NO AUGUST MEETING

We have no regular monthly meetings in July or August.

AUGUST FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise specified, field trips are on Saturdays, and the meeting time is 1:30 P.M. If you have any questions, call our Field Trip Chairman, Scott Shriver, at 741-9249.

8-5-89 - JENNINGS PRAIRIE, Butler County, PA
Leaders: Clete and Doug Smith
From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North, Rte. 422 East, and Rte. 528 North to Jennings. Meet at the Blazing Star parking area across from the Nature Center. We can expect to see the usual outstanding display of summer mints and composites, and Clete and Doug have promised the most prolific bloom of Liatris spicata (Purple Blazing Star) seen at Jennings in many years! Also, we hope to see Platanthera psycodes (Small Purple-fringed Orchid).

8-12-89 - ALLEN ARBORETUM, Allegheny County, PA
Leader: Esther Allen
107 Idaway Drive, Ross Township. From Pittsburgh, follow McKnight Road north to Siebert Road (immediately past McKnight-Siebert Shopping Center). Turn left on Siebert and follow to Evergreen Road. Turn right on Evergreen Road and follow to Idaway Drive, the first street on the right. 107 is the third house on the left. Esther and Dave Allen's place truly deserves to be referred to as an arboretum. For more than 25 years, Esther has rescued wildflowers from construction sites and the like to give them a second chance on Idaway Drive. With more than 300 species of plants, all members of the Botanical Society owe themselves an opportunity to experience the "Allen Arboretum".

8-19-89 - BARBOUR COUNTY, WV (Starting Time NOON)
Leader - Dr. Doug Jolley
From Pittsburgh, take I-79 South to Morgantown, WV and Rte 119 South to Grafton. From Grafton, take Rte. 50 East about 11 miles to the junction of Rte. 92 South. We will meet at the junction of Rtes. 50 and 925 in the shade of the big oak tree. Dr. Doug Jolley will be taking us back to Mr. Beaver's field to see a tremendous display of Platanthera ciliaris (Yellow fringed Orchid). After the Beavers', we will head about 30 miles farther south to a site for Triphora trianthophora (Three Birds Orchid). Both of these orchids tend to be unpredictable, so there are no guarantees. Keep your fingers crossed.

8-26-89 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED. GO ON VACATION.

9-2-89 - SCHOLLARD'S WETLANDS, Mercer County, PA
Leader: Esther Allen
This is State Game Lands #284. From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North to Exit 31 (Grove City) and Rte. 208 West for about 3 miles. Turn left from Rte. 208 (opposite a sign for Meshannock Wood Development) and proceed about two miles. After passing a V.F.W. hall, turn right onto #2 Mine Road and go about 0.2 miles to parking area on the left. The parking area is just past a gated game lands road on the right. For botanists, we expect to see an enormous stand of trichostema dichotomum (Blue Curle) as well as other species of woodland and wetland plants, and for birders, a nice wetland species display, which may include great blue herons, bitterns, ducks, and the like.

P. SHriver

ACRES OF MOUNTAIN LAUREL

Magnificent, spectacular, awesome! What adjective begins to describe the display of Mountain Laurel on both sides of the road south from Cowan's Gap State Park to Route 30? The date was June 24. One week later, it was gone.