



# SCAN

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## January 2026

Happy New Year and Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Yes, it is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! To celebrate we will have a special Gala on July 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our founder, Rudy Mancke, and the 50 amazing years of SCAN outings and sightings. We will be re-visiting some sites visited our first year (1976!) and have other great destinations this year. Stay tuned to celebrate with SCAN and plan on attending our events!

This is Annual Meeting time of year. This month, we'll be meeting in the Community Building at [Goodale State Park](#). There is no fee to enter the park. Bring your Ultimate Outsider book and stamp it! Socializing starts at 9am; coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided. There will be a swap table for books, clothing and gear you'd like to pass things along to someone else. There is no Wi-Fi in the park, so your phone might drain a bit more quickly searching for a signal. Plan accordingly.

We have a great lineup of speakers:

**Will Mundhenke**, SCDNR – *Nature's Stewards: SCDNR, State Conservation, and the Naturalist's Role*

**Cassie Castleberry**, Clemson Extension / Carolina Clear / Castlebee Farm and **Joshua Castleberry**, Central Carolina Technical College / Castlebee Farm – *Watershed Moments in Natural History*

**Sharleen Johnson**, Native Plants to the People LLC – *Underappreciated Pollinators (Wasps, Flies, and Beetles)*

**Eric LoPresti**, University of South Carolina – *Natural History is Dead, Long Live Natural History!*

PotLunch is back!! Bring a dish to share. We have access to a kitchen with refrigerator, microwave, stove, and oven. We will provide plates, utensils, etc. BYOB – or Bring Your Own Bottle for your drink! If you want to wander outside, Goodale is sublime at all times of the year, even in the rain! (We are still hoping for wonderful weather.)

You can help with our annual meeting; please send photos of well-composed nature shots and shots of SCAN members! We can include them in the slide show we present during socializing breaks and lunch. Upload photos you want to share to: <https://mcfampus.smugmug.com/upload/LRMpLn/soodling> or email them to: [scnaturalists76@gmail.com](mailto:scnaturalists76@gmail.com).

Remember to RENEW your membership! You can [renew online](#) on our website using PayPal or send a check along with the attached renewal form and liability waiver to PO Box 24911, Columbia, SC 29224. Please consider giving a small donation to cover upcoming book and gala expenses.

Read through the whole newsletter this month – we have some important information in these pages about the annual meeting, monthly trips, and business matters. And plan on joining us at Goodale State Park!!

*Lee Morris, President*

## Last Month: Barnwell State Park

In early December, SCAN enjoyed lovely, sunny brisk weather during the soodle through Barnwell State Park. The main group walked the trail that skirted several ponds, enjoying the birds and scenery. Highlights included hundreds of Shore Spiders scuttling around in the leaf litter, discovering a Redbelly Snake, and spending some time playing Spot the Warblers.

*Kim McManus, Secretary and Webkeeper*

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## Call for Nominations to SCAN Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following proposed slate of officers for the upcoming term. These individuals have agreed to serve and bring a strong commitment to supporting the mission and activities of the organization. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged. Members wishing to nominate another individual must obtain that person's consent prior to submitting the nomination.

### Officers

President	Lee Morris
Vice President	Scott Wietecha
Secretary	Kim McManus
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*Scott Wietecha, Vice President*

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## Membership Dues

It's time to renew your membership with SCAN. Membership dues allow us to keep the website up and running, publish our once-a-decade records reports, and covers the costs of hosting the annual meeting and symposium each January.

SCAN dues are only \$12 a year, *that's just \$1 per trip!* A membership makes a great gift for all the naturalists in your life. SCAN is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, meaning all dues and donations to are tax deductible. Dues can be [paid online via PayPal on the SCAN website](#), through a membership form mailed to our PO Box (form attached to this newsletter), or in person at the annual meeting. *Don't delay, renew today!*

During the Business Meeting, we will vote on increasing dues to align with the rising prices of services needed to maintain the website, higher event venue prices, and greater publishing costs.

*Gordon Murphy, Treasurer  
Board of Directors*

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## 2026 Field Trip Calendar

Date	Region	Location	County
January 24	Central	<a href="#">Goodale State Park</a>	Kershaw, SC
February 28	Western	<a href="#">Lee Falls Natural Area</a>	Oconee, SC
March 28	Eastern	<a href="#">Carolina Sandhills Nat. Wildlife Refuge</a>	Chesterfield, SC
April 25	Northern	<a href="#">Forty-Acre Rock Heritage Preserve</a>	Lancaster, SC
May 23	Southern	<a href="#">FMNF Hell Hole Wilderness &amp; Blessing Plantation (tentative)</a>	Berkeley, SC
June 27	Northern	<a href="#">Catawba Nation Lands</a>	York, SC
July 25	Central	<a href="#">SC State Museum</a> & <a href="#">Saluda Riverwalk</a>	Richland, SC
August 22	Southern	<a href="#">Lisa Matthews Memorial Bay</a>	Bamberg, SC
September 26	Western	<a href="#">BioWay Farm</a>	Laurens, SC
October 24	Eastern	<a href="#">Waites Island</a>	Horry, SC
November 21	Southern	<a href="#">Audubon SC Pine Bluff Tract</a>	Dorchester, SC
December 12	Central	<a href="#">Rocky Branch Natural Area</a>	Newberry, SC

Field trips are subject to change, so consult the newsletter each month to confirm our destination.

*Tom Austin, Database Manager & Southern Regional Director*

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## Photos from Barnwell State Park



**Attendees:** Caroline Eastman, Nancy Adamson, Todd Johnston, Lynda Curtis, Kevin Curtis, Lee Morris, Tom Austin, Ron Ahle, Johannes Stratmann, Claudia Stratmann, Ellen Fishburne, Dave Schuetrum, Kim McManus

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American Winter Ant (*Prenolepsis imparis*)



House Finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*)



Cloudless Sulphur (*Phoebis sennae*)



Redbelly Snake (*Storeria occipitomaculata*)



Green Anole (*Anolis carolinensis*)



Lunch Break



Eastern Phoebe (*Sayornis phoebe*)

# SCAN 2026 Annual Meeting

Goodale State Park | Community Building  
650 Park Road, Camden, SC 29020

## Agenda

**9:00 – 9:40:** **Socializing and refreshments** (Coffee and breakfast snacks provided)

**9:40 – 10:00:** **Welcome and introductions**

**10:00 – 10:50:** **Will Mundhenke, SCDNR**

Subject of Talk: *Nature's Stewards: SCDNR, State Conservation, and the Naturalist's Role*

Bio: Will Mundhenke is the South Carolina Department of Natural Resource's State Naturalist and Director of Education. He supervises the Conservation Education, Aquatic Education, and Saltwater Fishing Outreach programs that help bring South Carolinians into their great outdoors. His work focuses on the many ways nature can become a bridge to foster new stewards of our natural resources. He earned his Master's Degree in Public and Environmental History from the University of South Carolina and began his career working on a volcano for the National Park Service. In particular, he is always thrilled to talk about Redeye Bass or Wild Turkeys in the South.

**10:55 – 11:45:** **Cassie Castleberry, Clemson Extension / Carolina Clear / Castlebee Farm**  
**Joshua Castleberry, Central Carolina Technical College / Castlebee Farm**

Subject of Talk: *Watershed Moments in Natural History*

Bio: Cassie Castleberry is the Water Resources agent for Clemson Extension/Carolina Clear for the city of Sumter/ Sumter County. She has had a diverse career as a public school teacher, stay at home mom, day school director, and now water resources agent. Throughout that time she has also been an environmental educator.

Josh Castleberry is Dean of Professional Studies at Central Carolina Technical College. Don't tell his other programs, but education, environmental, and natural resources management are his favorite programs. If you don't know him from the college then you probably know him as the snake guy.

When they aren't at work, Cassie and Josh are probably out on Castlebee Farm working to maximize the economic and ecological output.

**11:45 – 12:05:** **Prepare for PotLunch**

**12:05 – 1:30:** **PotLunch** – (Socialize over a shared meal and wander the park)

**1:30 – 2:20:** **Sharleen Johnson, Native Plants to the People, LLC**

Subject of Talk: *Underappreciated Pollinators (Wasps, Flies, and Beetles)*

Bio: Formally trained as an ecologist and science educator, Sharleen Johnson's passion for adding habitat value to developed landscapes led her to launch Native Plants to the People LLC in March 2022. Her missions are to increase the local availability of diverse native plants and to help people actively engage with the natural world through presentations about native plants and wildlife, pollinator ecology, and sustainable landscaping. Prior to launching her native plant business, Sharleen worked for 9 years as a marine ecologist for the SC Department of Natural Resources, previously working in non-profit medical research and as a high school science

teacher. Teaching is once again becoming a key part of her working life; this year Sharleen developed and taught a semester-long Applied Ecology (Managing Landscapes for Biodiversity) course at the College of Charleston and also began teaching classes for Clemson's Certificate in Native Plant Studies.

**2:25 – 3:15:**

**Eric LoPresti**, University of South Carolina

Subject of Talk: *Natural History is Dead, Long Live Natural History!*

Bio: Eric LoPresti has been playing with bugs and plants as long as he can remember; his mother worked at the Audubon Society where he learned natural history from a string of excellent mentors. He went to Brown University, working with Douglass Morse on ferns and caterpillars, then worked for the Cornell Lab of Ornithology for two years before getting a PhD at UC-Davis on plant-insect interactions. He did post-doc work at Michigan State on plant evolution and has run labs at Oklahoma State and USC on plant-insect interactions.

**3:15 – 4:00:**

**Business Meeting**

- **Approval of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes**
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Election of Officers** – Nominations will be accepted from the floor, provided that the nominee has agreed prior to the nomination.

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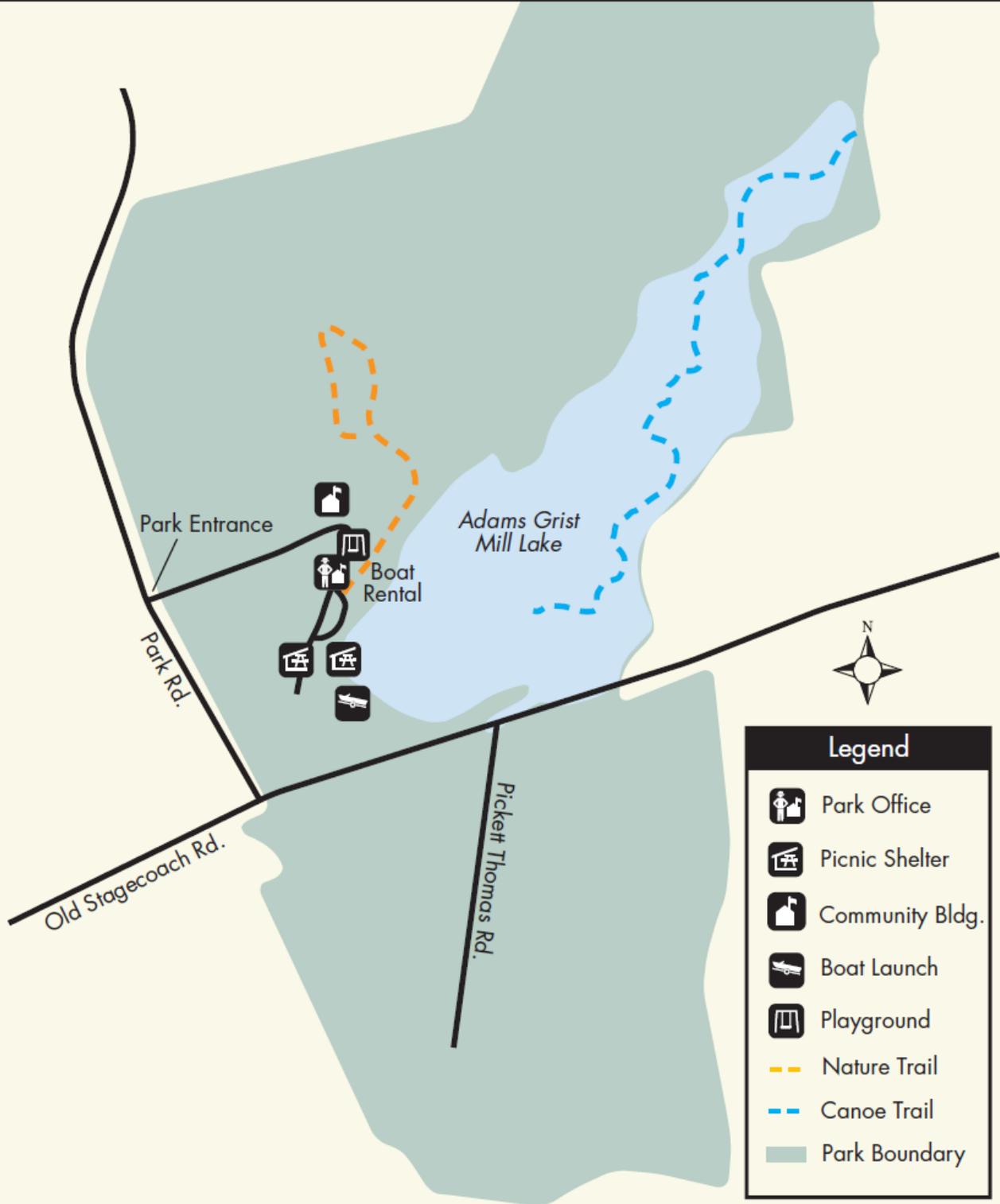
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- **2025 Field Trips in review**
- **2026 Itinerary of field trips**
- **Old Business**
- **New Business**
  - Dues
  - Gala

**4:00 – 5:00 Adjourn and Building Cleanup**

# GOODALE STATE PARK



## Barnwell State Park

Barnwell Co., SC

December 13, 2025

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 Austin at [scnaturalists76@gmail.com](mailto:scnaturalists76@gmail.com). Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring to in the subject line of your message. Thank you.

### LICHENS

#### Reindeer Moss

*Cladonia sp.*

#### Ruffled Shield Lichen

*Parmotrema sp.*

#### Bark Rash Lichen

*Pyrenula cruenta*

#### \*Speckled Blister Lichen

*Viridothelium virens*

#### \*Blister Lichen

*Nigrovothelium sp.*

### FLORA

#### \*Iron Bacteria

*Gallionellaceae sp.*

#### Orange Rock Hair Alga

*Trentepohlia aurea*

#### Liverwort

*Frullania eboracensis*

#### Peat Moss

*Sphagnum sp.*

#### Meadow Spikemoss

*Lycopodioides apodum*

#### \*Delicate Fern Moss

*Thuidium delicatulum*

#### Cinnamon Fern

*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*

#### Mosquito Fern

*Azolla filiculoides*

#### Bracken

*Pteridium aquilinum*

#### Netted Chain Fern

*Woodwardia areolata*

#### Resurrection Fern

*Pleopeltis michauxiana*

#### Slash Pine

*Pinus elliotii*

#### Longleaf Pine

*Pinus palustris*

#### Pond Pine

*Pinus serotina*

#### Loblolly Pine

*Pinus taeda*

#### Eastern Red Cedar

*Juniperus virginiana*

#### Bald-cypress

*Taxodium distichum*

#### White Water-lily

*Nymphaea odorata*

#### Tulip-tree

*Liriodendron tulipifera*

#### Southern Magnolia

*Magnolia grandiflora*

#### Sweetbay

*Magnolia virginiana*

#### Swamp Bay

*Persea palustris*

#### Duckweed

*Landoltia punctata*

#### Pondweed

*Potamogeton sp.*

#### Whiteleaf Greenbrier

*Smilax glauca*

#### Bamboo-vine

*Smilax laurifolia*

#### Common Greenbrier

*Smilax rotundifolia*

#### Jackson-brier

*Smilax smallii*

#### Red-berried Greenbrier

*Smilax walteri*

#### Cranefly Orchid

*Tipularia discolor*

#### Field Garlic

*Allium vineale*

#### Common Cattail

*Typha latifolia*

#### Spanish-moss

*Tillandsia usneoides*

#### Rush

*Juncus dichotomus*

#### Soft Rush

*Juncus effusus*

#### Umbrella Sedge

*Cyperus sp.*

#### Threeway Sedge

*Dulichium arundinaceum*

#### Spikerush

*Eleocharis sp.*

#### Woolly Bulrush

*Scirpus cyperinus*

#### Old-field Broomstraw

*Andropogon virginicus*

#### \*Carpetgrass

*Axonopus sp.*

#### Slim-spike Threeawn

*Aristida longespica*

#### Switch Cane

*Arundinaria tecta*

#### Slender Spikegrass

*Chasanthium laxum*

#### Hairy Rosette-Grass

*Dichantheium acuminatum*

#### Needle-leaf Witchgrass

*Dichantheium aciculare*

#### Variable Witchgrass

*Dichantheium commutatum*

#### Witchgrass

*Dichantheium dichotomum*

#### Open-flower Witchgrass

*Dichantheium laxiflorum*

#### Velvet Witchgrass

*Dichantheium scoparium*

#### Centipede Grass

*Eremochloa ophiuroides*

#### Nimblewill

*Muhlenbergia schreberi*

#### Switchgrass

*Panicum virgatum*

#### Bahia Grass

*Paspalum notatum*

#### Vasey Grass

*Paspalum urvillei*

#### Golden Bamboo

*Phyllostachys aurea*

#### Giant Plume Grass

*Saccharum giganteum*

#### Little Bluestem

*Schizachyrium scoparium*

#### Nandina

*Nandina domestica*

#### Sycamore

*Platanus occidentalis*

#### Sweet Gum

*Liquidambar styraciflua*

<b>Virginia-willow</b> <i>Itea virginica</i>	<b>Southern Yellow Wood-sorrel</b> <i>Oxalis dillenii</i>	<b>Sparkleberry</b> <i>Vaccinium arboreum</i>
<b>Muscadine</b> <i>Vitis rotundifolia</i>	<b>St. Andrew's Cross</b> <i>Hypericum hypericoides</i>	<b>Smooth Highbush Blueberry</b> <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>
<b>Eastern Redbud</b> <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	<b>Primrose-leaf Violet</b> <i>Viola primulifolia</i>	<b>Southern Blueberry</b> <i>Vaccinium tenellum</i>
<b>Carolina Laurel Cherry</b> <i>Prunus caroliniana</i>	<b>Black Willow</b> <i>Salix nigra</i>	<b>Buttonbush</b> <i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>
<b>Black Cherry</b> <i>Prunus serotina</i>	<b>Carolina Crane's-bill</b> <i>Geranium carolinianum</i>	<b>Partridge-berry</b> <i>Mitchella repens</i>
<b>Southern Blackberry</b> <i>Rubus argutus</i>	<b>Alternate-leaved Seedbox</b> <i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>	<b>Carolina Jessamine</b> <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>
<b>Autumn Silverberry</b> <i>Elaeagnus pungens</i>	<b>Wingstem Water-primrose</b> <i>Ludwigia decurrens</i>	<b>Ash</b> <i>Fraxinus sp.</i>
<b>Supplejack</b> <i>Berchemia scandens</i>	<b>Water-willow</b> <i>Ludwigia leptocarpa</i>	<b>Chinese Privet</b> <i>Ligustrum sinense</i>
<b>Southern Hackberry</b> <i>Celtis laevigata</i>	<b>Common Water-purslane</b> <i>Ludwigia palustris</i>	<b>Wild Olive</b> <i>Cartrema americanum</i>
<b>False-nettle</b> <i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i>	<b>Winged Sumac</b> <i>Rhus copallinum</i>	<b>Oak Mistletoe</b> <i>Phoradendron leucarpum</i>
<b>White Oak</b> <i>Quercus alba</i>	<b>Poison-Ivy</b> <i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	<b>Cross-vine</b> <i>Bignonia capreolata</i>
<b>Scarlet Oak</b> <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	<b>Chalk Maple</b> <i>Acer leucoderme</i>	<b>Trumpet-creeper</b> <i>Campsis radicans</i>
<b>Southern Red Oak</b> <i>Quercus falcata</i>	<b>Red Maple</b> <i>Acer rubrum</i>	<b>Henbit Deadnettle</b> <i>Lamium amplexicaule</i>
<b>Sand Laurel Oak</b> <i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i>	<b>Arrowleaf Sida</b> <i>Sida rhombifolia</i>	<b>Downy Oak-leech</b> <i>Aureolaria virginica</i>
<b>Turkey Oak</b> <i>Quercus laevis</i>	<b>*Narrow-leafed Bittercress</b> <i>Cardamine impatiens</i>	<b>Little Gallberry</b> <i>Ilex glabra</i>
<b>Sand Post Oak</b> <i>Quercus margaretiae</i>	<b>Quaker Bittercress</b> <i>Cardamine pensylvanica</i>	<b>American Holly</b> <i>Ilex opaca</i>
<b>Blackjack Oak</b> <i>Quercus marilandica</i>	<b>Waterpepper</b> <i>Persicaria hydropiperoides</i>	<b>Yaupon</b> <i>Ilex vomitoria</i>
<b>Water Oak</b> <i>Quercus nigra</i>	<b>Wild Dock</b> <i>Rumex hastatulus</i>	<b>Common Elephant's-foot</b> <i>Elephantopus tomentosus</i>
<b>Shumard Oak</b> <i>Quercus shumardii</i>	<b>Eastern Prickly-Pear</b> <i>Opuntia humifusa</i>	<b>Common Horseweed</b> <i>Erigeron canadensis</i>
<b>Post Oak</b> <i>Quercus stellata</i>	<b>Blackgum</b> <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	<b>Tropical Horseweed</b> <i>Erigeron bonariensis</i>
<b>Pocosin Bayberry</b> <i>Morella caroliniensis</i>	<b>Climbing Hydrangea</b> <i>Hydrangea barbara</i>	<b>Common Dog-fennel</b> <i>Eupatorium capillifolium</i>
<b>Common Wax-myrtle</b> <i>Morella cerifera</i>	<b>Flowering Dogwood</b> <i>Cornus florida</i>	<b>Coastal Dog-fennel</b> <i>Eupatorium compositifolium</i>
<b>Dwarf Wax-myrtle</b> <i>Morella pumila</i>	<b>Sweetleaf</b> <i>Symplocos tinctoria</i>	<b>American Cudweed</b> <i>Gamochaeta americana</i>
<b>Pignut Hickory</b> <i>Carya glabra</i>	<b>Coastal Sweet Pepperbush</b> <i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	<b>Spoonleaf Purple Everlasting</b> <i>Gamochaeta purpurea</i>
<b>Mockernut Hickory</b> <i>Carya tomentosa</i>	<b>Pipsisewa</b> <i>Chimaphila maculata</i>	<b>Beaked Hawkweed</b> <i>Hieracium gronovii</i>
<b>Tag Alder</b> <i>Alnus serrulata</i>	<b>Shining Fetterbush</b> <i>Lyonia lucida</i>	<b>Brazilian Cat's-ear</b> <i>Hypochaeris chillensis</i>
<b>River Birch</b> <i>Betula nigra</i>	<b>Piedmont Azalea</b> <i>Rhododendron canescens</i>	<b>Climbing Hempweed</b> <i>Mikania scandens</i>

**Grass-leaved Golden-aster***Pityopsis graminifolia***Stinking Camphorweed***Pluchea foetida***Tall Goldenrod***Solidago altissima***Rough-leaved Goldenrod***Solidago rugosa***Starved Aster***Symphotrichum lateriflorum***American Aster***Symphotrichum sp.***Asiatic Hawk's-beard***Youngia japonica***Common Elderberry***Sambucus canadensis***Southern Wild Raisin***Viburnum nudum***Southern Black Haw***Viburnum rufidulum***Japanese Honeysuckle***Lonicera japonica***English Ivy***Hedera helix***Swamp Water-pennywort***Hydrocotyle ranunculoides***\*Purplepore Bracket***Trichaptum abietinum***Latte Bracket***Trametes lactinea***Trametes***Trametes sp.***Crowded Parchment***Stereum complicatum***False Turkey-tail***Stereum ostrea***Laurel Wilt***Raffaelea lauricola*

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**Asiatic Clam***Corbicula fluminea***\*Acute Bladder Snail***Physella acuta***\*Fingernail Clam***Musculium sp.***Leech***Hirudinea sp.***\*Common Pink Flat-back Millipede***Pseudopolydesmus serratus***Southern Hibernating Spider***Kukulcania hibernalis***\*Keltoparasitic Spider***Argyroquinae sp.***Common House Spider***Parasteatoda tepidariorum***Spotted Forest Orbweaver***Neoscona domiciliorum***Mabel Orchard Orbweaver***Leucauge argyrobapta***Golden Silk Orbweaver***Trichonephila clavipes***Shore Spider***Pardosa milvina***Free-living Caddisfly***Trichoptera sp.***Carolina Locust***Dissosteira carolina***Leaf-footed Bug***Leptoglossus sp.***Red Bay Gall Psyllid***Trioza magnoliae***Hackberry Gall Psyllid***Pachypsylla venusta***\*Common Hover Fly Parasitoid Wasp***Diplazon laetatorius***Woolly Alder Aphid***Prociphilus tessellatus***Scale-insect***Ceroplastes ceriferus***Green Lacewing***Chrysoperla sp.***Red Imported Fire Ant***Solenopsis invicta***Eastern Yellowjacket***Vespula maculifrons***Paper Wasp***Polistes annularis***Phantom Crane-fly***Bittacomorpha clavipes***Greenbottle Fly***Lucilia sp.***\*Blue-green Bottle Fly***Lucilia coeruleiviridis***\*Bristle Fly***Microphthalma disjuncta***\*Blow Fly***Calliphoridae sp.***Citrine Forktail***Ischnura hastata***Predacious Diving Beetle***Neoporus undulatus***Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle***Harmonia axyridis***Redbay Ambrosia Beetle***Xyleborus glabratus***Cloudless Sulphur***Phoebis sennae***Sleepy Orange***Abaeis nicippe***\*Little Ochre Lichen Moth***Clemensia ochreatea***\*Leaf Blotch Miner Moth***Gracillariidae sp.***Eastern Mosquitofish***Gambusia holbrooki***Bluegill***Lepomis macrochirus***Southern Cricket Frog***Acris gryllus***Green Treefrog***Hyla cinerea***Spring Peeper***Pseudacris crucifer***Bronze Frog***Lithobates clamitans clamitans***Pond Cooter***Pseudemys floridana***Green Anole***Anolis carolinensis***Black Racer***Coluber constrictor***Red-bellied Snake***Storeria occipitomaculata***Great Blue Heron***Ardea herodias***Great Egret***Ardea alba***White Ibis***Eudocimus albus***Turkey Vulture***Cathartes aura***Black Vulture***Coragyps atratus***Red-shouldered Hawk***Buteo lineatus***Mourning Dove***Zenaida macroura***Belted Kingfisher***Megasceryle alcyon***Red-bellied Woodpecker***Melanerpes carolinus***Red-headed Woodpecker***Melanerpes erythrocephalus***Northern Flicker***Colaptes auratus***Downy Woodpecker***Dryobates pubescens***Yellow-bellied Sapsucker***Sphyrapicus varius***Pileated Woodpecker***Dryocopus pileatus*

**Eastern Phoebe***Sayornis phoebe***Blue Jay***Cyanocitta cristata***American Crow***Corvus brachyrhynchos***Tufted Titmouse***Baeolophus bicolor***Carolina Chickadee***Poecile carolinensis***White-breasted Nuthatch***Sitta carolinensis***Red-breasted Nuthatch***Sitta canadensis***Brown-headed Nuthatch***Sitta pusilla***Winter Wren***Troglodytes hiemalis***Carolina Wren***Thryothorus ludovicianus***Ruby-crowned Kinglet***Corthylio calendula***Golden-crowned Kinglet***Regulus satrapa***Eastern Bluebird***Sialia sialis***Hermit Thrush***Catharus guttatus***American Robin***Turdus migratorius***Cedar Waxwing***Bombycilla cedrorum***Blue-headed Vireo***Vireo solitarius***Black-and-white Warbler***Mniotilta varia***Yellow-rumped Warbler***Setophaga coronata***Pine Warbler***Setophaga pinus***Orange-crowned Warbler***Leiothlypis celata***Northern Cardinal***Cardinalis cardinalis***Song Sparrow***Melospiza melodia***Chipping Sparrow***Spizella passerina***White-throated Sparrow***Zonotrichia albicollis***Swamp Sparrow***Melospiza georgiana***Red-winged Blackbird***Agelaius phoeniceus***House Finch***Haemorhous mexicanus***American Goldfinch***Spinus tristis***Nine-banded Armadillo***Dasypus novemcinctus***Eastern Gray Squirrel***Sciurus carolinensis***American Beaver***Castor canadensis***Bobcat***Lynx rufus***White-tailed Deer***Odocoileus virginianus*

**SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF NATURALISTS**  
**January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes**  
*Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC*

**Officers Present:** Lee Morris (*President*), Kate Hartley (*Vice President*), Gordon Murphy (*Treasurer & Historian*), Tom Austin (*Secretary & Southern Regional Director*), Kim McManus (*Database Manager*), Rita Zollinger (*Northern Regional Director*), Ron Ahle (*Western Regional Director*), Dave Kastner (*Central Regional Co-Director*), Marty Kastner (*Central Regional Co-Director*), Todd Johnston (*Eastern Regional Director*), Scott Wietecha (*Nominee for Vice President*), and Caroline Eastman (*Volunteer for Eastern Regional Director*)

**Officers Absent:** [None]

1. **Call to Order:** Lee Morris called the meeting to order at 3:51pm.
2. **Secretary's Report:** Tom Austin presented the Minutes from the January 27, 2024 Annual Meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Gordon Murphy presented the Treasurer's Report for 2024. The majority of members are now paying dues through the PayPal option on the SCAN website. SCAN had 154 dues paying members in 2024. SCAN had \$1,355.27 in revenue for 2024, \$2,799.20 in expenses for 2024, and a balance of \$7,672.15 at the end of 2024. Ron Ahle noted that SCAN had a net loss of funds for 2024, even factoring out the 5-year web domain renewals, and that this was not sustainable financially. There was general discussion about how SCAN could decrease expenses and increase revenue. Gordon Murphy suggested cancelling the PO Box, as there was next to no mail. Kim McManus stated an address was required for the organization and it would be best to retain the PO Box. Jerry Bright (*Member*) suggested finding an alternative, cheaper venue, and proposed the State Museum. Gordon Murphy stated that would be a good venue and SCAN had met there in the past but that our point of contact that secured SCAN a favorable rental rate was no longer there. Congaree National Park was suggested. Marty Kastner stated that Congaree no longer allowed rental of their meeting space. Ron Ahle suggest Santee State Park. Several members agreed this could be a viable option. Johannes Stratmann (*Member*) recommended an "additional donation" line be added to the membership form so that members are reminded they can make voluntary donations, which could increase revenue. Tom Austin agreed that was a great idea and that SCAN would make the update to the membership form. Tom added that with SCAN now having our 501(c)3 status restored, all donations would be tax deductible. A "\$50 for 50yr" fundraising campaign was also suggested, which could help raise funds for the Fifth SCAN Book. Kate Hartley suggested it may be time to raise dues. Greg Ross (*Member*) suggested dues could be doubled to \$24/year. There was a mix of support and opposition from the membership present. Gordon Murphy and Tom Austin requested a show of hands (non-vote) from the membership present who would support raising dues. Approximately 75% of the membership present indicated support for raising dues.
4. **Election of Officers:** Kate Hartley presented the nominees for 2025 officer positions as follows:  
President – Lee Morris, Vice President – Scott Wietecha, Secretary – Kim McManus, Treasurer – (No Nominees), Historian – Gordon Murphy, Database Manager – Tom Austin, Webkeeper – Kim McManus, Northern Regional Director – (No Nominees), Western Regional Director – Ron Ahle, Central Regional Directors – Dave Kastner and Marty Kastner (*Co-Held*), Southern Regional Director – Tom Austin, and Eastern Regional Director – (No Nominees)  
  
Lee Morris called for nominations from the floor. Gordon Murphy nominated himself for the position of Treasurer. Todd Johnston nominated himself for the position of Northern Regional Director. Caroline Eastman nominated herself for the position of Eastern Regional Director.  
  
ACTION: Kim McManus motioned to accept the slate of officer nominees, Tom Austin seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
5. **2025 Field Trips:** Lee Morris presented the field trip itinerary for SCAN for 2025.

**OLD BUSINESS**

6. **Constitution and Bylaws Amendments:** Tom Austin presented the Board's proposed amendments to SCAN's Constitution and Bylaws, as was circulated to the membership in the December 2024 and January 2025 newsletters. Tom explained that the Constitution and Bylaws have not been updated in 20 years and needed modernization to

reflect how SCAN is currently administered. Tom highlighted that the Parliamentarian position was being removed and the Database Manager and Webkeeper positions were being added. Tom also noted that the amendment requirements detailed in ARTICLE VIII of the Constitution were being clarified to specify a supermajority of the membership present, as the current language is ambiguous.

ACTION: Kim McManus motioned to accept the Constitution and Bylaws amendments as presented, Greg Ross seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. **Fourth Book Committee Report:** Tom Austin and Lee Morris provided an update on the committee's progress towards the development and publication of the fourth SCAN book. Tom Austin stated progress was being made towards the creation and publication of the Fourth SCAN Book but that it was slow going. Lee Morris stated SCAN had thus far been unsuccessful in finding a local publishing company to accept the book. Tom Austin informed the membership he was looking into self-publishing options to print approximately 150 copies of the book and that this would cost around \$3,000. Tom Austin continued that most estimates from online platforms priced the printing cost per book at roughly \$16 per book but Amazon was approximately \$8 per book. However, if SCAN uses Amazon, we are required to sell the book online with Amazon at a minimum price of 167% of the printing cost. Tom opined that this was not necessarily bad but, given it would now be publicly accessible, it would exacerbate the need to ensure there is no leakage of private property locations, private information, nor precise locations of sensitive species within the book. Tom Austin stated he would prefer to work locally with a printer and publisher in SC, but that may not be financially feasible for Book 4.

## NEW BUSINESS

8. **Fifth Book:** Tom Austin and Lee Morris informed the committee that they were beginning preparations for the creation of SCAN Book 5 for printing in 2026. Lee Morris stated that since this would happen during SCAN's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Rudy Mancke, our founder, had passed away in 2023, we should try to do something special for the Fifth Book's publication in honor and member of Rudy and celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup>. Tom Austin echoed this sentiment and asked the membership to please send ideas and suggestions in to the board on how to celebrate SCAN's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
9. **Requests from the Floor:** Paul Baker (*Member*) asked if the SCAN database was publicly available to the membership as it would be valuable to researchers, like him, to access. Tom Austin stated it was not freely accessible due to private property and sensitive species concerns, but data and exports could be requested by members from the Database Manager. Tom Austin continued that the SCAN Books contain the database in 10-year increments and that the board was looking into options for how to make the data within the database more public facing. Tom Austin stated he would send Paul an export of Coleoptera from the database in the interim.

Dave Schuetrum (*Member*) asked if a membership directory with contact information for SCAN members could be shared, so that members could connect with each other. Kim McManus stated she would need to poll the membership on whether they want their contact information shared publicly, as SCAN should not share personal information of the membership without their consent. Kim McManus stated that she could share a directory of consenting members after that had been done.

Jerry Bright (*Member*) asked if a standard procedure could be developed for notifying members of a lapsed membership prior to their removal from the mailing list, as he had been erroneously removed in 2024. Kim McManus stated that could be done.

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, Lee Morris adjourned the meeting at 4:36pm

*Respectfully submitted by: Tom Austin, former Secretary of SCAN on 1/26/2025*

# Membership Form – 2026

Choose Your Membership Type:

- 1 Year – \$12
- 2 Years – \$24
- 3 Years – \$36
- Lifetime – \$324 (10% discount)

*Add \$5 × the number of years for each additional household member.*

*Lifetime dues are \$135 per additional household member.*

## Member Information

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  New Member  Renewal

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Add my contact info to the SCAN Member Directory:

Email  Phone  City  Do not share my info

## Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Optional Donation

I wish to make an additional tax-deductible gift to SCAN

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash  Check  Item  Property  Bequest

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Join or Renew Online:

 <https://www.scnaturalists.org/membership/>

 Scan the QR code to join or renew instantly.



## WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration for receiving permission from the Association to participate in any field trip/event, I agree as follows:

I understand the nature of the terrain and/or waterbodies and the type of field trips/events which I will be participating in, and I am capable of safely undertaking these field trips/events.

I understand the dangers involved in taking these field trips/events in remote locations and agree to take all reasonable precautions to avoid injury to myself and others and damage to property in connection with my activities.

I am engaging in the field trips/events at my own risk, and acknowledge that the Association makes no warranties or representations, express or implied, regarding the condition or safety of the terrain or the equipment provided by the Association, for the purposes of the field trips or any other purpose.

On behalf of myself, my heirs, successors and assigns, I hereby forever release, indemnify and hold the Association, its officers, directors, employees and agents, harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs and expenses arising from or in any way related to my participation in the field trip. I intend this release to be effective, regardless of whether the claim of liability is asserted in negligence, strict liability in tort, or other theory of recovery.

I agree to go into only those areas authorized by the Association and to comply with all Association rules concerning these field trips/events.

I grant the Association permission to take photographs and video recordings of me and to display, publish or otherwise use any photographs, video recordings, or any other media associated with the field trip, including any media which contains my image or likeness, for the Association's purposes. I also consent to the use of my name in connection with such images. I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Association and its officers, directors, agents and employees from any and all claims which may result at any time by reason of the use of my image and name, including, without limitation, claims of privacy. My heirs, executors, administrators and assigns shall be bound by this consent and release.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read and understand this form, and that the statements that I have made in it are all true and that I am at least 18 years of age, or, if I am not 18 years of age, the signature and consent of my parent or legal guardian is included below.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parental Consent for Participation by Minors

I am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who has my permission to participate in the field trips referenced above. I make all of the representations and agree to all of the terms specified above with respect to my child's or ward's participation in these activities.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_