

Wildflowers

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FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

All hikes begin at 12:00 NOON unless otherwise noted. Any questions? Call our Field Trip Chairman, Scott Shriver, at 741-9249.

8-4-90 - MORaine STATE PARK
Butler County, Pa.
Leader: Esther Allen

Special Meeting Time - 1:30 P.M.

Meet at the bike rental area along the north shore drive of Moraine State Park.

We can expect to see many different summer wildflowers including: Brassenia schreberi (Water Shield), Cicuta bulbifera (Bulb-bearing Water Hemlock), and Epilobium hirsutum (Hairy Willow Herb).



8-11-90 - LYNX PRAIRIE
Edge of Appalachia Preserve System
Adams County, Ohio
Leader: Peter Whan

Get your map out for this one! We will be meeting in the parking lot of the East Liberty Church on Tulip Road, just south of the small town of Lynx, Ohio. One possible route to Lynx (There are several) is to travel south on I-79, then west on I-70 to Zanesville, Rte. 22 west to Lancaster, Rte. 159 south to Chillicothe, Rte. 23 south to Portsmouth, Rte. 50 west to Friendship, and finally Rte. 125 west to Lynx. Please allow plenty of time for driving - I would guess at least 6 hours - not including stops.

The Lynx Prairie is only one of 10 Nature Conservancy preserves located along the Ohio Brush Creek. We can expect to see many rare and unusual prairie plants, including Hexalectris spicata (Crested Coral-root), Spiranthes sp. (Ladies'-tresses), Echinacea purpurea (Purple Coneflower), Liatris sp. (Blazing Stars - four species), and the world's largest stand of Delphinium exaltatum (Tall Larkspur).

8-18--90 - NO HIKE SCHEDULED

8-25-90 - EMLENTON
Venango County, Pa.
Leaders: Bob and Beth Hedin

From Pittsburgh, take I-79 North and I-80 East. Take the Emlenton exit from I-80 and proceed into the town of Emlenton. Meet in the Post Office parking lot on the left after crossing the river into town.

Bob and Beth Hedin have a nice walk planned for us along the Allegheny River. We hope to see lots of late summer flora including Epipactis helleborine (Helleborine Orchid), and perhaps Saururus cernuus (Lizard's Tail).

9-1-90 - CEDAR CREEK STATE PARK
Westmoreland County, Pa.
Leader: Mark Bowers

We will meet in the Howard Johnson parking lot at the junction of Routes 51 and I-70.

We will see a nice display of many late summer species including Lobelia cardinalis (Cardinal Flower), Lobelia siphilitica (Great Lobelia), and Aconitum uncinatum (Wild Monkshood).

- Scott Shriver

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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

We have no monthly meetings in July and August.

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CLEISTES DIVARICATA

The ball-point pen sketch of Spreading Pogonia was made by Sara Nasuti of Penn Valley, Pa.

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AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE

Cleisthes divaricata, Spreading Pogonia...thanks to Scott Shriver and Dr. Doug Jolley, after 25 years of botanizing, we finally found this rare orchid in Barbour County, WV.

We looked up the name. The genus comes from the Greek kleistos, meaning "closed". It refers to the closed floral parts.

The species name means just the opposite. It comes from the Latin divaricatus, which means "spreading" or "wide open". The reference is to the widely spread sepals.

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ONTARIO IN JULY

Anne and I drove 1200 miles through Ontario, as far as North Bay. Nothing exotic..but we saw a profusion of common wildflowers (some people would call them weeds) in a display that would rival the desert in bloom.

You have all seen patches of Birdsfoot Trefoil, Lotus corniculatus, along the roadside. We passed whole fields of it, acre upon acre, in one solid mass of vivid yellow.

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- Bob Bahl

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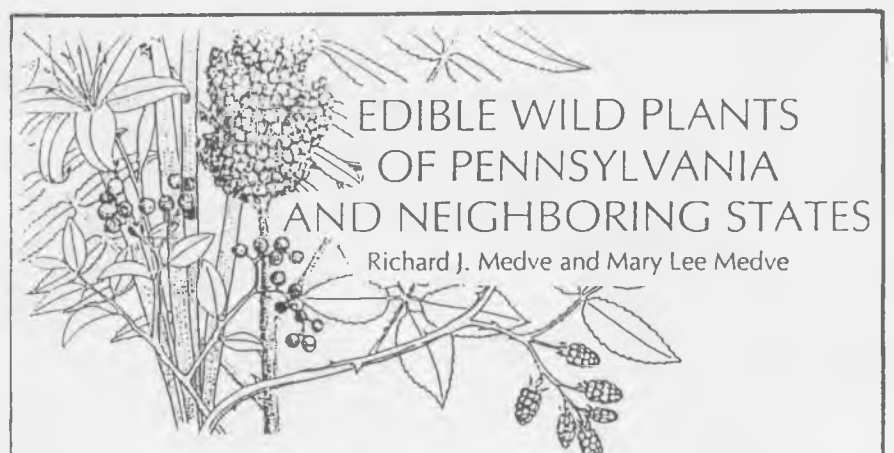
Anne and I saw this in the Wildflower Garden at Tiff Nature Preserve near Buffalo. It is a robust plant with a large reddish flower. We were unable to ascertain the botanical name. Can anybody help us?

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- Bob Bahl

DR. MEDVE'S BOOK

Congratulations to Dr. Richard J. Medve on the publication of his new book. Dr. Medve has been a member of the Botanical Society of W. Pa. since April, 1975.



Ralph Waldo Emerson defined a weed as a "plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered." To the wild-plant enthusiast who has discovered the virtues of many plants, there are relatively few weeds. After using this book, you will never again consider lamb's-quarters a weed. Instead you will nurture it with respect and even encourage its growth in your garden.

Edible Wild Plants of Pennsylvania and Neighboring States contains botanically accurate, up-to-date information essential for the identification of more than one hundred delectable wild plants. Each plant entry provides characteristics, habitat, distribution, edible parts, food uses, precautions, and preparation, followed by tasty recipes and interesting remarks about the plant's botanical history. The plants are ar-

ranged according to height, with the ground-huggers appearing first and the trees last. Each plant is also cross-referenced by common and scientific names.

The authors have written this book with the novice forager in mind, including useful tips on foraging from where to search for food to precautions to take. They also provide a list of toxic look-alikes, a nutrient composition chart, and a glossary of terms.

Richard J. Medve is Professor of Biology at Slippery Rock University. Mary Lee Medve contributed library research and her expertise in food preparation to this volume.

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