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Hello SCAN Members!

With all the recommendations to minimize social contact, reduce travel if possible, and avoid large groups, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our March outing. The decision was not made lightly, and we are as disappointed as you are! Hopefully this COVID19 threat will dissipate soon and we can resume our regular activities.

We were unable to line up access to Heggie's Rock, so Western Regional Director Kathy Boyle was working on a writeup for Phinzy Swamp. In her research she found a link to the trail maps and some nice feature descriptions. If you are interested in exploring on your own or in small groups, check it out!

<https://phinizycenter.org/park-trails-and-features/>

If you still plan to go, you might consider putting a post on our Facebook page. There might be a few other folks who are also planning to do some exploring. Any species lists compiled at Phinzy Swamp on Saturday, March 28 can be submitted to Tom Jones. _____

As a heads up, we also learned this week that the Francis Beidler Forest has closed the property to the public until May 1st. We are working on tentative alternate plans for our April outing in the hopes that the threat has abated, and we are going about our normal lives again.

Be smart, be safe, stay healthy. Get outdoors on your own and share your adventures with us on our Facebook page!

Thank you for understanding. Please read on for a summary of our February 22 excursion to the Nesbit Mill Property along the Tyger River in Roebuck, SC.

Kim McManus

Trip Summary for February 22, 2020

Tyger River – Nesbitt Mill

Spartanburg County, SC

We had a phenomenal turnout for our February outing, with 33 members in attendance.

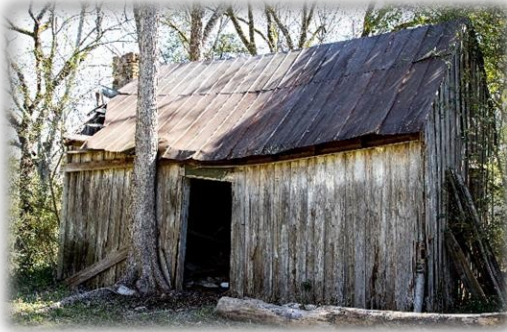
Attendees:

Ron Ahle	Carol Gist	Hugh Martin	Philoma Skipper
Carole Anderson	Stuart Greeter	Kim McManus	Johannes Stratmann
Kathy Boyle	Bob Hamlin	Lee Morris	Claudia Stratmann
Jim Boylston	Marsha Hamlin	Gordon Murphy	Angela Valvasari
Jerry Bright	Phillip Harpootlian	Julianna Nyikos	James Wilson
Sarah Campbell	Kate Hartley	Sam Pratt	Rita Zollinger
Lyle Campbell	Tom Jones	Eva Pratt	
Mary Douglass	Paul Kalbach	Greg Ross	
Caroline Eastman	Terry Martin	Dave Schuetrum	



We gathered outside the Tyger River Foundation building on their private property in Roebuck, SC. Northern Regional Director Rita Zollinger gave us an overview of the property history and the general plan for our soodle. Several side conversations were held regarding the appropriate number of clothing layers for the weather as it was a brisk, sunny 50ish with the promise of warming up throughout the day.

Our excursion took us through 60+ acres of hardwoods and pines. After passing a circa 1700s cemetery, we came to a 1700s homestead. The buildings included the Nesbitt home, a large barn, the Nesbitt Community Post Office and General Store, a slave cabin, and a well house. The old building and detritus of habitation enthralled us for a good while. It was also interesting to see how nature was starting to reclaim the space. The Tyger River Foundation is working to preserve this snapshot of history while also protecting the surrounding native habitat for generations to explore.



After a short walk along a small stream, we stopped for lunch and enjoyed the sounds of the forest and the stream. We crossed the stream via rock hopping or a heart-stopping balance beam walk across an upside down temporary bridge. Once on the other side, we walked to the edge of the property, noting the beginning buds of blueberry bushes and the spikes of the Honey Locust.



We made our way back to the parking area, then worked our way downstream along the Tyger River. Sand piled up along the shore with bits of grass just poking through was evidence of recent flooding. Piles of debris showed how far up the banks the water flowed. The river was still high and flowing rapidly but was definitely receding. We found a few amphibians and enjoyed watching a flock of Cedar Waxwings to wrap up our outing. Dinner was held at Demeter's in Woodruff, SC where we gathered around and shared our best moments from the day.



Tom Jones has compiled our observations and entered them into the SCAN database. See the last pages of the newsletter for the summary. If you observed any species that is not listed, please submit them. _____

With our March outing cancelled and our April outing location temporarily closed, we will do our best to communicate details about our next gathering as soon as we have a plan!

Kim McManus

**Tyger River
Spartanburg Co., SC
February 22, 2020**

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.

Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring. Thank you.

FLORA

Southern Grapefern

Sceptridium biternatum

Ebony Spleenwort

Asplenium platyneuron

Christmas Fern

Polystichum acrostichoides

Resurrection Fern

*Pleopeltis polypodioides
michauxiana*

Shortleaf Pine

Pinus echinata

Eastern White Pine

Pinus strobus

Loblolly Pine

Pinus taeda

Eastern Hemlock

Tsuga canadensis

Eastern Red Cedar

Juniperus virginiana virginiana

Common Rush

Juncus effusus solutus

Broomsedge

Andropogon sp.

Giant Cane

Arundinaria gigantea

River Oats

Chasmanthium latifolium

Annual Bluegrass

Poa annua

Giant Plume Grass

Saccharum giganteum

Wild Leek

Allium ampeloprasum

Daffodil

Narcissus pseudonarcissus

Campernelle Jonquil

* *Narcissus x odoros*

Bunch-flowered Daffodil

* *Narcissus tazetta*

Curlyleaf Yucca

Yucca filamentosa

Catbrier

Smilax bona-nox

Whiteleaf Greenbrier

Smilax glauca

Common Greenbrier

Smilax rotundifolia

Downy Rattlesnake-orchid

Goodyera pubescens

Cranefly Orchid

Tipularia discolor

Tulip-tree

Liriodendron tulipifera

Southern Magnolia

Magnolia grandiflora

Sassafras

Sassafras albidum

Little Brown Jug

Hexastylis arifolia

Sycamore

Platanus occidentalis occidentalis

Sweet Gum

Liquidambar styraciflua

Winged Elm

Ulmus alata

Southern Hackberry

Celtis laevigata

Pecan

Carya illinoensis

Mockernut Hickory

Carya tomentosa

Black Walnut

Juglans nigra

American Beech

Fagus grandifolia

White Oak

Quercus alba

Southern Red Oak

Quercus falcata

Water Oak

Quercus nigra

Willow Oak

Quercus phellos

Red Oak

Quercus rubra

Post Oak

Quercus stellata

Black Oak

Quercus velutina

River Birch

Betula nigra

American Hornbeam

Carpinus caroliniana

Prickly-pear

Opuntia mesacantha mesacantha

Common Chickweed

Stellaria media

Wild Pansy

Viola bicolor

Eastern Cottonwood

Populus deltoides deltoides

Hairy Bittercress

Cardamine hirsuta

Quaker Bittercress

Cardamine pensylvanica

Spotted Wintergreen

Chimaphila maculata

Mountain Laurel

Kalmia latifolia

Mountain Doghobble

Leucothoe fontanesiana

Sourwood

Oxydendrum arboreum

Sparkleberry

Vaccinium arboreum

Elliott's Blueberry

Vaccinium elliotii

American Persimmon

Diospyros virginiana

Silverbell

Halesia tetraptera

American Alumroot

Heuchera americana

Black Cherry

Prunus serotina serotina

Bradford Pear

Pyrus calleryana

Honey Locust

Gleditsia triacanthos

Black Locust

Robinia pseudoacacia

Vetch

Vicia sp.

Crape-myrtle

Lagerstroemia indica

Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida

American Mistletoe

*Phoradendron leucarpum
leucarpum*

Hearts-a-burstin'-with-love

Euonymus americanus

American Holly

Ilex opaca opaca

Muscadine

Vitis rotundifolia rotundifolia

Eastern Red Maple

Acer rubrum rubrum

Tree-of-Heaven

Ailanthus altissima

Trifoliolate Orange

Citrus trifoliata

Southern Carolina Crane's-bill

*Geranium carolinianum
carolinianum*

Southern Chervil

Chaerophyllum tainturieri

Carolina Jessamine

Gelsemium sempervirens

Common Periwinkle
Vinca minor
Henbit
Lamium amplexicaule amplexicaule
Red Dead-nettle
Lamium purpureum
Bird's-eye Speedwell
Veronica persica
Ash
Fraxinus sp.
Japanese Privet
Ligustrum japonicum
Chinese Privet
Ligustrum sinense
Woolly Mullein
Verbascum thapsus
Cross-vine
Bignonia capreolata
Trumpet-creeper
Campsis radicans
Tiny Bluet
Houstonia pusilla
Field-madder
Sherardia arvensis
Japanese Honeysuckle
Lonicera japonica
Common Elderberry
Sambucus canadensis
Plantain Pussytoes
Antennaria plantaginifolia
Pale Indian-plantain
Arnoglossum atriplicifolium
Common Dandelion
Taraxacum officinale
Black Jelly-roll
Exidia glandulosa

FAUNA

Red Velvet Mite
Trombidium sp.
Carolina Mantis
Stagmomantis carolina
Red Imported Fire Ant
Solenopsis invicta
Pipe-organ Wasp
Trypoxylon politum
Oak Shothole Leafminer Fly
Japanagromyza viridula
Question Mark (butterfly)
Polygonia interrogationis
Evergreen Bagworm Moth
Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis
Southern Flannel Moth (cocoon)
Megalopyge opercularis
Green Anole
Anolis carolinensis
Eastern Fence Lizard
Sceloporus undulatus
Five-lined Skink
Plestiodon fasciatus

Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura
Mourning Dove
Zenaida macroura
Belted Kingfisher
Ceryle alcyon
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Melanerpes carolinus
Red-headed Woodpecker
Melanerpes erythrocephalus
Downy Woodpecker
Picoides pubescens
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Sphyrapicus varius
American Crow
Corvus brachyrhynchos
Carolina Chickadee
Parus carolinensis
Tufted Titmouse
Baeolophus bicolor
Carolina Wren
Thryothorus ludovicianus
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Regulus calendula
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Poliophtila caerulea
Eastern Bluebird
Sialia sialis
Hermit Thrush
Catharus guttatus
American Robin
Turdus migratorius
Northern Mockingbird
Mimus polyglottos
Brown Thrasher
Toxostoma rufum
Cedar Waxwing
Bombycilla cedrorum
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Dendroica coronata
Pine Warbler
Dendroica pinus
Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis
Eastern Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus
White-throated Sparrow
Zonotrichia albicollis
Beaver (gnaw mark)
Castor canadensis
Raccoon (tracks)
Procyon lotor
White-tailed Deer (tracks)
Odocoileus virginianus