

Wildflowers

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FORGET-ME-NOT
Myosotis alpestris

Official state flower of Alaska.



APRIL - "ALASKA: OUR LAST GREAT NATURAL FRONTIER"

Our next meeting - Monday, April 11, 8:00 P.M. - will be at Carlow College, 5th Ave., Oakland.

Dr. Mary Joy Haywood will give a slide presentation of the exciting flora and fauna of Alaska along with some interesting environmental relationships of organisms.

Dr. Haywood was most impressed by -

1. Extremely large fungi.
2. The size of equisetum.
3. Superabundant alpine flowers in tundra permafrost.

VITAE - DR. MARY JOY HAYWOOD

Associate Professor, Carlow College Biology Department. (Present position - last 8 years).

Research Associate, Ft. Hays Experiment Station, Hays, Kansas. (Last 5 summers).

Received B. A. in Biology from Carlow; Master's from Southern University, Louisiana; Doctorate from Michigan State University in Botany and Plant Pathology.

Special emphasis on diseases of plants, especially disease of wheat plants.

Interested in Archaeology. Spent a summer on a dig in Israel, Ashdod V. Also visited and studied the ruins of Peru.



FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

With Jasper Brown as our Field Trip Chairman, we anticipate another interesting and rewarding season. Unless otherwise stated, all field trips start at 1:30 P.M. If you need more information than is given here, you may call Jasper at 364-8229.

Saturday, April 9 - Raccoon Park Wildflower Reserve

The entrance to the Reserve is from Rte. U.S. 30 west of Clinton - on the right, shortly after crossing Raccoon Creek. Meet at the parking lot. Plants come in bloom a little earlier here. It is probably a little late to find snow trillium in bloom, but there will be things to admire. Leader, J. S. Brown.

Saturday, April 23 - State Game Lands, Wexford

From the Orange Belt or Rte. 910, about 1/4 mile east of I-79, turn north. After passing under I-79, turn left on State Game Lands road, and meet at the first gate on the left for a temporary stop. Note that vehicles should not block the gates. At this writing, the trailing arbutus is unusually lush looking and loaded with many fat buds. Leader, Esther Allen.

Saturday, April 30 - Chiopyle

Meet at the Cucumber Falls parking lot. You can find this by driving south on rte. 381 through the village, over a very crumbling concrete bridge, then turn right immediately up a hill, then down to a metal bridge which crosses Cucumber Run. The parking lot is a small one on the left just before crossing the run. We should find everything one can hope to find in our area. Leader, Mark Bowers.

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Saturday, April 30 - Mushroom Foray (Alternative)

The Ohio Mushroom Society has scheduled a mini-foray for fungiphiles at Walker Park on the Little Sewickley Creek Road in Edgeworth. This is subject to cancellation, particularly if the weather is too dry. Mary Louise Johnson is the leader. Phone her at 412/741-5393 for confirmation and details.

Tuesday, May 3 - Enelow Creek

There is no known way of stretching this month to visit all places of interest. A year ago, I led some of the Thursday morning North Park group to Enelow Creek, essentially to see the Blue-Eyed Mary. It was enjoyed so much that I am offering to do the same on this date. The group has no organization - simply sponsored by the County. If anyone reading this cares to join us, please do so. Meet at 10:00 A.M. at the Mobil Gas Station on U.S. 40 and the Claysville exit of I-70. If the station is crowded, drive up the hill toward the village. It's a rather narrow road for parking, but I'll watch for parked cars along the road. Bring a nose-bag or tail-gate lunch and water. J. S. Brown.

Saturday, May 7 - Plaingrove Bog

Leave I-79 at the Slippery Rock exit, then drive west toward Harlansburg on state rte. 108. Turn right at the first crossroad to Plaingrove. Meet at the church across from the cemetery. The globeflower should be in bloom. This is a truly rare plant, the only known station in our area, with but one other station in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania. We have not checked its status for about three years. Leader, J. S. Brown.

Saturday, May 14 - Mt. Davis

This will be our first day to help make a plant inventory of the "Mt. Davis Natural Area." A suggested way to reach Mt. Davis is by way of the Turnpike to Somerset, then south on rte. 219 to Salisbury, where signs to Mt. Davis can be followed. There is an observation tower on the boundary of the Natural Area. Meet near here unless there is a correction in our next Wildflowers bulletin. Mr. Robert K. Ache, the district forester, will be our leader.

Sunday, May 22 - Edgeworth

2:00 P.M. This is looking ahead, but you may want to add it to your calendar. A year ago we visited the Brooks Estate in Edgeworth later in the season. Mary Louise Johnson has asked us to join the Wissahickon Nature Club for another tour. Azaleas and columbine should be in prime condition. Meet at the Quaker Valley Parking Lot. Leader, Mary Louise Johnson.

WILDFLOWER WEEKEND

Oglebay Institute is sponsoring a Spring Wildflower Weekend at Terra Alta, West Virginia, May 27 - 30. Leader will be Allison Cusick, botanist for the state of Ohio. The weekend cost is \$40 per person including meals and tent lodging. For details, write Nature Education Dept., Brooks Nature Center, Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W. Va., 26003 or phone (304)242-6855.