](#), and **West Coast Gardening: Natural Insect, Weed and Disease Control**, 3rd edition, 2023; use the same link they are both on that page.

https://www.instagram.com/p/DJHiKt6Mpgt/?igsh=emxhb2R0N242OHZl&img_index=1

Sybilla Merian – entomologist

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJUcRpCRhJa/?igsh=Yjdpno2cW54d3Q3>

Decline of fireflies

https://www.instagram.com/p/DJcUl5yUtV/?igsh=MXZjZXhrejQ4MTY4cg%3D%3D&img_index=1

Peat: www.bobvila.com/articles/peat-moss-vs-coco-coir/

www.cleannorth.org [put peat moss into the search bar]

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/harvesting-peat-moss-contributes-climate-change-oregon-state-scientist-says>

This is a MUST-READ!!!!

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/climate/peatland-study-carbon-storage-environment-1.7457632>

BC Council of Garden Clubs – Bulletin <https://bcgardenclubs.com/wp-content/uploads/bulletins/2025/bulletin-2025-05.pdf>

Camas Lilies: <https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/ornamental/bulbs/camas-lily/camas-plant-care.htm>

Nandina: : <https://www.housedigest.com/1227351/nandinas-pros-and-cons-you-should-know-before-planting/>

The no-mow gardener [https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/21/the-gardener-who-took-a-canadian-city-to-court-for-the-right-to-not-mow-his-lawn?](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/21/the-gardener-who-took-a-canadian-city-to-court-for-the-right-to-not-mow-his-lawn?utm_source=eml&utm_medium=emlf&utm_campaign=MK_SU_SOINewsletter_UKROW_090724&utm_term=Email_ROW&utm_content=variantA)

[utm_source=eml&utm_medium=emlf&utm_campaign=MK_SU_SOINewsletter_UKROW_090724&utm_term=Email_ROW&utm_content=variantA](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/article/2024/jun/21/the-gardener-who-took-a-canadian-city-to-court-for-the-right-to-not-mow-his-lawn?utm_source=eml&utm_medium=emlf&utm_campaign=MK_SU_SOINewsletter_UKROW_090724&utm_term=Email_ROW&utm_content=variantA)

YWCA Food insecurity – registration link <https://ywcavan.org/impact-series-rsvp>

US SCIENCE CUTS <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJUoBkxOxfB/?igsh=cGZtMHg2cWhjeTMy>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIobJjAvFhp/?igsh=OHI1cjV5Mm9peGdz>

Maria's curious curated links:

If Instagram asks you to sign in or create an account – don't. Just close the pop-up window and enjoy the link.

Ornamentals

RHS Chelsea Plant of 2025

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJCbVHltTsD/?igsh=MWEzYXBtaXI3aXFqYw%3D%3D>

Gorgeous Alliums

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJMSbk7RDpl/?igsh=MW1lM3oxM3N4cWp6eA%3D%3D>

Dandelions only grow where they are NEEDED

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIk02S8RKJY/?igsh=OXBqeXhkdWtzNXZj>

However – dandelions... are not ideal

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJJ31WtJESO/?igsh=c2hka2huN3Rxa3Qx>

Rhododendron info RHS

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI3hnZlsrg9/?igsh=eGFiODNycmE1Njg1>

Edible flowers: Tulips!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIJrtG6o99F/?igsh=MTJqenN1OXA4eW81Mw%3D%3D>

Yarrow

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIbTh2pO73n/?igsh=aW8xYzF3ZjdtXVx>

Eucalyptus flowering – time-lapse

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI48bgBte02/?igsh=MTdpM3FsZTlidmdybw%3D%3D>

Tips and tricks:

How to transplant sunflower seedlings:

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJKOr4qKBQS/?igsh=cGR1dG54bGdicjZh>

Cheap sunflowers

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH_WR3ZOJnz/?igsh=M3A2b2Z0a243ZWh5

Garden fountain

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI3_OLJOJpZ/?igsh=MXNtbzB5MW42bTBqeg%3D%3D

Intense gardening

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIt6IpiOvbM/?igsh=MWcxZml1Nzc3YTV2YQ%3D%3D>

ASA is not just for headaches

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJcL--6NTZN/?igsh=MWUxYzM5Y3YyOXJnYw%3D%3D>

Be a green witch

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJDT9-4N8ez/?igsh=MWMMybGl1ajhkeTFzeA%3D%3D>

Raised bed considerations

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIZGjtIJQia/?igsh=OXZ3ZXFrXh3aWJ4>

What to do with sticks

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJHDP1sOBEc/?igsh=MWN1bTBjZzR5Mjdpdw%3D%3D>

Great but simple veg supports

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJB2VemglOq/?igsh=bmNsdWdrazB5ajh1>

Carrot seeds

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI89Savo7iE/?igsh=MnhpdzA2emQzZ3h4>

Avocados

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIxbo4Fs75e/?igsh=MWw4YmRrMjU1azh4dQ%3D%3D>

Climate

Watch the trailer for DAVID ATTENBOROUGH's "Ocean"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIZAdCtKT_g&t&insEmail=1&insNltCmpId=1137&insNltSldt=10080&insPnName=onlyone&isIns=1&isInsNltCmp=1&themeRefresh=1)

[v=cIZAdCtKT_g&t&insEmail=1&insNltCmpId=1137&insNltSldt=10080&insPnName=onlyone&isIns=1&isInsNltCmp=1&themeRefresh=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cIZAdCtKT_g&t&insEmail=1&insNltCmpId=1137&insNltSldt=10080&insPnName=onlyone&isIns=1&isInsNltCmp=1&themeRefresh=1)

Logging is expensive

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIiZ7JIs2Dp/?igsh=MTI0OWJ0ZGt6Yjl3dw%3D%3D>

The costs of deforestation

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHD7A_PvmC/?igsh=MTN3OTRwNmlxODY0Ng%3D%3D

Why organic?

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI2--AMM1-r/?igsh=dzZnMGs4Z2pjaGl0>

What would aliens think of us?

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIoBtYiMAdC/?igsh=MWgxd3R3bno4cmw1aw%3D%3D>

Regenerative farming:

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJRx_8ZI9Uy/?igsh=ZGYycmE1OXhrNGg1

Carbon cowboys

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHxFFvPPua/?igsh=MXczZndvMWEwamxjeQ%3D%3D>

Fix the soil – the health of the soil is the health of the people

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI3gYOXsXrj/?igsh=Z2hmdmI1am9yb2Uw>

Wildflowers reduce pests

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJB9QwsOdWq/?igsh=eHRiaDRoOTRhaDEy>

Microplastics reduce photosynthesis – not good for the climate

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIOkekpuGkX/?igsh=MW1vbzQzY3UycWE0Ng%3D%3D>

Agrochemical industries vs seeds

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJDR9TtrIo/?igsh=OHp1emVpOXFlbWpn>

Earth smiles

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIHvKpyBBiS/?igsh=MTltd2R3dWdyM2R4Yg%3D%3D>

Use Ecosia as a browser (I do!)

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI11I6ZMvmd/?igsh=MXBnMGsyMjVyczVwbG%3D%3D>

Esoterica

Moss – close up

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DH9HOvjsf3E/?igsh=MTB0YWl4ZGx6aDc1eg%3D%3D>

Nature's curse and cure – the plant that hurts and its cure grow together

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJP2OpKTsRh/?igsh=NXA3MTNvYnd3dWk3>

Water hemlock – highly poisonous

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DL_VNI8tQKV/?igsh=MW82MzdxbXV3ZGhoMw%3D%3D

Leafless orchid

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI1cJg4tQOn/?igsh=MXg5cWRlajNkcWVuOQ%3D%3D>

Figs are not fruit!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIYYT-yCn92/?igsh=dHhsYWQxcnU2bmFv>

Trillium forests – 8th wonder of the world

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJHzhQWRMg6/?igsh=MXd5OG0zemFibTZIMw%3D%3D>

Platycerium wandae – Staghorn fern

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIIz9eKT7lx/?igsh=MWZyNWgwd21lOTRoeg%3D%3D>

The world's largest rose bush

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJc1IQnMZr8/?igsh=YmFrMXQxN2ljZ3V3>

Cashews – I didn't know they were this weird!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJH6KnIizll/?igsh=NDh5NXByMWx4bDdh>

Hear the rhubarb grow!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DISVMgatZBs/?igsh=MXA2aThoZ2tuaW1INw%3D%3D>

Amazing little tree

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIoMkUiPoUG/?igsh=MTk3enJzODN5bHozdw%3D%3D>

Lignin – ‘wood protein’

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJM4vzDBV6j/?igsh=MTZlZW53dmcyZGQzbA%3D%3D>

Dinosaur trees – still exist and growing in England

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJUdTezOlaB/?igsh=MWFpZ2o4ejV4cnQ2eQ%3D%3D>

The oldest [!!!!] thing – a tree! – on earth. This is really cool!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJHK17kRIHz/?igsh=MmNsdTJhMTQ1ZWJm>

Ancient tree- Abuleo

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI3s5fNIY-y/?igsh=aDdyYWN0d3M5bzNy>

Ancient seed germinated

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJdC4IDooyg/?igsh=MXRwMHZ1NmJ5emo0cw%3D%3D>

1800 year old Bonsai

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DDNaHnOSyjo/?igsh=cXEwamN0ZTB3czhi>

BIG Bonsai – only in China...

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIfq-SDo5Nh/?igsh=MXh1c3BwY2Npanpx>

Trees in New Zealand’s Slope Point

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIkgdWgSJ9z/?igsh=MWNjd2NoeDY0ZWp1NA%3D%3D>

Magnolias are really old as a species

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIhCKbPv3jX/?igsh=MXhtejQ1NXprN2dsdg%3D%3D>

What is rarer than diamonds in the universe?

https://www.instagram.com/p/DJU0COASeN7/?igsh=c3FxZXczaG9xOWN1&img_index=1

How a tree spade works

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJeVXl0IgXi/?igsh=ZmlkMTh2aGI3bjE0>

Cute Critters

Hummingbird feeders

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIec4kKx2da/?igsh=MXNibWQzbG1qdXhkeQ%3D%3D>

Frog and dahlia

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIm6uBFNhJo/?igsh=OThqZXZ4ZHg2b3c5>

Bird, bee and butterfly hydration station

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJJg8EFO5oR/?igsh=YW9pbTRseXhsdDJh>

Bee bricks

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIlpWYSSgc3/?igsh=MWgzYzY3aHhxdmV2OQ%3D%3D>

Mason bees

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DFPofCKv3lB/?igsh=MWp1dTBwbm9nemJsNA%3D%3D>

Mason bee hatching

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIm-P1ipcij/?igsh=bXcxbGsxOHJkOW0w>

Leaf-cutter bee in action

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHebSHmqpCm/?igsh=MThvYm1lOGdhM3d0ZA%3D%3D>

Bee feeding

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJXmVqSKZgE/?igsh=MWtzZmQwNXptaWp0cw%3D%3D>

Bee feeding – 2

https://www.instagram.com/p/DI_W8stKqWH/?igsh=MWhmMnJqandneXdidg%3D%3D

Bee rescue

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJb_96ou-ZC/?igsh=MWQwMDBqNTkxZWlqcQ%3D%3D

How bees know which flower has nectar

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIyrFdPpahM/?igsh=dXd2enAyYmNieTNs>

Pollen pants

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIR8YsJtQMB/?igsh=MTk2OW1qNTViaXU3aw%3D%3D>

Baby bees

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DImxmHXTW8e/?igsh=ODlnMTRxYjFsdmxw>

Bees and orchids

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIp7mJmXhXv/?igsh=MWdwY2lucnU2NHpndA%3D%3D>

Bee in flower

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIoKwYJMikI/?igsh=MTN0Ym0yZXVvZnFnZWw%3D%3D>

Lovable bees

https://www.instagram.com/p/DIRttaDpuHA/?img_index=7&igsh=MTM5Y3UyeGR2YWpyeA%3D%3D

Pl-ant

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJL8dnasUjT/?igsh=amR3a3NvbjZkd2Nu>

The weirdest moth caterpillars ever!!

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIUGawJN95B/?igsh=MTN0MG00djF6bGZ2Zw%3D%3D>

and another one!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI4Ruxvtxah/?igsh=MXhuMjJxeG1xbnoydg%3D%3D>

More weird critters

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGH-5l6ukt1/?igsh=MXU1YnB4b2xubDUxdw%3D%3D>

A very small witch

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJCi1yGNmEQ/?igsh=ajN0bWx3eDgxZm1p>

Slugs are wonderful

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJY-AFVsoLL/?igsh=MTR6NXdlbnB0cmwydA%3D%3D>

Somewhat scientific

Gardening and longevity

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DGp4IbPSCgz/?igsh=MWxlemFuNmZtbmhpaA%3D%3D>

The evolution of green vision

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJIb6VeSEv_/?igsh=MXdzODI5d3Fhcml1OA%3D%3D

Mycorrhiza

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIwMb6KxdxL/?igsh=M2Y2cjB6dGFzeG1q>

Plants talk to each other chemically – a real time study

https://www.instagram.com/p/DI_sBOeA97D/?igsh=OG5qdmsyNmk2dDBn&img_index=1

Trees transmit information

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJHUYsuVk3/?igsh=amIzYTViMm9rbXlz>

Trees synchronized by eclipse

https://www.instagram.com/p/DJYwR7mh_Qu/?igsh=bnc3ZzJxZms5YmR2

Hugging trees

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DIbaTo3iT7u/?igsh=MXFiZmtud2cyZzR4Mg%3D%3D>

Trees respond to love

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DItT7PjMsK8/?igsh=bzhqejllczlwZHB4>

Lightning trees - hmmmmm

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI3LPDniuq5/?igsh=OGNhMHNxOHo5cWVw>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIelH3szoL9/?igsh=MXZpZ2tleTFoc3o5ag%3D%3D>

Cauliflory – this is soooooo cool!

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJHCzErxFf9/?igsh=MTdpOWF2azkwbjQxdA%3D%3D>

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIQ4Elqx7o_/?igsh=MXRidTR0b3RrMXUwNg%3D%3D

Food/plant pairings

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI61IKUjtQ5/?igsh=MjE4MWRxZDB2NXVo>

Frequency patterns and fruit designs

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHW-_zO-j8/?igsh=MWltaW1pbXF1Z2NsbQ%3D%3D

Similarities – Botany and Biology – Patterns

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJXe8VTz0qC/?igsh=NHRldzhmcmQwZHJs>

More botany and biology

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHc88iKCKqW/?igsh=am1jZW9vZXBrOHNo>

The oldest mathematical question – solved by bees

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHgfTFpowYn/?igsh=MTl3dmQzODQ4dGVhew%3D%3D>

Trees sculpture

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHQ7ZePjCiM/?igsh=MXBodHhodjhoeTUzNQ%3D%3D>

History & related

Elizabeth Blackwell – herbal and physic

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI3_OLJOjPZ/?igsh=MXNtbzB5MW42bTBqeg%3D%3D

The Raphael of Flowers

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJgzOzvMd51/?igsh=bzl6OTg1ZGtpM3Mz>

Ynes Mexia – discovered 500 new species of plants

https://www.instagram.com/p/DI9UKl_vZNT/?igsh=M2pscDhzaDI5cG50

Darwin and two species evolving together – orchids

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI6ODi7xB5c/?igsh=Ymw4YmN3YmFzODJp>

Monty Don and the RHS Chelsea build

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJd9Op_sOq7/?igsh=MXBrbGgwbmo1YzV4bg%3D%3D

Flower arrangements and veggies

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI9LF5Hos8V/?igsh=dnppeDZ2ZDhkaWN3>

Fun

We, the subversives:

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJOpC94uC36/?igsh=MW9wazN6aHhwMzRodw%3D%3D>

Trolls in the woods

https://www.instagram.com/p/DJeSN7NuDJJ/?igsh=azN4MHplMjg5Zm9s&img_index=1

My gardening life

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DHu7SEsKJl/?igsh=MXJ0NjBzMWZ6bzE5dQ%3D%3D>

Procreastiplanting

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI48bgBte02/?igsh=MTdpM3FsZTlidmdybw%3D%3D>

Dandelion puffs

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJXMaJdsptd/?igsh=MWp2MTkyaWxndDQzOQ%3D%3D>

Plant shopping

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DJExlZwuXST/?igsh=MXZrdzU0MXQ2YnNteA%3D%3D>

Savings

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIhLv-ezZid/?igsh=NXRybDJjMXZnOHhl>

Herbs

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DIrmkcGyD9k/?igsh=aGZ6aXh5d3p2OWoy>

Bee vs Musk

https://www.instagram.com/p/DIhqROBSUu_/?igsh=MWFwZWJlZ2J6ODVoMQ%3D%3D