



August 2018

Hello Everyone.

Our July trip was to Little White Oak Mountain near Hendersonville, North Carolina. In attendance was Dave Schuetrum, David Graley, Sarah and Lyle Campbell, David Campbell, Timothy Campbell, Eva and Sam Pratt, Greg Ross, Marsha and Bob Hamlin, Kim McManus, James Wilson, Kathy Boyle, Terry and Hugh Martin, Jan Ciegler, Mary Douglass, Tom Jones, and Gordon Murphy.



Once again we had a good turnout for our outing. White Oak Mountain is an interesting place. As Rita indicated in her trip write-up, there are logging roads on the property that provide a relatively easy walk. It was hot that day and there wasn't much shade on the roads. We did see/hear some birds, some plants were in bloom, and we saw a couple of lizards including six-line race runners, fence lizard, and a ground skink. As we walked higher up the mountain, the edges of the logging road are dominated by invasive species including kudzu, tree of heaven, and princess tree. It appeared that there were less invasives further off the roads. Just before we turned to start the hike back down the mountain, we saw bear tracks in the road.

Seeing the invasives was a disappointment, but we all had a good day socializing as we walked. When we got to Larkin's Carolina Grill for dinner, we were surprised by a visit from Lydia and Charlie Williams!



This month we are heading to Sassafras Mountain in Pickens County. I hope you all can join us there!

Gordon Murphy

Group photo courtesy of Kim McManus.

Sassafras Mountain
The highest peak in South Carolina
August 25, 2018 Saturday 10:30



Come to the coolness of Sassafras Mountain, located in northern Pickens County! We will visit the Jim Timmerman Natural Resource Area, part of the Jocassee Gorges and Franklin Gravelly Wildlife Management Area, managed by SCDNR. This Blue Ridge Mountain peak straddles the SC/NC border.

Sassafras's elevation is 3,553'. This new recording is shorter due to grading of the summit. The new observation tower and viewing platforms offers us the opportunity to see TN, GA, NC and SC, the Lakes of Jocassee, Hartwell and Keowee, the continental divide and 6,000' plus highlands.

Hopefully the new tower, a 1.1 million dollar project, will be completed. It will be 40-foot diameter circular tower 16 feet high.

We will meet in the gravel parking lot on the left at the end of the road. SCAN will claim the summit and walk along the Foothills Trail. The trail heads east towards White Oak Mountain, South Carolina's 6th highest peak.

Directions: From the intersection of Hwy 11 and 178, proceed north on Hwy178. There is a convenience store at this intersection for your last pit stop. Your next 11.7 miles will be curvy. From intersection, go 7 miles to Rocky Bottom. Turn right onto F Van Clayton Hwy, following signs to Sassafras. Go 4.7 miles to parking lot on top.

Address: 1399 F. Van Clayton Hwy Sunset, SC 29685

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/34.9894674,-82.7571219/1399+F+Van+Clayton+Memorial+Highway,+Sunset,+SC/@35.0295977,->

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Dinner: Pumpkintown General Store - 3837 Pumpkintown Hwy Pickens, South Carolina 29671

This location is only 1 mile longer for those traveling East via Hwy 11.

Leader: Rita Zollinger 864 706 6548

Little White Oak Mountain
Polk Co., NC
July 28, 2018

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 Tom Jones at prestoea@gmail.com. Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring. Thank you.

FLORA

Common Running-cedar
Diphasiastrum digitatum

Bracken
Pteridium aquilinum

Ebony Spleenwort
Asplenium platyneuron

Christmas Fern
Polystichum acrostichoides

Eastern White Pine
Pinus strobus

Loblolly Pine
Pinus taeda

Virginia Pine
Pinus virginiana

Eastern Red Cedar
Juniperus virginiana virginiana

Flexible Sasa-grass
Microstegium vimineum

Beaked Panic Grass
Panicum anceps

Whiteleaf Greenbrier
Smilax glauca

Crane-fly Orchid
Tipularia discolor

Tulip-tree
Liriodendron tulipifera

Fraser Magnolia
Magnolia fraseri

Sweet-shrub
Calycanthus floridus

Sassafras
Sassafras albidum

Virginia Snakeroot
Endodeca serpentaria

Meadow-rue
Thalictrum sp.

Sycamore
Platanus occidentalis occidentalis

Sweet Gum
Liquidambar styraciflua

Pignut Hickory
Carya glabra

American Beech
Fagus grandifolia

White Oak
Quercus alba

Scarlet Oak
Quercus coccinea

Southern Red Oak
Quercus falcata

Rock Chestnut Oak
Quercus montana

Willow Oak
Quercus phellos

Red Oak
Quercus rubra

Post Oak
Quercus stellata

Black Oak
Quercus velutina

Tag Alder
Alnus serrulata

American Hornbeam
Carpinus caroliniana

Pineweed
Hypericum gentianoides

St. Andrew's Cross
Hypericum hypericoides

St.-John's-wort
Hypericum stragulum

Bird's-foot Violet
Viola pedata

Passionflower
Passiflora incarnata

Spotted Wintergreen
Chimaphila maculata

Mountain Laurel
Kalmia latifolia

Sourwood
Oxydendrum arboreum

Azalea
Rhododendron sp.

Hillside Blueberry
Vaccinium pallidum

Galax
Galax urceolata

American Persimmon
Diospyros virginiana

Horsesugar
Symplocos tinctoria

Mountain Indian-physic
Gillenia trifoliata

Black Cherry
Prunus serotina serotina

Bradford Pear
Pyrus calleryana

Mimosa
Albizia julibrissin

Partridge-pea
Chamaecrista sp.

Sericea
Lespedeza cuneata

Eastern Sensitive-briar
Mimosa microphylla

Kudzu
Pueraria montana lobata

Black Locust
Robinia pseudoacacia

Flowering Dogwood
Cornus florida

Blackgum
Nyssa sylvatica

Eastern Flowering Spurge
Euphorbia corollata

Virginia-creeper
Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Muscadine
Vitis rotundifolia rotundifolia

Eastern Red Maple
Acer rubrum rubrum

Winged Sumac
Rhus copallinum

Smooth Sumac
Rhus glabra

Eastern Poison Ivy
Toxicodendron radicans radicans

Tree-of-Heaven
Ailanthus altissima

Spotted Touch-me-not
Impatiens capensis

Queen-Anne's-lace
Daucus carota

Butterfly-weed
Asclepias tuberosa

Horse-nettle
Solanum carolinense carolinense

Compact Dodder
Cuscuta compacta compacta

Self-heal
Prunella vulgaris

Mountain-mint
Pycnanthemum pycnanthemoides

White Ash
Fraxinus americana

Trumpet-creeper
Campsis radicans

Princess Tree
Paulownia tomentosa

Indian-tobacco
Lobelia inflata

Poorjoe
Diodia teres

Buttonweed
Diodia virginiana

Partridge-berry
Mitchella repens

Japanese Honeysuckle
Lonicera japonica

Mapleleaf Viburnum
Viburnum acerifolium
Common Ragweed
Ambrosia artemisiifolia
Pale Indian-plantain
Arnoglossum atriplicifolium
Coreopsis
Coreopsis major
Fireweed
Erechtites hieraciifolius
Common Rough Fleabane
Erigeron strigosus strigosus
Small-headed Sunflower
Helianthus microcephalus
American Wild Lettuce
Lactuca canadensis
Common Wild Quinine
Parthenium integrifolium
integrifolium
Rattlesnake-root
Prenanthes sp.
Toothed White-topped Aster
Sericocarpus asteroides
Rosinweed
* *Silphium reniforme*
Eastern Gray Goldenrod
Solidago nemoralis nemoralis
Licorice Goldenrod
Solidago odora odora
Split-skin Carbon Cushion
* *Peridoxylon petersii*
Cinnabar-red Chanterelle
Cantharellus cinnabarinus
Black-trumpet
Craterellus fallax
Shaggy-stalked Bolete
Boletellus betula
Emetic Russula (mushroom)
Russula emetica
Earthstar
Geastrum sp.
Purple-spored Puffball
Calvatia cyathiformis

FAUNA

Keeled Ramshorn Snail
Helisoma anceps
Sprite Elimia
Pleurocera proxima
Paper Pondshell
Utterbackia imbecillis
Spiny-backed Spider
Micrathena gracilis
White Micrathena (spider)
Micrathena mitrata
Writing Spider
Argiope aurantia
Arrowhead Spider
Verrucosa arenata
Jumping Spider
Phidippus regius

Jumping Spider
Phidippus clarus
Chigger
Trombicula alfreddugesi
Red-headed Bush Cricket
Phyllopalpus pulchellus
Predatory Stink Bug
* *Perillus strigipes*
Leaf-footed Bug
Acanthocephala terminalis
Froghopper
Prosapia bicincta
Hedgehog Gall Wasp
* *Acraspis erinacei*
Common Eastern Velvet-ant
Dasymutilla occidentalis
occidentalis
Eastern Yellowjacket
Vespa maculifrons
Yellowjacket Hoverfly
Milesia virginensis
Widow Skimmer Dragonfly
Libellula luctuosa
Wandering Glider
Pantala flavescens
Common Whitetail
Plathemis lydia
Variable Dancer (damselfly)
Argia fumipennis
Bluet (damselfly)
Enallagma sp.
Kudzu Bug
Megacopta cribraria
Dung Roller
Canthon vigilans
Japanese Beetle
Popillia japonica
Seven-spotted Lady Beetle
Coccinella septempunctata
Tumbling Flower Beetle
Mordella atrata
Tumbling Flower Beetle
Mordella marginata
Tumbling Flower Beetle
Mordella melaena
Oval Leaf Beetle
Brachypnoea clypealis
Leaf Beetle
* *Colaspis recurva*
Skeletonizing Leaf Beetle
Ophraella communa
Eggplant Flea Beetle
Epitrix fuscata
Zygopine Weevil
* *Cylindrocopturus nanulus*
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Papilio glaucus
Pearl Crescent (butterfly)
Phyciodes tharos
Question Mark (butterfly)
Polygonia interrogationis

Red-spotted Purple (butterfly)
Limenitis arthemis astyanax
Silver-spotted Skipper
Epargyreus clarus
Sweetgum Leafminer
Phyllocnistis liquidambarisella
Ailanthus Webworm Moth
Atteva punctella
Regal Moth
Citheronia regalis
Luna Moth
Actias luna
Fall Webworm Moth
Hyphantria cunea
Bullfrog
Lithobates catesbiana
Green Frog
Lithobates clamitans melanota
Pickerel Frog
Lithobates palustris
Eastern Fence Lizard
Sceloporus undulatus
Six-lined Racerunner
Aspidoscelis sexlineata
Five-lined Skink
Plestiodon fasciatus
Ground Skink
Scincella lateralis
Wild Turkey
Meleagris gallopavo
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Coccyzus americanus
Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata
American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
Carolina Chickadee
Parus carolinensis
Carolina Wren
Thryothorus ludovicianus
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Polioptila caerulea
Red-Eyed Vireo
Vireo olivaceus
Worm-eating Warbler
Helmitheros vermivorus
Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis
Indigo Bunting
Passerina cyanea
Eastern Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
American Goldfinch
Carduelis tristis
Gray Squirrel
Sciurus carolinensis
Black Bear (tracks)
Ursus americanus
White-tailed Deer (tracks)
Odocoileus virginianus