

# Wildflowers

## THE BULLETIN OF THE BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF W. PA.

### FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

Our field trip chairman, J. S. Brown, has these interesting field trips lined up. Meeting time each Saturday is 1:30 PM.

#### August 8 - Jennings Blazing Star Prairie

Virginia Phelps, leader.

Meet at the parking lot on state route 578, near the junction of routes 173 and 8, northwest of Butler. *Liatris spicata* should be at its peak.



#### August 15 - Moraine State Park

Esther Allen, leader.

Enter the day use area from route 422 between Prospect and I-79. Pass the Administration Building, then take the first right to a parking lot near the boat renting area. Picnic tables and rest rooms are provided.

This is a new area for our group. Our leader has found some interesting plants, including marsh St. Johnswort.

#### August 22 - Markleysburg Bog

J. S. Brown, leader.

Meet on state route 381, south of Ohio, at U. S. 40 at Farmington.

Assistance of anyone who remembers the area is requested.

We have timed this to see the yellow fringed orchis.

#### August 29 - Raccoon Creek Park Nature Reserve

Virginia Craig, leader.

Enter from U. S. 30 just west of Raccoon Creek.

Cardinal flower should be at its peak.

#### September 5 - Plaingrove Bog

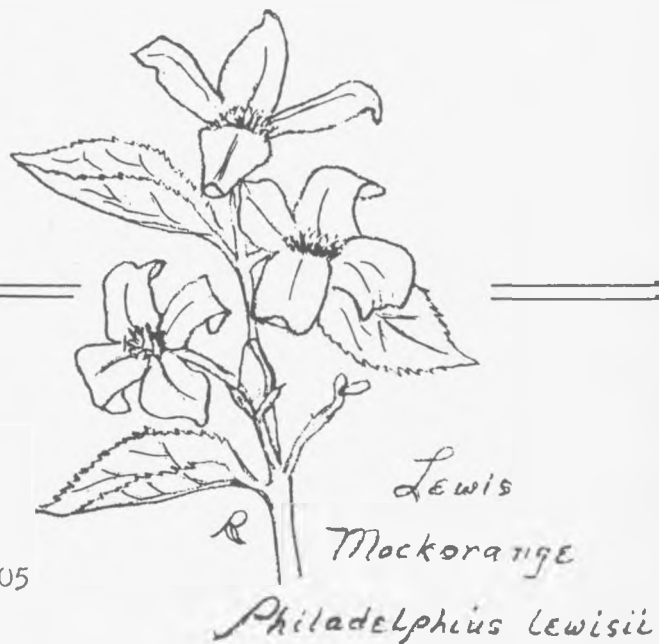
J. S. Brown, leader.

Leave I-79 at the Slippery Rock exit. Drive west on state route 108. At the first crossroad turn right, and park at the Presbyterian church across from cemetery.

We should see Grass-of-Parnassus.

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### PHILADELPHIUS LEWISII

Our member, Phyllis Monk made the sketch of the state flower of Idaho from a specimen in Custer County, Idaho on June 20, 1977.

### NO AUGUST MEETING

We have no monthly membership meetings for the months of July and August.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome applications from —

Mary K. Rankin  
701 Mercer Road  
Butler, Pa., 16001

Dr. Michael L. Pawk  
210 Washington St.  
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### VIRGINIA PHELPS

Even the best of them pull a boner once in a while. The March issue of Audubon Magazine had an article on that rarest of wild orchids, *Isotria medeoloides*, but it was accompanied by a photograph of the not-so-rare *Isotria verticillata*.

Our member, Virginia Phelps, was quick to spot the error. She supplied the magazine with a slide of the correct species, and her color photograph of the small whorled pogonia was printed in the May issue.

### MARIAN HISSEM

It would really be news if we were to report that our member Marian Hissem did not win a prize in the Pittsburgh Press annual Snapshot Contest.

She has won every year for the past 10 years or so, and this time she has come up with not one but two winners.



### BUDDING INVENTOR

Everybody knows of John Muir's work as a naturalist and conservationist. Did you know, though, that in his early life in Wisconsin, Muir demonstrated a knack for machines and inventions, including an alarm clock that would automatically tip a slugabed onto the floor.