

Northern Neck Chapter, Virginia Native Plant Society

NN Native Plant News

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Visiting the Mighty Emancipation Oak

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Westmoreland County

Remarkable and Big Tree Tour

AUGUST 20, Thur., 11 a.m.**

Bush Mill Stream Preserve

Kayak Trip

Please note: All dates marked with ** are for Virginia Native Plant Society members ONLY as they will take place on or near private property.

For information on how to become a member, see page 7 of this newsletter or go to www.vnps.org/membform.pdf. Be sure to note that your membership is for the Northern Neck Chapter in the Memo portion of your check.



On September 17, 1861, under the shade of the Emancipation Oak, Mrs. Mary Smith Peake taught the first classes to over 50 African American children of former slaves, and night classes for 20 adults, on the grounds of what is now Hampton University.

On February 29th, with Charlie Wilson driving, seven chapter members and friends, toured the Hampton Roads area. This outing to view some of Virginia's "big and remarkable" trees was sponsored by the John Clayton Chapter of VNPS.

Although the day was overcast and cool with a bit of rain, and we were lost several times, we thoroughly enjoyed the anticipation and viewing of some of the most magnificent trees around. I was particularly entranced by the spectacular Emancipation Oak in Hampton Roads, which is a "must see" for anyone who lives in coastal Virginia.

Carol Hammer (text and photo)

"Emancipation Oak is a historic tree located on the campus of Hampton University in what is now the City of Hampton, Virginia...The large sprawling oak is 98 feet (30 m) in diameter, with branches which extend upward as well as laterally, as if offering refuge. It is designated one of the 10 Great Trees of the World by the National Geographic Society and is part of the National Historic Landmark district of Hampton University. The tree is a Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*)."

From Wikipedia:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emancipation_Oak

Message from the President

Marie Minor



Hello, Fellow Members!

We have just had our last chapter meeting in March and won't have another one until September. So we will spend the spring and summer visiting protected sites and wonderful gardens seeing native plants looking their best. Some of us will also offer up time and energy to prepare public gardens for show, removing exotic invasives from protected sites, potting up native plants for our plant sale on September 12, and doing plant surveys. In other words, many of us will be busy with other gardens and places as well as our own. I want to encourage all of the members to get involved with projects in their neighborhoods that will educate the public on the uses of native plants in gardens and landscape.

If we could get many people to just respect native plants, the attitude change would go a long way in protecting our wonderful botanical heritage. Even if you cannot find a public project to work on, don't despair. You can set an example for your neighbors by using native plants in your gardens and landscape. *Carol Hammer (photo)*

In this economically challenging time, you can emphasize the cost-savings in the use of native plants. They do not require a lot of fertilizer, and after they are established, do not require a lot of water.

I thought that I would leave this idea with you as we enter the spring season. Enjoy yourselves!

~Marie F. Minor, March 2009

Carols's Colorful Photo Collage (opposite page)

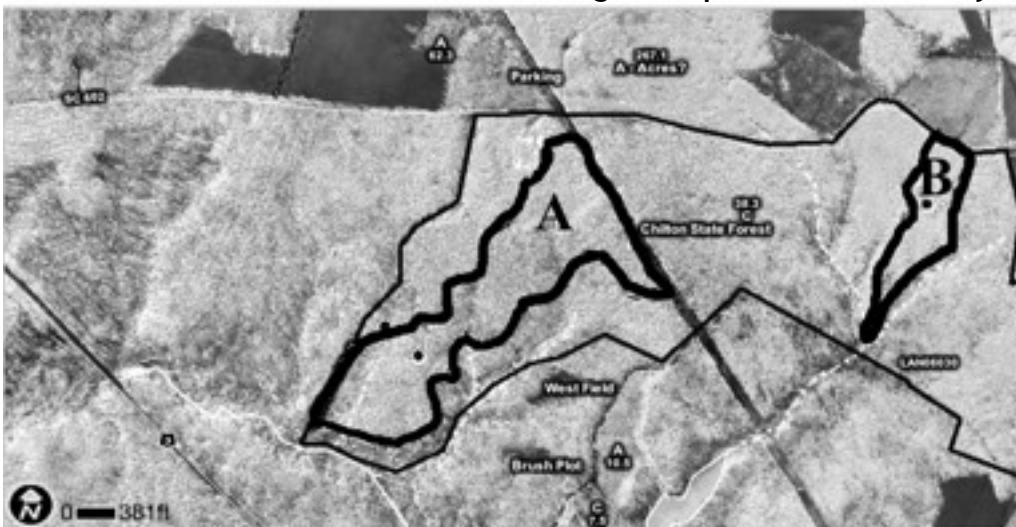
Outer ring, clockwise from top left:

(1) showy orchis (*Orchis spectabilis*); (2) NN Master Naturalists working with Paula Boundy; (3) mushrooms; (4) group following Nick Ferriter; (5) putty root orchid or Adam and Eve (*Aplectrum hyemale*); (6) pink lady's slipper (*Cypripedium acaule*); (7) yellow fringed orchis (*Platanthera ciliaris*); (8) trail clearing with foresters Rich Steensma and Mike Aherron; (9) Nick entering a pawpaw patch (*Asimina triloba*); (10) Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*); (11) downy rattlesnake plantain blossoms (*Goodyera pubescens*); (12) spotted wintergreen (*Chimaphila maculata*).

Inner ring, clockwise from top left:

(1) Rich Steensma and Mike Aherron on Forestry's off-road utility vehicle; (2) running cedar or fan clubmoss (*Lycopodium digitatum*); (3) poisonous fly agaric mushroom (*Amanita muscaria* var. *alba*); (4) downy rattlesnake plantain leaves (*Goodyera pubescens*); (5) a Master Naturalist at work; (6) harmless eastern garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis* var. *sirtalis*); (7) Mike Aherron, Tom Teeples, Earline Walker, Nick Ferriter, Jill Anderson, and Rich Steensma on a cold February morning.

Chilton Woods Trails Map courtesy of Mike Aherron Virginia Department of Forestry



Fifty Frozen Fingers

On February 4, members of the NN Chapters of the Native Plant Society and Master Naturalists met at Chilton Woods to assist Rich Steensma and Mike Aherron in the cutting of a trail. It was COLD, and when my hands finally thawed out I jotted this down as a reminder of a beautiful and fruitful day in the Northern Neck.

Fifty little fingers and
Fifty little toes
All met at Chilton
To walk in rows.

Fifty chilly fingers and
Fifty chilly toes
Lopped and chopped and
Tried not to doze.

Fifty numbered fingers and
Fifty numbered toes
Kept on working and
Darn near froze.

Fifty frozen fingers and
Fifty frozen toes
Promised to return
Wearing warmer clothes!

Earline Walker

See page 4 for an account of the clearing of the A and B trails.



Bruce Anderson, Earline Walker, Tom Teeples (photos) Carol Hammer (photos and collage)

Chilton Woods State Forest~A First for the Northern Neck

A Brief History

Chilton Woods in Lancaster County became the first state forest located on Virginia's Northern Neck when, in July 2000, Mrs. Catherine B. Chilton conveyed this 397-acre tract to the Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF). Chilton Woods is the 15th state forest under VDOF's stewardship.

The property is entirely in forestland of various aged loblolly pine stands which were nurtured and maintained by the Chilton family for many decades.

The management plan for Chilton Woods State Forest allows timber harvests and "public access for hiking and bird watching." The property is also used to demonstrate timber-growing techniques and conservation practices that protect wildlife habitats and streams during logging. (Streams in the woods drain into Lancaster Creek and Corrotoman River, both tributaries of the Rappahannock River which, of course, empties into the Chesapeake Bay.)

From: <http://www.dof.virginia.gov/stforest/index.shtml>

Chilton Woods Mystery Plant!



Leaves: alternate, heart shaped, toothed, lobed only at base, green on top, purplish on underside; largest is 1.25" (3.2 cm) wide x 1.5" (3.8 cm) high; 2.5" (6.4 cm) from base to stem
Stem: rectangular

Our Evolving Involvement with Chilton Woods

Background

The orchids and other native flora at Chilton Woods have been much admired during NN Chapter field outings over the last eight years. And now we have a chance to repay society for the privilege of roaming this beautiful tract.

Since October 2008 several members of the Northern Neck Chapters of the Virginia Native Plant Society (VNPS) and the Virginia Master Naturalists (VNM) have been helping foresters Rich Steensma and Mike Aherron as they rough cleared the first-ever walking trails at Chilton Woods.

Although more work remains to be done, two circular trails are now in place, the longest of which is approximately 2.5 miles in length and traverses varied terrain. The shortest trail, currently named the Dog House Trail, is where we know spring ephemerals can be viewed when they bloom—we'll be looking on May 7th!

Eds.

Invasive Plant Removal Day

On May 2, the NN Chapters of VNPS and VNM are participating in an important, new, state-wide effort by both organizations to remove non-native invasive plants that alter native habitats and reduce biodiversity. We are registered at: www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/invasives/index.html.

Members of both NN chapters, along with anyone who is interested, are invited to join in eradicating targeted, non-native species at Chilton Woods. These invasive plants were discovered along one of the new walking trails our two groups have cleared with VDOF's Rich Steensma and Mike Aherron.

Volunteers should bring water and snacks, clippers and loppers. Wear 'deep woods' insect repellent and appropriate clothing and gloves. Instructions will be given at the site. Meet at the power lines at 9:30 a.m. and work until noon.

Paula Boundy

Plants Identified at Chilton Woods

Clubmosses

Running cedar (fan clubmoss) - *Lycopodium digitatum*

Ferns

Ebony spleenwort - *Asplenium platyneuron*
Christmas fern - *Polystichum acrostichoides*

Orchids

Putty root orchid (Adam and Eve) - *Aplectrum hyemale*
Pink lady's slipper *Cypripedium acaule*
Showy orchis - *Orchis spectabilis*
Yellow fringed orchis - *Platanthera* (ex *Habenaria*) *ciliaris*

Perennial forb/herbaceous

Maryland goldenaster - *Chrysopsis mariana*
Virginia heartleaf (evergreen wild ginger) - *Hexastylis virginica*
Downy rattlesnake plantain - *Goodyera pubescens*
Golden ragwort? - *Packera aurea* (need to confirm with blooms)

Vines

Trumpet vine (trumpet creeper) - *Campsis radicans*
English ivy - *Hedera helix* **
Japanese honeysuckle - *Lonicera japonica* **
Trumpet honeysuckle - *Lonicera sempervirens*
Poison ivy - *Toxicodendron radican*

Subshrubs

spotted wintergreen *Chimaphila maculata*
Partridge berry - *Mitchella repens*

Subshrubs and shrubs

Devil's walking stick - *Aralia spinosa*
Hearts a' bursting - *Euonymus americanus*
St. Andrew's Cross - *Hypericum hypericoides*
Highbush blueberry - *Vaccinium corymbosum*

Trees

Red maple - *Acer rubrum*
American dogwood - *Cornus florida*
River birch - *Betula nigra*
Autumn olive - *Elaeagnus umbellata* **
American holly - *Ilex opaca*
Winterberry holly - *Ilex decidua*
Easternred cedar - *Juniperus virginiana*
Mountain laurel - *Kalmia latifolia*
Tulip poplar - *Liriodendron tulipifera*
Sweet gum - *Liquidamber styraciflua*
Sweetbay - *Magnolia virginiana*
Loblolly pine - *Pinus taeda*
Virginia pine - *Pinus virginiana*
Bigtooth aspen - *Populus grandidentata*
Southern red oak. - *Quercus falcata*
Swamp white oak - *Quercus michauxii*
Northern red oak - *Quercus rubra*

** = invasive alien

Tom Teeples, Earline Walker, Paula Boundy

Skunk Cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*)

The 2009 Virginia Native Plant Society Wildflower of the Year!

Skunk Cabbage in January in the Northern Neck

Every year our chapter schedules a walk in Hickory Hollow to look at skunk cabbage as it emerges in January in Cabin Swamp. This year the walk was scheduled for January 17, which turned out to be one of the coldest days we have seen in several years. As you might imagine, the turnout did not break records. Nor did those of us who turned out (Pam Collins and Nick and Jackie Ferriter) wait around for stragglers (none appeared).

Unlike our warmer walks, there was no stopping to ponder any wonders along the trail (other than to note that the leaf buds [very interesting in case you have never noticed] on beech trees were starting to grow larger). Rather, we race-walked. Nick and I had meandered to Cabin Swamp on January 4, a relatively mild day, to see if there would be any skunk cabbage up enough to see. We had found more skunk cabbage in evidence, albeit just beginning to emerge, than we have ever found before. Accordingly we had high hopes.

Our hopes, however, were not fulfilled. There was frost on the ground and, although we did find a few skunk cabbage plants to look at, we were left wondering if the plant, which can and does generate its own heat, has some botanical way to shrink when it gets really cold. We would assume that means that if you decide to go to Hickory Hollow any time before the end of February, you will find quite a display.

If you wonder why we do this walk every year when skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) is not beautiful, it is because it is a plant of fascinating habit. It grows only in wetlands, it blooms while it is still cold, it eventually puts out lush green leaves, and then it melts away.

It smells. Moreover, according to the USDA plant database (<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=SYFO>), it has no commercial use.

Craig Holdrege, who writes for The Nature Institute, “spent parts of six years studying skunk cabbage,” and calls himself “an unabashed admirer.” He has written and illustrated an article containing far more interesting information than I am likely to report, and it can be found at <http://www.natureinstitute.org/pub/ic/ic4/skunkcabbage.htm>.

Indeed, if you just go to Google and search the term “skunk cabbage,” you can find photos and information to suit any level of interest. *Jackie Ferriter*

Another View!

“Pungently malodorous and possessing only modest beauty, skunk cabbage offers its quirky blooms in winter when there is little else to attract the attention of devoted wildflower enthusiasts.”



Nick Ferriter

A member of the arum family, skunk cabbage “is an obligate wetland plant. It grows in the muck soils of wet meadows and swampy woods, extending to regions of shallow water or upward along the lower reaches of adjacent hillsides, presumably where its roots can still reach the water table. As noted above, it flowers in winter (commonly in January), a phenomenon permitted, in part, by the fact that the plant is thermogenic (generates significant metabolic heat, a rare phenomenon in plant biology).”

From: <http://www.vnps.org/wildflowerofyear.html>

Two-for-One Gift Membership Offer from VNPS

The VNPS Board of Directors has approved a one-time Two for One Gift Membership. This offer is for **one year only**- January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, and is offered to all current members upon renewing their membership and to new members upon joining. Current Life Members have no renewal status and may each give one gift membership. Current members can add a gift membership when they renew their own memberships by sending a note along with their renewal check giving the pertinent information set forth below about the gift recipient. If your membership renewal is not due until late in the year, you can renew earlier, adding the gift membership. Your renewal date will be extended for one year beyond your regular renewal date, *i.e.*, if it's September 2009 and you renew earlier, your renewal date will be extended to September 2010. If you have already renewed your membership for 2009, you can still add a gift membership by sending in the information set forth below with a note stating your name as a current member and the date you renewed. Please remember that this gift membership will expire December 31, 2009, at which time the recipient may renew his/her membership by paying the dues for 2010.

The following information about your Gift Recipient should be included with your renewal.

I would like the following person to receive a free gift membership:

Name:

Address:

Phone No.:

Email Address:

Chapter: Northern Neck (**be sure to include this information**)

Mail to: VNPS, Membership Chair

400 Blandy Farm Lane, Unit #2
Boyce, VA 22620

VNPS hopes that this gift membership offer will increase our membership base and that the gift will go to someone who might be likely to renew after it expires. A welcoming packet from the State will be sent to your gift recipient, along with all the state and chapter newsletters, chapter emails, etc. Any questions, please contact Sandra Ehlert, Membership Chair for the Northern Neck Chapter. Phone (804) 453-3519 or email jehlert@halois.net.

Sandra Ehlert

Opportunities for All

You've always wanted to get involved, but never knew what to do. Our Chapter has opportunities for volunteers ranging from joining the board, talking with the public at educational outreach events, assisting with our native plant sale (*see below*), working at Chilton Woods... or at our special Demonstration Garden at the Old Courthouse!

From now through the fall we'll need one or two folks a week to help maintain the lovely garden our chapter started in Heathsville. The original spring clean-up is nearly finished. What is required is someone to water and weed once a week. The hose is located on the far side of the courthouse. We just need to put it back when we are finished and remember to turn off the faucet. Of course watering is unnecessary during periods of rain. Weeding, when done on a weekly basis, is not difficult. We ask that you consider volunteering once this summer and bring along another member or friend to help. Please bring a container to take the weeds back with you as there is no disposal area available there. You may want to bring gloves, a tool to help remove weeds, sunscreen when necessary—and a smile on your face to greet all those who pass by and compliment us on what we have done to not only beautify the area but also to help show folks how easy it is to grow natives in our own backyard.

Mary Kier keeps track of those who volunteer in Heathsville. If you are interested, call or email Mary (see contact information at right) to let her know your preferred week to work. It is so little time for such a worthy project. Won't you help?

Carol Hammer



Our Native Plant Sale Needs You!

Again we are running the native plant sale in September by means of a very loose committee, with Earline Walker and myself "coordinating." This worked last year only after Marie Minor and Paula Boundy "took charge" (and did much of the work), so we know that we need to involve as many members as possible for the production and acquisition of plants.

In a takeoff of racing terminology: start your plants on time! As before we will only have native plants at the sale. Be sure to put your efforts on growing species that you can expect to be healthy, and look attractive, in September!

Please send the list of native plants you intend to grow for the sale, and any questions as to what they might be or plants you would like to see available at the sale, to me at Ferriter@aol.com; or call me at (804) 462-6242.

We need more people to be on our "working committee" to keep the sale on course and spread the work around so that nobody is overloaded! Please let Earline or me know how you can contribute. Our plant sales have been very successful in educating the public about native plants, and we cannot perform this function without everybody pitching in.

Nick Ferriter (text), Sarah Ferriter (photos)

Heathsville's Old Courthouse Demonstration Garden

Three years ago we established a native plant garden at the Old Courthouse. After the grass and weed sod was removed, and the soil amended by layers of newspaper and horse manure, knowledgeable members planted attractive and interesting native flowering plants. A pea-gravel path was laid around the inner garden and bayberry shrubs were planted around the perimeter. Native redbud and magnolia were added to the Courthouse side of the concrete sidewalk.

The area has proven to be an ideal site for a garden. Around this time of the year members volunteer to spend a few hours removing winter debris from the garden and perimeter plus digging out the weeds. Working with a group is an opportunity to become acquainted with people you only casually see at the meetings and outings!

Our membership continues to care for the garden during the late spring and summer months. There are always summer weeds to pull! A hose is available to water the garden if necessary. Consider signing on for a week or two of caring for the garden by contacting me (see below).

You will find it rewarding. As a bonus you often get interesting and appreciative comments from people walking by!

Mary Kier

at (804) 529-6071 or kiermp@gmail.com



Other Events for Spring 2009**Earth Days at Belle Isle**

This year we will *twice* celebrate Earth Day (April 22) with service activities at Belle Isle State Park in Lancaster County.

On **Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m.**, members can choose between a native plant/nature walk along a Belle Isle Trail, and our native plant display, where young pussy willow plants (*Salix discolor*) will be available for potting by children (or adults).

On **Saturday, April 25 at 9:30 a.m.**: members can help Paul Billings (State Parks Resource Specialist) plant native wildflower plugs around the new Visitor Center/Office sign.

Rain date will be April 27th.

To volunteer for any of these events, please contact Nick Ferriter: Ferriter@aol.com or (804) 462-6242. *Ed.*

Out my Front Door: -A Sequel

All the baby native trees, planted in November, are budding, much to my delight. Most of the native plants that I purchased at our various plant sales are showing signs of growth, except for the native pachysandra. Two of them are sending up strange but lovely little flowers, but the other four don't look too healthy. Maybe they need a little more time? A photograph would do nothing justice at this time. *Pam Collins*

Invasive Plants Workshop

Are pesky invaders moving into your backyard? What are the major invasion plant species in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula? What can you do to protect native species in this region?

Plan to attend the Second Invasive Plants Workshop, which is designed for landowners, landscapers, and public officials!

Saturday, April 25, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Beale Memorial Baptist Church
Tappahannock

The registration fee of \$5.00 includes lunch and a short, field demonstration of how to responsibly use pesticides.

For more details, and to register, call:
Tidewater RC&D Council
(804) 443-1118

Speakers will represent: US Fish and Wildlife; Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation; Cooperative Extension; and Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
Sandy Spencer

We Welcome Our New Members!

Val Craig, Reedville
Charlene Talcott, Lancaster
Jay Walker, Callao

NN Audubon Society

Meetings are 7:00 pm at Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock with Refreshments

April 6th - Susan Schmidt, Retracing Capt. John Smith's Chesapeake voyage

May 6th - John Spahr, Birds of Paradise of New Guinea

June 1st - Lauren Hierl, Safeguarding Critically Important Bird and Wildlife Habitats

Bird Walks - carpoolers leave Grace Episcopal Church in Kilmarnock at 7:15 am.

April 13th - Belle Isle State Park

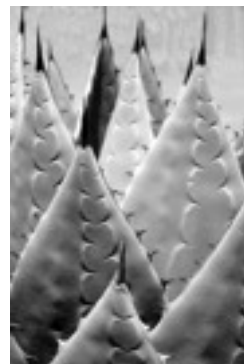
May 11th - Laurel Grove Tract

Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge

June 6th - Piscataway Creek near Tappahannock

Look for details in the local media.

Maggy Gerds

**Agave parryi**

A slow-growing, evergreen agave that is native to the southwestern US and northern Mexico.

Pam Kell (photo) - our chapter's first newsletter editor, who now lives in New Mexico.

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Membership Fees

Individual: \$30
Family: \$40
Secondary: \$5 (goes to other chapters)

Send your check to:

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Blandy Experimental Farm
400 Blandy Lane, Unit 2
Boyce, VA 22602

In the lower left hand corner of your check add:

"Membership, Northern Neck Chapter"

All memberships are good for one year from the month you join.

The state office of VNPS will send you a renewal reminder.

See upper right hand corner of address label for renewal date. Please advise us if our records are incorrect.

All but \$5.00 of any membership is tax deductible.

Help us keep in touch with you!

Whenever your email address, phone number or postal address changes, please contact Sandra Ehlert.

Email Carol Hammer if you would prefer to conserve resources and receive this newsletter as a pdf file.

NN Chapter of the VNPS Calendar

Apr. 17, Fri.	2:00-5:00 p.m. Poplar Ridge Nursery, Warsaw— <i>Native Grasses Nursery Tour and Sales Opportunity</i>
Apr. 18, Sat.	10:00 a.m. Hickory Hollow Nature Preserve— <i>Spring Ephemerals Walk. Public welcome.</i> 9:00 a.m. Belle Isle State Park— <i>Earth Day Outreach Activities.</i> See p. 7 for details.
Apr. 25, Sat.	9:30 a.m. Belle Isle State Park— <i>Earth Day Native Wildflower Planting Activity.</i> See p. 7 for details.
May 2, Sat.	9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Chilton Woods State Forest— <i>Invasive Plants Removal Day.</i> See p. 4 for details. Public welcome.
May 7, Thur.	10:00 a.m. Chilton Woods State Forest— <i>Showy Orchis Walk. Public welcome.</i>
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June 4, Thur.	10:00 a.m. Westmoreland County— <i>Remarkable and Big Tree Tour</i>

Driving directions for all field outings will be emailed to members in the week before each outing.
For more information, contact Sally Caskie at: caskie@rivnet.net or (804) 472-5128

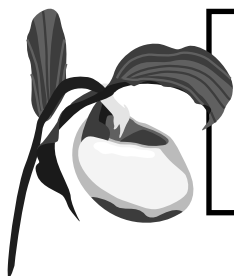
Hutchinson Tract Botanical Surveys with Marie Minor

All members are welcome to walk with Marie as she botanizes the Hutchinson Tract. You'll find it a joy, as you are guaranteed to learn something new and possibly find something there that was unexpected! You may wish to bring water, bug spray when necessary, and binoculars for bird viewing as well.

Below you will find survey dates and times for the next five months. **Until the tract is open for the public, you must contact Marie in advance so that she may obtain parking passes for all at: mfminor@haloisp.net or call (804)-925-5950.**

Beginning at 10 a.m.:
April 8, 15, 22 and 29
May 6, 13, 20 and 27

Beginning at 9 a.m.:
Jun 3, 10, 17 and 24
Jul 8 and 22
August 5, 19 and 26



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Note expiration date; please renew as needed if record is correct.