

# Wildflowers

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

### MASTER LIST FOR "WILDFLOWERS OF PENNSYLVANIA"

Enclosed with this issue of Wildflowers is a master list of the 600 plants that will be pictured in the Botanical Society's forthcoming publication, "Wildflowers of Pennsylvania".

All members were invited to submit their lists of 300 candidates, and eight did so -- Werner Buker, Dr. Mary Joy Haywood, Dr. Herschel Leapman, Dr. Howard McIlvried, Mary J. Paoli, Virginia Phelps, Anne Bahl, and Bob Bahl. These lists were then consolidated. Any plant on as many as two lists made the 600.

### ZERO TOLERANCE FOR ERRORS

I'm pretty good at spelling - who else can spell the same word three different ways? - but my typewriter isn't.

We want our book to be absolutely error-free, so we are asking all you eagle eyes to scrutinize the list of 600 and report any mistakes -- wrong spellings, wrong families, wrong alphabetizing, wrong anything. We won't feel offended. After all, we found 27 errors on the first typing.

### NOMENCLATURE

The botanical names on the list are those used in the "Atlas of the Flora of Pennsylvania" by Wherry, Fogg, and Wahl. Where our member's list varied from the Atlas, we show the member's selection as a synonym.

We intend to employ these names from the Atlas throughout the preparation period. However, when our publication is finally printed, we want to follow the latest dictum of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature.

Could we have two volunteers from our membership? These two, working independently, would check all the names on the list to make sure we have the very latest. Thanks.

### SELECTION OF SLIDES

Who will select the slides for the book? You will. All you have to do is show up for our "slide selection" meetings. How many evenings we don't know, but we have three scheduled as starters - Friday, July 22; Thursday July 28; Monday, August 8. Starting time 7 P.M. We shall use our regular meeting place, Trinity Hall, on the Carlow Campus.

Best way, bring your slides with you. If you can't make the meeting but still want to submit slides for consideration, you can mail them to:

Dr. Mary Joy Haywood  
Dept. of Biology, Carlow College  
3333 Fifth Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

or drop them off at the Convent on the Carlow Campus.

It is foolish to send them by registered or insured mail. Your slides are priceless. No amount of money could compensate.

Whether you bring your slides or send them, they must be in the sequential order of the Master List. We can't take the time - a lot of people's time - to be putting some member's slides into sequence.

All slides must show the botanical name, and slides should be marked with your name. You do want them back, don't you?

We can't predict how many slides will be selected, but we are aiming for two columns per night, so be guided accordingly.

### SQUARE FORMAT

To obtain optimum utilization of space, all of the pictures in the book must be the same shape. So, which do we use - verticals or horizontals? Either way we eliminate 50% of our potential, so we have decided upon a square. That way we can use both verticals and horizontals, cropping one or both ends. (This will not harm the original slide). In most cases, this results in an improvement, because we cut off extraneous matter.

Since our pictures will be so small, 1-7/8" x 1-7/8", we favor close-ups rather than habitat shots.

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## JULY 1988

Our 102nd Year

### TROLLIUS LAXUS

Priscilla Stoughton joins the long list of members who have contributed sketches for Wildflowers. Her rendering of the Globe-Flower, Trollius laxus, is based on a specimen in Plaingrove Bog.

### EDE MOCK

Ede is recuperating from cardiac by-pass surgery. We wish her Godspeed.

### WILL OF DR. HAROLD J. ROSE

Dr. Rose remembered the Botanical Society in his will with a bequest of \$1000.00.

### JULY FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

All field trips are scheduled on Saturdays. The rendezvous time is 1:30 p.m. If you have any questions, call Field Trip Chairman Esther Allen at 366-0786.

#### July 2 - NORTH PARK

We will check on our station of Habenaria flava (Pale Green Orchis), as well as many other favorites, to see how they are faring. Meet at the parking area along Wildwood Road, off Babcock Blvd., near the Tastee Freez store. Leader, Esther Allen.

#### July 9 - PAXTON'S MEADOW (Westmoreland County)

From Rt. 22, go south on Rt. 119 to Crabtree. Turn left before Carbones Restaurant onto the Latrobe-Crabtree Road. Go approx. 4 miles to the Crabtree Sportsmen's Club (sign in front) and park on left side in parking area. Leader, William Paxton.

#### July 16 - DUFF PARK

This is a nice park on Turtle Creek, where we should find interesting summer flowers. Take Rt. 22 east to Murrysville. In Murrysville turn right at second stop light (Duff Park sign here), cross railroad tracks and creek and park at Park parking area. Leader, Emily Johnson.

#### July 23 - TITUS BOG

We hope to see Habenaria blephariglottis (White-fringed Orchis). Meet at the Pennsylvania rest stop on Routes 6 and 89 between Union City and Curry. Leader, H. Leapman.

#### July 30 - JENNINGS BLAZING STAR PRAIRIE

Meet at the Blazing Star parking area on Rt. 528 across from the Nature Center. Leader, Priscilla Stoughton.

### SUMMER MEETINGS

There are no scheduled monthly meetings for July and August, so consider coming to one or more of our slide selection meetings on July 22, July 28, and August 8.

### BLOOMING DATES

We plan to show the blooming period for each of the plants in the book.

In going through your pictures, jot down the earliest and latest dates for each flower. (You do date every picture, I hope). Do this only for pictures that were taken in Pennsylvania.

By combining the actual sightings by many members over a span of years, we can come up with a very reliable guide. We don't want to copy the guesses in most of the guidebooks. I have found them to be notoriously inaccurate.



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Globe-flower  
Trollius laxus