



SCAN *South Carolina Association of Naturalists*

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Hello Fellow SCAN Members!

Our June excursion was to Audubon Wannamaker Preserve. Located in Calhoun County, SC, the Preserve is owned and managed by the Columbia Audubon Society. It was a gorgeous sunny day with temperatures in the low 90ies and no rain. We had a fantastic turnout! Our attendees included:

Alison Smith	Dick Watkins	Johannes Stratmann	Ron Ahle
Angela Valvasori	Dwight Moffitt	Ken Carman	Sharon Watson
Brenda Carman	Gordon Murphy	Kevin Curtis	Sharon Yomtob
Carol Gist	Hilda Flamholtz	Kim McManus	Stuart Greeter
Claudia Stratmann	Jean Prothro	Lee Morris	Timothy Campbell
Dave Schuetrum	Jeff Kline	Linda Curtis	Tom Austin
David Campbell	Jerry Bright	Paloma Skipper	



We started off the morning with a quick briefing by trip leader and vice president Dave Schuetrum. As the caretaker for the property, Dave was able to provide a bit of historical background and show us the most interesting parts of the property.

Granted to George Sterling in 1705, the property was one of the first settlements in the area. Sterling established a trading post near Lyons Creek. Fast forward many years to the last owner - John Wannamaker. He farmed the property and grazed cattle on it. Upon his death, he willed it to be a preserve so that others could enjoy the beauty of the area.

During our explorations, we came across a great many cool insects and a lot of varieties of fungi. The well-maintained trails wound through pine forests, hardwood drains, and along Lyons Creek. At the first homesite, we discovered a copperhead happily coiled up in the bottom of a hole that was once the septic area for the house.

After a late lunch back at the picnic shelter, we got in our cars and moved a very short distance up the road to explore another portion of the property. We found swaths of orange mushrooms on the forest floor. We explored a second homesite with several decaying structures and a Mercury 8 automobile laying on its side. After passing the house, we walked along the old roadbed that was originally part of Hwy 6. Now eroded, covered in grasses with trees along the edges, it felt more like a gully than a road. Across the old roadbed, several open fields provided a grassy habitat to explore. We returned to the old roadbed and followed it, eventually arriving at an intimidating metal grate bridge that required a little mental pep talk to walk across. We turned back shortly thereafter and wrapped up around 4:30. Due to the ongoing concerns of COVID-19, we did not gather for our traditional evening meal together.



Blooming thistle hosted a variety of insects. The fungi were plentiful and varied. Interesting beetles were subjected to closer inspection.



The first homesite had a building that was still mostly intact. The Campbells found all sorts of interesting small creatures in the forest and Lyons Creek. Spiders like the Giant Lichen Orb-weaver were found along and across the trails.



The second structure was much more decayed than the first. The large fungi prompted a fun round of “descriptive common name” brainstorming. The intimidating-looking bridge provided a nice vantage point for looking up and down the creek.

Thanks go to Dave for leading this trip and providing insights into both the history and future of the property. We also appreciate him taking the time to bush-hog the trails in advance of our visit and making sure the restroom was unlocked for us.

For our July outing, Rita Zollinger will lead us on an exploration of the trails in the Ashmore Heritage Preserve and Chandler Rock in northern Greenville County. The trail is easy to moderate and should be a nice soodle at our SCAN pace.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kim McManus

Ashmore Heritage Preserve
And Chandler Rock
Northern Greenville County
July 25, 2020 10:30

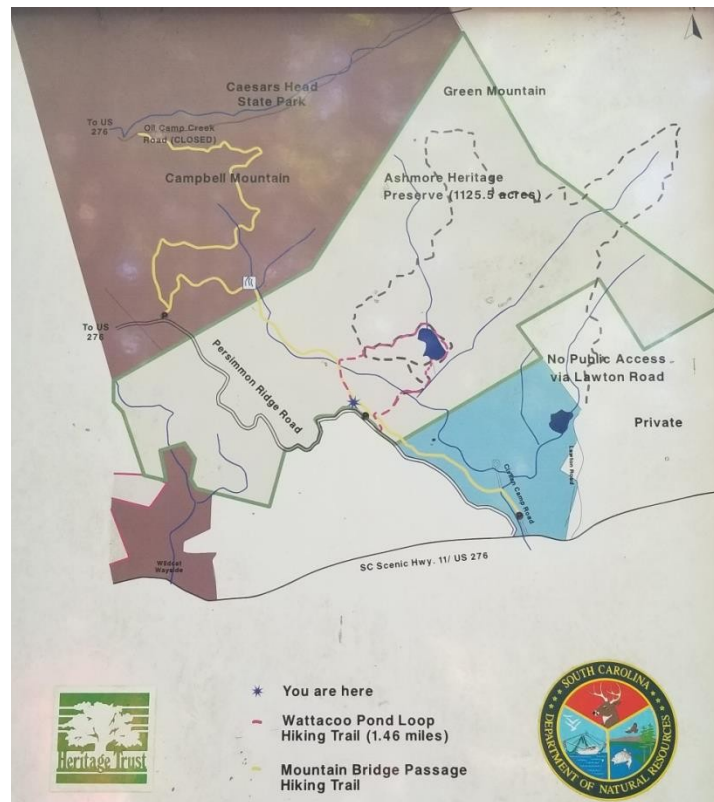


Ashmore Heritage Preserve is 1,125 acres part of the Mountain Bridge Passage Trail and the Caesar Head Wildlife Management Area.

Come to the upstate where it is cooler to explore this beautiful area. There are pines, hickories, magnolias and oaks, balds, waterfalls, creeks, beaver pond and lake. There are plenty of flowers in bloom, birds, mushrooms and butterflies. Can you find the Indian Paint Brush, Grass of Parnassus, Pitcher plants, sundews and the green salamander? Look out for the piedmont ragwort which grows on a granitic outcrop and the fire-dependent turkeybeard, which is on the special concern list. Near the beginning of the trail you will see a bat roost. I imagine this was built for the state-endangered Rafinesque's big-eared bats.

Trails are jeep wide roads with rip rap and single-track dirt. The yellow-orange trail takes you to the balds, cascades, creek crossings and a waterfall. Trail goes uphill to the waterfall. Ascend slowly to enjoy all the flowers, listening to the creek. Look for short spur trails to enjoy the water features and to the bald. This is a miniature version of Bald Rock.

The red trail is a loop trail to Lake Wattacoo. Lots of brim and dragonflies can be seen. This trail goes up, then down to lake, level around the lake then uphill and back down to parking area.



Directions: Persimmon Ridge Road, Cleveland, SC

From I-26 west towards Asheville, take exit 5, left on Hwy 11, west. Continue 25.6 miles.

At the intersection of 276 and Hwy 11 in Cleveland, merge right. Go 4.4 miles.

Turn right onto Persimmon Ridge road. Go 0.8 miles to parking. Persimmon Ridge road starts off paved then turns into gravel, but easy to drive. Parking is on the right.

There are no restrooms here, so plan accordingly.

Dinner:

Monte Alban Mexican and Seafood
2832 Geer Hwy, Marietta, SC 29661

Just 4.9 miles south on 276 from the 276 and Hwy 11 intersection in Cleveland.

<https://www.facebook.com/Monte-Alban-610179596096138/>

Group Leader: Rita Zollinger

**Audubon Wannamaker Preserve
Calhoun Co., SC
June 27, 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

Netted Chain Fern

Woodwardia areolata

Resurrection Fern

Pleopeltis polypodioides michauxiana

Loblolly Pine

Pinus taeda

Eastern Red Cedar

Juniperus virginiana virginiana

Jack-in-the-pulpit

Arisaema triphyllum

Green Arrow-arum

Peltandra virginica

Spanish-moss

Tillandsia usneoides

Sweet Gum

Liquidambar styraciflua

Black Walnut

Juglans nigra

Common Wax-myrtle

Morella cerifera

American Beech

Fagus grandifolia

St. Andrew's Cross

Hypericum hypericoides

Creeping Cucumber

Melothria pendula pendula

American Persimmon

Diospyros virginiana

Virginia-creeper

Parthenocissus quinquefolia

Muscadine

Vitis rotundifolia rotundifolia

Trifoliolate Orange

Citrus trifoliata

Beautyberry

Callicarpa americana

Carolina Wild-petunia

Ruellia caroliniensis

Trumpet-creeper

Campsis radicans

Coastal Tall Thistle

Cirsium nuttallii

Scarlet Cup

* *Sarcoscypha coccinea*

Smooth Chanterelle

Cantharellus lateritius

Crown-tipped Coral

Clavicornia pyxidata

Common Mycena

Mycena galericulata

Coral Slime

Ceratiomyxa fruticulosa

Wolf's-milk Slime

Lycogala epidendrum

FAUNA

Spiny-backed Spider

Micrathena gracilis

Arrow-shaped Spiny-back

Micrathena sagittata

Giant Lichen Orb-weaver

Araneus bicentenarios

Orchard Orbweaver

Leucauge venusta

Green Lynx Spider

Peucetia viridans

Jumping Spider

Phidippus whitmani

Two-spotted Tree Cricket

* *Neoxabea bipunctata*

Red-headed Bush Cricket

Phyllopalpus pulchellus

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

Halyomorpha halys

Sculptured Resin Bee

* *Megachile sculpturalis*

Red-footed Cannibal-fly

Promachus rufipes

Bristle Fly

* *Cordyligaster septentrionalis*

Halloween Pennant (dragonfly)

Celithemis eponina

Slaty Skimmer

Libellula incesta

Ebony Jewelwing

Calopteryx maculata

Variable Dancer (damselfly)

Argia fumipennis

Blue-tipped Dancer (damselfly)

Argia tibialis

Six-spotted Tiger Beetle

Cicindela sexguttata

Carrion Beetle

Necrophila americana

Tumbling Flower Beetle

* *Family Mordellidae, Species of*

Longhorn Beetle

* *Prionus sp.*

Red-banded Hairstreak

Calycopis cecrops

American Snout (butterfly)

Libytheana carinenta

Red-spotted Purple (butterfly)

Limenitis arthemis astyanax

Hackberry Emperor (butterfly)

Asterocampa celtis

Creole Pearly-eye (butterfly)

Enodia creola

Carolina Satyr (butterfly)

Hermeuptychia sosybius

Zabulon Skipper

Poanes zabulon

Banded Tussock Moth

Halysidota tessellaris

Copperhead

Agkistrodon contortrix

Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

Mississippi Kite

Ictinia mississippiensis

Red-shouldered Hawk

Buteo lineatus

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Coccyzus americanus

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Melanerpes carolinus

Great Crested Flycatcher

Myiarchus crinitus

Eastern Wood-pewee

Contopus virens

Acadian Flycatcher

Empidonax virescens

Blue Jay

Cyanocitta cristata

American Crow

Corvus brachyrhynchos

Carolina Chickadee

Parus carolinensis

Carolina Wren

Thryothorus ludovicianus

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

Poliophtila caerulea

White-eyed Vireo

Vireo griseus

Red-Eyed Vireo

Vireo olivaceus

Northern Parula

Parula americana

Yellow-throated Warbler

Dendroica dominica

Pine Warbler

Dendroica pinus

Yellow-breasted Chat

Icteria virens

Northern Cardinal

Cardinalis cardinalis

Summer Tanager

Piranga rubra

Virginia Opossum (bones)

Didelphis virginiana