



SCAN *South Carolina Association of Naturalists*

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Well...another month has rolled by. Where does the time go? The weather is warming and Spring has Sprung! It is about time. My honey bees are building comb and I am keeping a watch for any swarms erupting to recover into an empty hive. The bird migration is going on now as well...and I am hearing new voices out in the woods. Hummingbirds are at our feeders.

Our last soodle...in March...was a visit to Lynches River County Park. It is located in rural Florence County and along the Lynches River. Lynches River was named for Thomas Lynch Jr, one of four delegates from South Carolina to sign the Declaration of Independence, and is approximately 140 miles long flowing from Waxhaw, NC to Johnsonville, SC where it drains into the Great Pee Dee River. It being a county park, I did not have big expectations. But boy...was I surprised!. This was a State Park up until 2003 when it was deeded to the county. I think the county has done an outstanding job of maintaining this 676 acre park. There is an Environmental Discovery Center that was manned with knowledgeable staff and has top notch displays. Todd Johnston was our coordinator for this trip and he had wandered every trail checking out what we would be seeing.

As customary...Kim McManus took our group picture, (below). Here's who attended...in no particular order:

Kim McManus, Michael Crawford, Barbara Foster, Jean Sveum Dix, Dave Schuetrum, Dave Kastner, Marty Kastner, Tom Austin, Alison Smith, Mandy Johnson, Sharon Ferris Yomtob, Todd Johnston, Caroline Eastman, Chris Hill, Kevin Curtis, Lynda Curtis, Theresa Simons, Sudie Thomas.



We lack the Secretary position with SCAN to help with some of the tasks that goes along with keeping our group organized. I do not have many of those skills...especially with the newsletter. If interested and want to step up...reach out to President Dave Schuetrum or Vice President Gordon Murphy. You can see pictures on our Facebook Group page.

Dave Schuetrum

SCAN trip to Edisto April 23d by Jeff Kline and Jerry Bright

Due to my not understanding the need to book Spring Island in advance, we will put that off till next year. I have reserved our visit for the 4th weekend in April, 2023. Instead, we will go to Edisto and its hot spots. These include Botany Bay, the Edisto Serpentarium, the Edisto Nature and Environmental center, and Edisto State Park.

The way to Edisto beach is take Highway 174 off of Savannah highway or route 17 Roxbury Park is 6 miles down 174. Edisto island historical society is 14 miles down (open at 12). The Post Office restaurant is 17 miles down (excellent food, may only be open for dinner). The Serpentarium is one mile past the Post Office Restaurant, as is the turn to Botany Bay. Turn left on Botany Bay Road (32.55099-80280.38) Entrance to the Botany Bay is to the left, down that road.



[Botany Bay Plantation Heritage preserve \(32.560 -80.26064\) is the main destination point.](#)

We will meet here at 10:30 am and will be introduced to the nature and history by one the head tour guides. We will have maps and a tour guide available. We will meet a mile after the Botany Bay entrance at the horse trailer parking spot (32.54711-8024514). Everyone must sign in. We will then be introduced to other spots to go.

In-between Edisto Beach and Botany Bay is the [Edisto Beach State Park](#). It has birding hot spots and is an easy walk along the beach. You need a SC Park Pass for entry, it has camping, but fills up quickly. Other camping is available in the park. **Book early.**



Just before Edisto Beach is the [Serpentarium](#) (<https://edistoserpentarium.com/>) super neat place for Reptilians, with super knowledgeable staff. We have a discounted rate if you say you are with our group. They feed the snakes between 11-12, and Alligators at 12. What could be more fun? I guess other than watching people from the Palmetto Beach drive beach store (great views and food, located as the road turns right into Edisto).

[The Edisto Environmental Center](#) (35.54472-80.39126) address Oyster Row Lane, is a gem and has walks from the building. There will be guides to introduce us to what they do. There is a small fee, cheap if you're old, and is included in park pass. They also have walks and classes during the day on this link. Sam is our contact person. She can meet a group of us at 3:30. Here is a [calendar link](#).

Nearby is the Town of Edisto Island which has several bird hot spots, as well as eats, lots of beach people, bathrooms and a beautiful walk to the underwater [Town of Edingsville](#). (Possible artifacts)



Lynches River County Park
Florence Co., SC
March 26, 2022

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 Kim McManus at scnaturalists76@gmail.com. Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring in the subject line of your message. Thank you.

FLORA

Bracken
Pteridium aquilinum
Resurrection Fern
Pleopeltis michauxiana
Shortleaf Pine
Pinus echinata
Slash Pine
Pinus elliotii elliotii
Longleaf Pine
Pinus palustris
Loblolly Pine
Pinus taeda
Bald-cypress
Taxodium distichum
Southern Magnolia
Magnolia grandiflora
Red Bay
Persea borbonia
Swamp Bay
Persea palustris
Coastal Plain Dwarf Iris
Iris verna verna
Dwarf Palmetto
Sabal minor
Broomsedge
Andropogon sp.
Sweet Gum
Liquidambar styraciflua
Eastern Redbud
Cercis canadensis
Parsley Hawthorn
Crataegus marshallii
Hawthorn
Crataegus sp.
Wild Crabapple
Malus angustifolia
Water Oak
Quercus nigra
Live Oak
Quercus virginiana
Common Wax-myrtle
Morella cerifera
Prickly-pear Cactus
Opuntia sp.
Water Tupelo
Nyssa aquatica
Flowering Dogwood
Benthamidia florida
Sweetleaf
Symplocos tinctoria

Coastal Doghobble
Leucothoe axillaris
Piedmont Azalea
Rhododendron canescens
Carolina Jessamine
Gelsemium sempervirens
American Holly
Ilex opaca
Common Dog-fennel
Eupatorium capillifolium
Coral Honeysuckle
Lonicera sempervirens

FAUNA

American Bird Grasshopper
Schistocerca americana
Bee-like Robber Fly
* *Laphria cinerea*
**Double-banded Ant-mimicking
Cerambycid**
* *Euderces pini*
Springtime Darner
Basiaeschna janata
Clubtail
Gomphus sp.
Lancet Clubtail
Phanogomphus exilis
Stream Cruiser
Didymops transversa
Selys' Sundragon
Helocordulia selysii
Common Baskettail
Epitheca cynosura
Mantled Baskettail
Epitheca semiaquea
Robust Baskettail
* *Epitheca spinosa*
Blue Corporal
Ladona deplanata
Common Whitetail
Plathemis lydia
Pipevine Swallowtail
Battus philenor
Black Swallowtail
Papilio polyxenes
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Pterourus glaucus
Spicebush Swallowtail
Pterourus troilus
Palamedes Swallowtail
Pterourus palamedes

Red-banded Hairstreak
Calycopis cecrops
Henry's Elfin
Callophrys henrici
Pearl Crescent
Phyciodes tharos
Question Mark
Polygonia interrogationis
Mourning Cloak
Nymphalis antiopa
Carolina Satyr
Hermeuptychia sosybius
Silver-spotted Skipper
Epargyreus clarus
Juvenal's Duskywing
Erynnis juvenalis
Southern Toad
Anaxyrus terrestris
Eastern Fence Lizard
Sceloporus undulatus
Common Five-lined Skink
Plestiodon fasciatus
Broad-headed Skink
Plestiodon laticeps
Ring-necked Snake
Diadophis punctatus
Rough Green Snake
Ophedrys aestivus
Southeastern Crowned Snake
Tantilla coronata
Smooth Earth Snake
Virginia valeriae
Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
Pileated Woodpecker
Dryocopus pileatus
American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
Tufted Titmouse
Baeolophus bicolor
White-breasted Nuthatch
Sitta carolinensis
American Robin
Turdus migratorius
Yellow-throated Warbler
Setophaga dominica
Eastern Gray Squirrel
Sciurus carolinensis