

Wildflowers

THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

APRIL SHOWERS, MAY FLOWERS

Anne and I are off again. This time we will be driving cross-country to California, taking in along the way the spring wildflowers of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.

We leave April 15 and return May 15, so we have a problem getting out the May bulletin. Our solution is to combine the April and May issues of WILDFLOWERS. Jasper Brown has been most accommodating in getting us the Field Trip Schedule through the middle of June. Thanks, Jasper.



MONTHLY MEETINGS

Botanical Society meetings are held the second Monday of the month at Trinity Hall, Carlow College, 3333 Fifth Ave., Oakland. Starting time is 8:00 P.M.

Monday, April 9

Esther Allen will present NATIVE HERBS.

Monday, May 14

Dr. Ann Robinson will present THE BIOLOGY OF AMELANCHIER (Serviceberry).



FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Jasper Brown has put together this Field Trip Schedule. All of these field trips are on Saturdays, with a rendezvous time of 1:30 P.M. If you need more information, call Jasper at 364-8229.

April 7 - Greene County

Drive south on I-79. Exit at Ruff Creek. Turn left and after a short distance, left again onto State Route 221. Continue for 4 or 5 miles to Lippincott.

At the second church, Faith Baptist, turn left and meet at the third house on the right, a brick house with colonial columns, the Haywood home. Picnic lunches are welcome. The phone number is 627-7747. Leader Dr. Mary Joy Haywood.

April 14 - Raccoon Park

Meet in the parking lot of the Wildflower Preserve, which is on U.S. Route 30 west of Clinton. Esther Allen leader.

April 21 - No field trip scheduled.

Happy Easter.

April 28 - Cedar Creek

It is hoped that Jeffersonia will be found in bloom as well as other early spring flowers. Meet in the Howard Johnson parking lot at the junction of Rtes. 51 and I-70. This is the favorite hunting ground of our leader, Mark Bowers.

May 5 - Enelow Creek

Blue-Eyed Mary is so abundant here that it is a little difficult to imagine this as being on Pennsylvania's endangered species list, but Paul Wiegman gives it a "tentatively undetermined" rating. There will be other noteworthy plants worth seeing that are characteristic of this area. Go south on I-79 to I-70, then west to the Claysville exit. Then backtrack on U.S. 40 to the town. Turn right on State Rte. 231. Bear right at the Y, leaving Rte. 231 and continue to West Finley (still called Burnside by the local people). Turn left and continue for a few miles down a long hill, and meet at the iron bridge across Enelow Creek. Leader J. S. Brown.

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May 12 - Jennings Prairie

Entrance to the parking lot is from Rte. 528 near the junction of routes 8 and 173, northwest of Butler. Many of us have not visited this spot early in the season. Leader Virginia Craig.

May 19 - State Gamelands, Wexford

From Rte. 910 east of I-79 and within its sight, turn north. After passing under I-79, turn left on the State Gamelands road. Go past the shooting ranges and park on the left where the road is somewhat wider and across from an area of shale. J. S. Brown leader.

May 26 - Wolfe Creek

Drive north on I-79. Exit at Slippery Rock. Turn left on Rte. 108. At the Dairy Queen store, about one mile from I-79, turn left and continue to the first paved road on the right. Go past the dairy farm on the left, and meet at the grassy triangular area where the road turns right. Howard McIlvried leader.

June 2 - Westminster Highlands

This is a new area for us to visit. The North Area Environmental Council has found it interesting because of five different ecological areas. It is a Presbyterian Church Camp in Scrubgrass Township.

A suggested way is to drive north on I-79, east on I-80, pick up State Route 208 at Clintonville. Continue on 208 toward Emlenton. About 2 miles before you reach Rte. 38, the entrance to the camp will be on the left. Howard McIlvried leader.

June 9 - Titus Bog

This is the date selected for the annual visit to our own bog, jointly owned with the Presque Isle Audubon Society. The elusive Arethusa grows in relative abundance, and should be in bloom. Meet at the State rest stop on U.S. Rte. 6 and State Rte. 89 between Union City and Corry. Bob Morgan leader.



SAM CHAMBERLAIN

The Botanical Society has lost one of its most active members, Samuel Chamberlain. Sam died on the 4th of March at the age of 91. Sam was a member of the Society for 25 years, and for many years was our treasurer. We could always count on one thing at our Christmas parties -- Sam's pickled mushrooms.

I'm sure he set a record for attendance at the Spring and Fall Flower Shows at Phipps Conservatory. Sam hadn't missed either show in 64 years.



DIANTHUS ARMERIA

The rendering of the Deptford Pink is contributed by our member, Arabelle Wheatley.



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