



August 2022

Hello SCAN members!

This last outing was at Stumphouse Park in the upstate. I could not make it but Lee Morris our regional guide did a short write up on that trip.

Attendees were:

Mary Douglass, Tom Jones, Barbara Foster, Ron Ahle, Bill Wedding, Marcie Wedding, Lee Morris, Claudia Stratmann, Johannes Stratmann, Jerry Bright, Michael Crawford, Mark George, Jason Rohde, Gus Rohde, Sarah Rohde.

The day was sunny and a bit hazy, but more importantly, not as hot or humid than the majority of the state! We met in the large parking lot (it turns out it was the middle parking lot) and our first main sighting was two active bald-faced hornet nests that a couple of us had parked under. After introductions, we did our scatter thing. The Issaqueena Falls trail is short, so a few people headed there for a glimpse of the falls while they were in the sun. Others headed up to the Stumphouse Tunnel for a short jaunt through the cool cave-like interior. A few of us briefing started on the Blue Ridge Railway Trail, but after noticing a steep climb, we decided our calves would thank us if we tried the Stumphouse Palmetto Trail instead.

The day was punctuated with insects (like a good summer hike should be), but not many of the biting kind. The Palmetto Trail was shaded up to the Walhalla Reservoir. There were many different plants and fungi all around, although surprisingly few birds.

Lee Morris...Western Region Director

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This next trip on August 27th will be to Mount Pisgah in North Carolina.

Mount Pisgah, NC
Blue Ridge Parkway Mile post 407
August 27, 2022, 10:30AM

We will meet at the first Mount Pisgah parking lot to enjoy the views at Buck Springs and for our greetings with photo shoot. There are a few trails to explore from here.

We welcome the Carolina Butterfly Society to join us.



Mount Pisgah Trail

Trail begins at the far end of the Mount Pisgah Parking Area. It is 1.8 miles to the summit. The first 0.5 miles is fairly flat. The remaining 1.2 miles is moderate to strenuous. Lots of rock steps, for an ascent of 712 feet.

The trail passes through a forest of Northern Red Oaks, maples, birches and pockets of rhododendrons and mountain laurel to a deciduous heath bald at the summit at 5721 feet. An observation deck for a 360-degree view and the transmission tower sits at the summit.

To the NE views of Craggy mountains, Asheville, and the French Broad River Valley, to the West Shining Rock Wilderness and Cold Mountain and to the SW Looking Glass.

Most of the wildflowers can be seen for the first 0.5 miles. White snake root, Jerusalem artichoke, bee balm, Angelica, self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*), purple flowering raspberry (*Rubus odoratus*), Joe-pye weed (a butterfly magnet), and lots of ferns and mushrooms. Listen for the dark eyed juncos and warblers along the trail. Peregrine falcons are commonly spotted at the summit. Many wildflowers are native and some endangered.

Buck Spring Trail

This 1.1-mile-long portion of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail runs between the Mount Pisgah Inn and the Buck Spring Gap Parking Area. The trail passes the site where the mountain cabin of George Vanderbilt and Buck Spring Lodge once stood.

Shut In Trail

Shut In Trail is 16.3 miles long and descends over 3,000 feet. Walk the trail in as far as you like and backtrack out to return.



Directions

From Asheville there are numerous paths to get to the Blue Ridge Parkway. From Bent Creek River Park/NC Arboretum on NC191, hop onto the BRP and head south, approximately 10 miles, to Milepost 407. Turn left into Mount Pisgah Parking area. Park at the first parking area Buck Springs Gap. Along the BRP there are several tunnels. Check that your headlights are off when you park.

There are 2 parking lots at Mount Pisgah. The first is Buck Springs Gap Overlook where we will meet. If you continue N 0.2 miles, you will reach the 2nd parking lot. You can easily walk in between the two lost via road or take a trail. The Mount Pisgah trailhead is located at the far end of the second parking lot.

35.41601705353971, -82.74837818767726 Buck Springs overlook.

Lodging and Food

Pisgah campground is a little less than a mile and a half away. There is a trail from the campground to Mount Pisgah trail head.

Pisgah Inn is only a mile away at Milepost 408 which has rooms available with great views. They have a nice observation deck, restrooms, and a good restaurant. Restaurant fills quickly so make a reservation if you would like to eat dinner. Dinner is served from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

(828)235-8228. www.pisgahinn.com

There are restrooms located at entrance to Pisgah Inn parking lot. Temps are cooler in the mountains. Come join and SCAN with us!



**Stumhouse Park
Oconee Co., SC
July 23, 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

Algal Haircap Moss

Pogonatum pensilvanicum

Cinnamon Fern

Osmundastrum cinnamomeum

Bracken

Pteridium aquilinum

Eastern Bracken

Pteridium latiusculum

Southern Lady Fern

Athyrium asplenoides

New York Fern

Amauropelta noveboracensis

Broad Beech Fern

Phegopteris hexagonoptera

Christmas Fern

Polystichum acrostichoides

Eastern White Pine

Pinus strobus

Virginia Pine

Pinus virginiana

Eastern Hemlock

Tsuga canadensis

Water-shield

Brasenia schreberi

Virginia Snakeroot

Endodeca serpentaria

Little Brown Jug

Hexastylis arifolia

Tulip-tree

Liriodendron tulipifera

Fraser Magnolia

Magnolia fraseri

Southern Magnolia

Magnolia grandiflora

Sweet-shrub

Calycanthus floridus

Sassafras

Sassafras albidum

Jack-in-the-pulpit

Arisaema triphyllum

Common Wild Yam

Dioscorea villosa

Catesby's Trillium

Trillium catesbaei

Trillium

Trillium sp.

Devil's-bit

Chamaelirium luteum

Fly-poison

Amianthium muscitoxicum

Carolina Bellwort

Uvularia puberula

Whiteleaf Greenbrier

Smilax glauca

Common Greenbrier

Smilax rotundifolia

Carolina Lily

Lilium michauxii

Indian Cucumber-root

Medeola virginiana

Downy Rattlesnake-orchid

Goodyera pubescens

Crane-fly Orchid

Tipularia discolor

Common Stargrass

Hypoxis hirsuta

Upland Dwarf Iris

Iris verna smalliana

False Solomon's-seal

Maianthemum racemosum

American Bur-reed

Sparganium americanum

Common Cattail

Typha latifolia

Squarestem Spikerush

Eleocharis quadrangulata

Hill Cane

Arundinaria appalachiana

Giant Cane

Arundinaria gigantea

Slender Spikegrass

Chasmanthium laxum

Beaked Panic Grass

Coleataenia anceps

Japanese Stilt-grass

Microstegium vimineum

Bloodroot

Sanguinaria canadensis

Common Black-cohosh

Actaea racemosa

Yellowroot

Xanthorhiza simplicissima

Witch-hazel

Hamamelis virginiana

Virginia-willow

Itea virginica

Ditch-stonecrop

Penthorum sedoides

Muscadine

Muscadinia rotundifolia
rotundifolia

Summer Grape

Vitis aestivalis aestivalis

Virginia-creeper

Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Mimosa

Albizia julibrissin

Hog-peanut

Amphicarpaea bracteata

Common Groundnut

Apios americana

Honestyweed

Baptisia tinctoria

Butterfly Pea

Clitoria mariana mariana

Downy Milkpea

Galactia regularis

Naked Tick-trefoil

Hylodesmum nudiflorum

Eastern Sensitive-briar

Mimosa microphylla

Black Locust

Robinia pseudoacacia

Pencil-flower

Stylosanthes biflora

Appalachian Milkwort

Polygala curtissii

Southern Agrimony

Agrimonia parviflora

Woodland Agrimony

Agrimonia rostellata

New Jersey Tea

Ceanothus americanus

False-nettle

Boehmeria cylindrica

American Beech

Fagus grandifolia

White Oak

Quercus alba

Southern Red Oak

Quercus falcata

Rock Chestnut Oak

Quercus montana

Red Oak

Quercus rubra

Mockernut Hickory

Carya tomentosa

Tag Alder

Alnus serrulata

Low St.-John's-wort

Hypericum stragulum

Yellow Passionflower

Passiflora lutea

Eastern Flowering Spurge

Euphorbia corollata

Ridgestem Yellow Flax

Linum striatum

Wild Geranium

Geranium maculatum

Alternate-leaved Seedbox*Ludwigia alternifolia***Eastern Poison Ivy***Toxicodendron radicans radicans***Blackgum***Nyssa sylvatica***Smooth Hydrangea***Hydrangea arborescens***Climbing Hydrangea***Hydrangea barbara***Hydrangea***Hydrangea sp.***Flowering Dogwood***Benthamidia florida***Silky Dogwood***Swida amomum***Spotted Touch-me-not***Impatiens capensis***Whorled Loosestrife***Lysimachia quadrifolia***Sweetleaf***Symplocos tinctoria***Galax***Galax urceolata***Common Silverbell***Halesia tetraptera***Pipsissewa***Chimaphila maculata***Trailing Arbutus***Epigaea repens***Pinesap***Hypopitys monotropa***Common Eastern Pinesap***Hypopitys species 3***Mountain Laurel***Kalmia latifolia***Mountain Doghobble***Leucothoe fontanesiana***Sourwood***Oxydendrum arboreum***White Rosebay***Rhododendron maximum***Sparkleberry***Vaccinium arboreum***Hillside Blueberry***Vaccinium pallidum***Deerberry***Vaccinium stamineum***Large Buttonweed***Diodia virginiana***Forest Bedstraw***Galium circaezans***Three-lobed Bedstraw***Galium tinctorium***Eastern Longleaf Bluet***Houstonia longifolia compacta***Summer Bluet***Houstonia purpurea***White Milkweed***Asclepias variegata***Biltmore Ash***Fraxinus biltmoreana***Chinese Privet***Ligustrum sinense***Basil Bergamot***Monarda clinopodia***Self-heal***Prunella vulgaris***Lyreleaf Sage***Salvia lyrata***Allegheny Monkeyflower***Mimulus ringens ringens***Downy Oak-leech***Aureolaria virginica***American Holly***Ilex opaca***Indian-tobacco***Lobelia inflata***Common White Snakeroot***Ageratina altissima***Plantain Pussytoes***Antennaria plantaginifolia***Pale Indian-plantain***Arnoglossum atriplicifolium***Green-and-gold***Chrysogonum virginianum***Woodland Coreopsis***Coreopsis major***Appalachian Flat-topped Aster***Doellingeria infirma***Common Elephant's-foot***Elephantopus tomentosus***Common Rough Fleabane***Erigeron strigosus strigosus***Common Heart-leaved Aster***Eurybia divaricata***Hollow-stem Joe-pye-weed***Eutrochium fistulosum***Purple-node Joe-pye-weed***Eutrochium purpureum purpureum***Appalachian Sunflower***Helianthus atrorubens***Small-headed Sunflower***Helianthus microcephalus***Resinous Sunflower***Helianthus resinosus***Whorled Aster***Oclemena acuminata***Common Wild Quinine***Parthenium integrifolium integrifolium***Black-eyed Susan***Rudbeckia hirta***Rosinweed***Silphium compositum***Bearsfoot***Smallanthus uvedalia***Rattlesnake-root***Nabalus sp.***Common Elderberry***Sambucus canadensis***Mapleleaf Viburnum***Viburnum acerifolium***Devil's-walking-stick***Aralia spinosa***Hairy Angelica***Angelica venenosa***Angelica***Angelica sp.***American Lovage***Ligusticum canadense***Sanicle***Sanicula canadensis***Smooth Chanterelle***Cantharellus lateritius***Vase Fiber-fan***Thelephora vialis***Shiny Cinnamon Polypore***Coltricia cinnamomea***American Floury Amanita**** Amanita farinosa***Amanita***Amanita sp.***Bolete***Boletus sp.***Ornate-stalked Bolete***Retiboletus ornatipes***Shaggy-stalked Bolete***Heimioporus betula***Old-man-of-the-woods***Strobilomyces floccopus***Reddish Brown Bitter Bolete**** Tylopilus rubrobrunneus***Chanterelle Waxcap***Hygrocybe cantharellus***Peck's Milky***Lactarius peckii***Blue-green Cracking Russula**** Russula parvovirescens***Stalked Puffball-in-aspic***Calostoma cinnabarinum***FAUNA****Green-legged Orbweaver**** Mangora maculata***Six-spotted Fishing Spider***Dolomedes triton***Sclerosomatid Harvestmen**** Family Sclerosomatidae Species***Bald-faced Hornet***Vespula maculata***Southern Carpenter Bee***Xylocopa micans***Robber Fly**** Triorla interrupta***Black-shouldered Spinyleg***Dromogomphus spinosus***Banded Pennant***Celithemis fasciata***Swift Setwing***Dythemis velox***Eastern Pondhawk***Erythemis simplicicollis*

Slaty Skimmer

Libellula incesta

Widow Skimmer

Libellula luctuosa

Blue Dasher

Pachydiplax longipennis

Eastern Amberwing

Perithemis tenera

Common Whitetail

Plathemis lydia

Ebony Jewelwing

Calopteryx maculata

Blue-fronted Dancer

Argia apicalis

Variable Dancer

Argia fumipennis

Eastern Tailed-blue

Cupido comyntas

Summer Azure

Celastrina neglecta

Silver-spotted Skipper

Epargyreus clarus

Fiery Skipper

Hylephila phyleus

Eupatorium Borer Moth

Carmenta bassiformis

Luna Moth

Actias luna

Yellow-collared Scape Moth

Cisseps fulvicollis

Iliia Underwing

Catocala ilia

Northern Cricket Frog

Acris crepitans

Eastern Painted Turtle

Chrysemys picta picta

Ground Skink

Scincella lateralis

Broad-winged Hawk

Buteo platypterus

Belted Kingfisher

Megaceryle alcyon

Great Crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus crinitus

Blue-headed Vireo

Vireo solitarius

Louisiana Waterthrush

Parkesia motacilla