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Hello everyone,

I would like to start out with a clarification and correction to last month's newsletter. I made some comments about the plantation house at Alwehav that were misleading. I referred to the house being in disrepair and in deteriorating condition. The house merely needs a good coat of paint to help preserve it and part of the porch needs repair. I understand that after I left, several members helped carry the chairs that we sat in under the oak back into the house and I am told by those lucky folks that house is solid and in good condition inside. From now on I will think twice before leaving early from a SCAN trip!

We had a wonderful trip to a 250-acre private tract of land in Dorchester County last month. The land belongs to Mr. George Way. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the property consists of pine flatwoods that are burned on a regular basis. Wetland areas are also present within the flatwoods. A portion of the tract had recently been burned which allowed easy walking through the knee high predominantly herbaceous vegetation. The blooming thistle, meadow beauty, colic root, lobelia, yellow-eyed grass, and orange milkwort added color to the green carpet of bracken fern, wiregrass, running oak, and toothache grass. Although they were not in bloom, we were fortunate enough to see a couple of carnivorous plants, the hooded pitcher plant and sundew. Some members took a few minutes to partake of the blueberries that were baring fruit.

Due to the heat, we decided to leave the flatwoods after lunch and head over to Four Hole Swamp. Steve Katzberg had told us about green-fly orchids located here so we decided to check them out. The swamp was only a couple of miles from the flatwoods. The shady swamp was much cooler than the open pine forest and we were fortunate to see the orchid in bloom. A few adventurous members decided to wade out into the deep water to get a closer look at the orchids in the trees of a small island. The water was deep and I understand it was refreshing. We finished up our day with barbeque at Dukes Barbeque in Pineville. I would like to thank Wayne Grooms and Sudie Daves Thomas for making arrangements for us to visit the Dorchester pine flatwoods, and leading the trip, and Steve for sharing his knowledge about our South Carolina native orchids. A big thank you goes to Mr. Way for maintaining the flatwood forest and for allowing us to explore it.

We have a good line-up of trips scheduled this year and have not been disappointed so far. I would like to ask everyone to be thinking about where you would like to visit next year and share your ideas with the Regional Coordinators or myself. You can also post information about potential trips on the SCAN Yahoo Groups site. Additional information about the up-coming trip to the Pink Beds has been posted on the site. By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have received another invitation to join the site and I encourage you to do so.

See you all at the Pink Beds later this month.

Gordon

**George Way Pine
Flatwoods
Dorchester Co., SC
June 27, 2009**

This list was produced by SCAN from sightings produced by SCAN members and is subject to revision as needed. An asterisk (*) indicates a new sighting for SCAN. Send any changes or corrections to Jan Ciegler at jciegler@sc.rr.com. Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring. Thank you.

FLORA

Foxtail Clubmoss
Lycopodiella alopecuroides

Cinnamon Fern
Osmunda cinnamomea

Bracken
Pteridium aquilinum

Virginia Chain Fern
Woodwardia virginica

Longleaf Pine
Pinus palustris

Loblolly Pine
Pinus taeda

Pond-cypress
Taxodium ascendens

Bald-cypress
Taxodium distichum

Yellow-eyed Grass
Xyris sp.

Common Bogbutton
Lachnocaulon anceps

Pitted Nutrush
Scleria muehlenbergii

Southern Wiregrass
Aristida beyrichiana

Giant Cane
Arundinaria gigantea

Flag
Iris tridentata

Bamboo-vine
Smilax laurifolia

Sweetbay
Magnolia virginiana

Swamp Bay
Persea palustris

Sweet Gum
Liquidambar styraciflua

Common Wax-myrtle
Morella cerifera

Running Oak
Quercus elliotii

Laurel Oak
Quercus laurifolia

Blackjack Oak
Quercus marilandica marilandica

Water Oak
Quercus nigra

St. Andrew's Cross
Hypericum crux-andreae

Pineweed
Hypericum gentianoides

Pineland St.-John's-wort
Hypericum suffruticosum

Hooded Pitcherplant
Sarracenia minor minor

Pink Sundew
Drosera capillaris

Sundew
Drosera sp.

Violet
Viola septemloba

Coastal Sweet Pepperbush
Clethra alnifolia

Dangleberry
Gaylussacia frondosa

Shining Fetterbush
Lyonia lucida

Staggerbush
Lyonia mariana

Southern Blueberry
Vaccinium tenellum

Swamp Blueberry
Vaccinium virgatum

American Persimmon
Diospyros virginiana

Black Cherry
Prunus serotina serotina

Matted Tick-trefoil
Desmodium lineatum

Waxweed
Cuphea carthagenensis

Savanna Seedbox
Ludwigia virgata

Smooth Meadow-beauty
Rhexia alifanus

Meadow-beauty
Rhexia mariana

Little Gallberry
Ilex glabra

Myrtle Holly
Ilex myrtifolia

White Sandhills Spurge
Euphorbia curtisii

Virginia-creeper
Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Muscadine
Vitis rotundifolia rotundifolia

Pink Milkwort
Polygala incarnata

Orange Milkwort
Polygala lutea

Red Maple
Acer rubrum

Winged Sumac
Rhus copallinum

Eastern Poison Ivy
Toxicodendron radicans radicans

Centella
Centella erecta

Eastern Bishopweed
Ptilimnium capillaceum

Carolina Jessamine
Gelsemium sempervirens

Michaux's Milkweed
Asclepias michauxii

False-pimpernel
Lindernia dubia anagallidea

Senna Seymeria
Seymeria cassioides

Lobelia
Lobelia nuttallii

Buttonweed
Diodia virginiana

Common Dog-fennel
Eupatorium capillifolium

Common Roundleaf Eupatorium
Eupatorium rotundifolium

Blackroot
Pterocaulon pycnostachyum

Wand Goldenrod
Solidago stricta

FAUNA

Asiatic Clam
Corbicula fluminea

Crab-shaped Spiny-back
Gasteracantha cancriformis

Long-jawed Orb-weaver
Tetragnatha sp.

Golden-silk Spider
Nephila clavipes

Common Eastern Velvet-ant
Dasymutilla occidentalis occidentalis

Comet Darner
Anax longipes

Dragonslayer
Hagenius brevistylus

Eastern Pondhawk
Erythemis simplicicollis

Little Blue Dragonlet
Erythrodiplax minuscula

Golden-winged Skimmer
Libellula auripennis

Bar-winged Skimmer
Libellula axilena

Slaty Skimmer
Libellula incesta

Eastern Amberwing (dragonfly)
Perithemis tenera

Ebony Jewelwing
Calopteryx maculata

Fragile Forktail (damsel)
Ischnura posita

Citrine Forktail (damsel)
Ischnura hastata

Predacious Diving Beetle
* *Laccophilus gentilis gentilis*

Water Scavenger Beetle
Enochrus sublongus

Flea Beetle
* *Chaetocnema truncata*

Sumac Leaf Beetle
Blepharida rhois

Southern Leopard Frog
Lithobates sphenoccephala

Mourning Dove
Zenaida macroura

Red-headed Woodpecker
Melanerpes erythrocephalus

Northern Flicker
Colaptes auratus

Indigo Bunting
Passerina cyanea

Eastern Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

Bachman's Sparrow
Aimophila aestivalis

**Pink Beds and Grogan Creek
Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina
July 24-26, 2009**

This month we'll venture just north of the state line to the Pisgah National Forest, where we hope it will be cooler than last month! This is our first overnight of the year. On Saturday we have several choices of hiking on the Pink Beds trail: out and back on the drier north branch, out and back on the moister south branch, 3-mile loop, or 5-mile loop. Named for the pink azaleas that bloom in May, the trails are all relatively flat and well-graded, and follow winding streams and an intermittent beaver pond.

On Sunday [10:00] we'll hike out and back on the Cedar Rock and Grogan Creek trails, which wind gently uphill through majestic forests and follow swifter creeks. Here the destruction of hemlocks by the woolly adelgids is all too apparent, but the standing trees are nevertheless impressive.

Directions: North of Brevard is the major intersection of highways 64 and 276. To reach that point, take I-26 to Exit 49 in North Carolina, then drive west through Hendersonville, about 15 miles. Or take US-276 northwest from Greenville, going past Caesars Head and through Brevard to the intersection with US-64.

On Saturday, from that intersection, follow US-276 north about 11.2 miles, just past the Cradle of Forestry, to the Pink Beds parking lot on the right. **Meet there at 10:30.** (If you arrive early, Looking Glass Falls is just on the roadside and is worth a stop.) Restrooms are available at the Ranger Station and at the Pink Beds parking lot. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

On Sunday, from that intersection, drive north on US-276 for 5.1 miles, take the left fork marked "Center for Wildlife Education" and go about 1.5 miles; turn into the Fish Hatchery on the left. Go to the far left corner of the parking lot. **Meet at 10:00.** On Sunday, restrooms are available at our group campsite and at the Coontree picnic area.

Overnight: The White Pine South group camp has been reserved for tent camping on both Friday and Saturday nights. From the 64/276 intersection, drive north on US-276 just 2.1 miles, then turn right where the sign indicates "Riding Stable." Park in the designated parking lot on the right side of the road. Campers must carry everything across a creek, about 100 feet. There are good eateries nearby in Brevard, so we need not bring dinner foods, but do bring food for breakfasts and lunches. Pit toilets, drinking water, and tables provided. Musical instruments encouraged.

For non-campers, there are several motels in Brevard.

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