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Hi, SCAN Folks!

Last month SCAN joined members of the South Carolina Native Plant Society (SCNPS). We braved the heat to visit Lisa Matthews Memorial Bay, a SCNPS property in Bamberg County. The main species goal: the endangered Canby's dropwort (*Oxypolis canbyi*). We met at the Bamberg County Public Library and carpooled to the Bay. Luckily, the sky was dotted with meandering clouds making the heat more tolerable for most of us.

The perimeter firebreak around the Bay was busy with scattered late summer wildflowers and interesting insects (a lot of different species of robber flies!). Tom Austin and I investigated the open savanna within the Bay proper, while the butterfly folks looked for open fields and the plant people went everywhere. The Canby's dropwort was found blooming (in an undisclosed place)! While looking similar to Queen Anne's Lace (they are both in the carrot family), they do have a certain charm the is definitely their own.

Saturday, we'll join the Midlands Chapter of the Carolina Butterfly Society in exploring Bio Way Farm in Laurens County. Bio Way Farm is a private property in the Piedmont – an organic farm with a 50+ year old mixed deciduous forest and upland areas of prairie/meadow habitat, stream, lake, and beaver pond remnant. It is an eBird hotspot (shall we see some migrating species?) and an area of some uncommon butterflies. Plant people should be pleased with the many habitats and some uncommon plant species. Come join us!

Lee Morris, President

This Month: Bio Way Farm

For September, we've been invited to soodle about Bio Way Farm up in Laurens, SC. The farm's owner and operator, Chris Sermons, is a fellow naturalist and will join us in exploring the biodiversity thriving in and around his farm and its wild margins. Hang out with friends, explore a new place, and pick up some organic produce all at one stop? What more could you want!

Tom Austin, Database Manager and Southern Regional Director

Next Month: Waties Island

In October, we have the terrific opportunity to explore Waties Island. Coastal Carolina University professor and fellow SCAN member Chris Hill has arranged access to this 2.5-mile-long undeveloped barrier island. It will be a great time for bird migration, there's a chance of seeing a rare plant, and we might even cross paths with a coachwhip!

Kim McManus, Secretary and Web Keeper

Photos from Lisa Matthews Memorial Bay



Attendees

Nancy Adamson, Lee Morris, Andy Melanson, Rita Zollinger, Tom Austin, Caroline Eastman, Dave Kastner, Marty Kastner, Dave Schuetrum, Kate Yates, Julia Plasynski, Kim McManus



Caroline Eastman and Marty Kastner relaxing
after the soodle



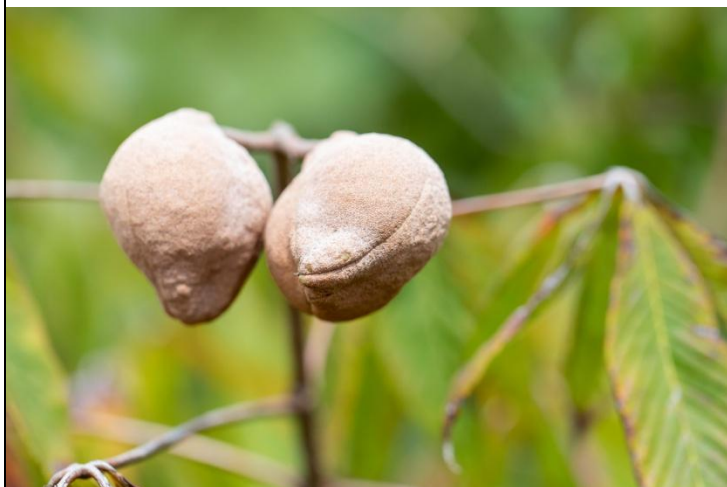
Nancy Adamson and Lee Morris
looking for insects.



Eastern Leaf-footed Bugs (*Leptoglossus phyllopus*) on American Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)



Robber fly (*Genus Megaphorus*)



Red Buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*)



Four-spotted Velvet Ant (*Dasymutilla quadriguttata*)



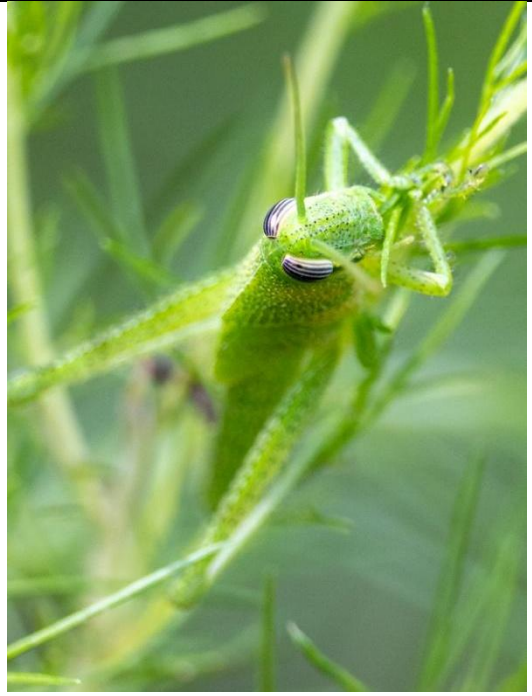
Canby's Dropwort (*Tiedemannia canbyi*)



Byssus Skipper (*Problema byssus*)



Eastern Five-striped Kuschelina (*Kuschelina petaurista*)



Bird Grasshopper (*Genus Schistocerca*)



Canby's Dropwort (*Tiedmannia canbyi*)



Green Lynx Spider (*Peucetia viridans*)

Bio Way Farm
197 Henley Circle, Ware Shoals, SC
GPS Coordinates: 34.470837, -82.257347
Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 10:30 AM to ~4:30 PM

Bio Way Farm is a private organic farm in Laurens County that is owned and operated by Chris Sermons. Chris Sermons is a naturalist who has studied native species, farming, permaculture and conservation for over 20 years. Chris is not only knowledgeable, but willing to teach and share on a moment's notice. Chris is passionate about preserving and restoring native habitat and believes this balance is an integral part of the farm's health. The farm has a lot of logging roads and trails to explore. A description of the operation can be found at: [Bio Way Farm | Organic Produce | Native Plants | CSA | Ware Shoals](#).

The 120-acre property has been a family farm since 1987 and an organic farm since 2004. The property has mostly 50+ year old mixed deciduous piedmont forest coupled with a 5-acre lake built in 1995. Upland areas contain significant prairie/meadow habitat with lots of native grasses and forbs. Forested areas around farm buildings are being managed for Post Oak woodland restoration. Downstream of the 5-acre lake, there are beaver pond remnants and good riparian habitat. A stream flowing through the property is headwaters for Beaverdam Creek, a tributary of the Reedy River. It is possible to walk to a neighboring property which contains a north facing bluff and many uncommon Piedmont plant species including Canada Enchanter's Nightshade (*Circaea canadensis*). Uncommon butterflies seen on property include Checkered White, White M Hairstreak and county first N. Oak Hairstreak. Also, the property is an eBird hotspot with second highest species count in Laurens County (eBird hotspot link: <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L11396469>). The property also has an iNaturalist project link: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/bioway-farm-ware-shoals-sc>.

~Ron Ahle

DIRECTIONS:

To get to Bio Way Farm, starting from exit 5 on I-385:

- Drive west approximately 5.2 miles on SR 49 and turn left onto Hwy 221 (Lucas Ave)
- Go 2.7 miles and turn right on Hwy 76 (Hillcrest Dr) towards Ware Shoals.
- Stay on 76 as it weaves through town for 3.5 miles.
- Turn left on SR 252, go approximately 1.4 miles.
- Turn right on Hwy 25 and go north for 12 miles.
- Turn right at Henley Circle and travel 3.4 miles.
- Turn on Bio Way which is the farm's gravel driveway. Bio Way is marked by a green street sign across from 2 mailboxes.
- Proceed down Bio Way and go past a large greenhouse and down a short straightaway
- Park on your right or left. The meeting place will be the main parking lot. There are amenities such as water and bathrooms offered at the parking location.

**Lisa Matthews Memorial Bay
Bamberg Co., SC
August 22, 2026**

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. Please indicate exactly to which flora/fauna list you are referring to in the subject line of your message. Thank you.

FUNGI

Southern Soldiers

Cladonia didyma

Dixie Reindeer Lichen

Cladonia subtenuis

Violet Gymnopus

Gymnopus ioccephalus

FLORA

Slender Three-seeded Mercury

Acalypha gracilens

Red Maple

Acer rubrum

Red Buckeye

Aesculus pavia

Smooth Pigweed

Amaranthus hybridus

Common Ragweed

Ambrosia artemisiifolia

Chalky Bluestem

Andropogon capillipes

Broomsedge

Andropogon virginicus

Southern Wiregrass

Aristida beyrichiana

Red Chokeberry

Aronia arbutifolia

Clasping Milkweed

Asclepias amplexicaulis

Small-Flower Pawpaw

Asimina parviflora

Ebony Spleenwort

Asplenium platyneuron

Combleaf Yellow False-Foxglove

Aureolaria pectinata

False-Nettle

Boehmeria cylindrica

American Beautyberry

Callicarpa americana

Trumpet Vine

Campsis radicans

Southern Waxy Sedge

Carex glaucescens

Fox Sedge

Carex vulpinoidea

American Olive

Cartrema americana

Sand Hickory

Carya pallida

Mockernut Hickory

Carya tomentosa

Spurred Butterfly Pea

Centrosema virginianum

Buttonbush

Cephalanthus occidentalis

Sensitive Partridge Pea

Chamaecrista nictitans

Slender Wood-Oats

Chasmanthium laxum

coastal pepperbush

Clethra tomentosa

Spurge Nettle

Cnidioscolus stimulosus

Carolina Snailseed

Cocculus carolinus

Coastal Plain Rattlebox

Crotalaria purshii

Rabbitbells

Crotalaria rotundifolia

Showy Rattlebox

Crotalaria spectabilis

Colombian Waxweed

Cuphea carthagenensis

Fragrant flatsedge

Cyperus odoratus

Hairy Small-leaf Tick-Trefoil

Desmodium ciliare

Sand Ticktrefoil

Desmodium lineatum

Nuttall's Tick-Trefoil

Desmodium nuttallii

Panicked Tick-trefoil

Desmodium paniculatum

Velvetleaf Ticktrefoil

Desmodium viridiflorum

Needle-leaf Rosette-Grass

Dichanthelium aciculare

Hairy Rosette-Grass

Dichanthelium acuminatum

Variable Rosette-Grass

Dichanthelium commutatum

Velvet Rosette-Grass

Dichanthelium scoparium

American Persimmon

Diospyros virginiana

Mexican tea

Dysphania ambrosioides

American Burnweed

Erechtites hieraciifolius

Horseweed

Erigeron canadensis

Daisy Fleabane

Erigeron strigosus

Dogfennel

Eupatorium capillifolium

Yankeeeweed

Eupatorium compositifolium

Smallflower Boneset

Eupatorium semiserratum

Flowering Spurge

Euphorbia corollata

Slender Goldentop

Euthamia caroliniana

Downy Milkpea

Galactia volubilis

Carolina Jessamine

Gelsemium sempervirens

South American mock vervain

Glandularia aristigera

Shaggy Hedgehyssop

Gratiola pilosa

Camphorweed

Heterotheca subaxillaris

Poor-Joe

Hexasepalum teres

swamp rose mallow

Hibiscus moscheutos

Gronovius' Hawkweed

Hieracium gronovii

Orangegrass

Hypericum gentianoides

St. Andrew's Cross

Hypericum hypericoides

Virginia marsh St. John's-wort

Hypericum virginicum

Inkberry

Ilex glabra

Myrtle Dahoon

Ilex myrtifolia

Soft Rush*Juncus effusus***Round-head Lespedeza***Lespedeza capitata***Chinese Lespedeza***Lespedeza cuneata***Creeping Lespedeza***Lespedeza repens***Chinese Privet***Ligustrum sinense***Sweetgum***Liquidambar styraciflua***Nuttall's Lobelia***Lobelia nuttallii***Japanese Honeysuckle***Lonicera japonica***Seedbox***Ludwigia alternifolia***Wingleaf Primrose-Willow***Ludwigia decurrens***Globefruit Primrose-willow***Ludwigia sphaerocarpa***Northern Water-Horehound***Lycopus uniflorus***Axilflower***Mecardonia acuminata***Japanese Stiltgrass***Microstegium vimineum***Partridge-Berry***Mitchella repens***Southern Wax-myrtle***Morella cerifera***Peppervine***Nekemias arborea***Fragrant Water-Lily***Nymphaea odorata***Swamp Tupelo***Nyssa biflora***Black Gum***Nyssa sylvatica***Common Evening-Primrose***Oenothera biennis***Old World Diamond Flower***Oldenlandia corymbosa***Southeastern Pricklypear***Opuntia mesacantha***Small's Ragwort***Packera anonyma***Maidencane***Panicum hemitomon***Virginia Creeper***Parthenocissus quinquefolia***Bahiagrass***Paspalum notatum***Thin Paspalum***Paspalum setaceum***Vasey's Grass***Paspalum urvillei***Purple Passionflower***Passiflora incarnata***Swamp Bay***Persea palustris***Oriental Smartweed***Persicaria longiseta***Dotted Smartweed***Persicaria punctata***Oak Mistletoe***Phoradendron leucarpum***Chamberbitter***Phyllanthus urinaria***Longleaf Pine***Pinus palustris***Pond Pine***Pinus serotina***Loblolly Pine***Pinus taeda***Camphor Pluchea***Pluchea camphorata***Juniper-leaf***Polypremum procumbens***Juniper Haircap Moss***Polytrichum juniperinum***Pickerelweed***Pontederia cordata***Chickasaw Plum***Prunus angustifolia***Black Cherry***Prunus serotina***Rabbit Tobacco***Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium***Bracken Fern***Pteridium aquilinum***Callery Pear***Pyrus calleryana***White Oak***Quercus alba***Darlington Oak***Quercus hemisphaerica***Laurel Oak***Quercus laurifolia***Sand Post Oak***Quercus margaretiae***Water Oak***Quercus nigra***Willow Oak***Quercus phellos***Maryland Meadowbeauty***Rhexia mariana***Nash's Meadowbeauty***Rhexia nashii***Virginia Meadowbeauty***Rhexia virginica***Winged Sumac***Rhus copallinum***Mexican Clover***Richardia brasiliensis***Sawtooth Blackberry***Rubus argutus***Sand Blackberry***Rubus cuneifolius***Northern Dewberry***Rubus flagellaris***Southern Dewberry***Rubus trivialis***Heartwing Sorrel***Rumex hastatulus***Giant Plumegrass***Saccharum giganteum***Black Willow***Salix nigra***Lyreleaf Sage***Salvia lyrata***American Black Elderberry***Sambucus canadensis***Sassafras***Sassafras albidum***Woolgrass***Scirpus cyperinus***Sicklepod***Senna obtusifolia***Dixie Whitetop Aster***Sericocarpus tortifolius***Bigpod***Sesbania herbacea***Cuban Jute***Sida rhombifolia***Cat Greenbrier***Smilax glauca***Laurel Greenbrier***Smilax laurifolia***Roundleaf Greenbrier***Smilax rotundifolia***Lanceleaf Greenbrier***Smilax smallii***Leavenworth's goldenrod***Solidago leavenworthii***Sweet Goldenrod***Solidago odora***Wire-plant***Stipulicida setacea***Pond Cypress***Taxodium ascendens*

Spiked Hoarypea
Tephrosia spicata

Goat's Rue
Tephrosia virginiana

Climbing Dogbane
Thyrsanthella difformis

Canby's dropwort
Tiedemannia canbyi

Poison-Oak
Toxicodendron pubescens

Poison-Ivy
Toxicodendron radicans

Sandhill Noseburn
Tragia urens

Common Cattail
Typha latifolia

Deerberry
Vaccinium stamieum

Sparkleberry
Vaccinium arboreum

Southern Highbush Blueberry
Vaccinium formosum

Great Mullein
Verbascum thapsus

Brazilian Vervain
Verbena brasiliensis

Muscadine
Vitis rotundifolia

Southern Rockbell
Wahlenbergia marginata

Netted Chainfern
Woodwardia areolata

Virginia Chainfern
Woodwardia virginica

Smoothcap Moss
Atrichum sp.

Toadrush
Bulbostylis sp.

True Sedge
Carex sp.

Rockrose
Crocanthemum sp.

Panic Grass
Panicum sp.

Beaked-rush
Rhynchospora sp.

Goldenrod
Solidago sp.

Yelloweyed-Grass
Xyris sp.

FAUNA

Red-shouldered Hawk

Buteo lineatus

Northern Cardinal
Cardinalis cardinalis

Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura

Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Coccyzus americanus

Fish Crow
Corvus ossifragus

Blue Jay
Cyanocitta cristata

Red-cockaded Woodpecker
Dryobates borealis

Common Yellowthroat
Geothlypis trichas

Yellow-breasted Chat
Icteria virens

Wild Turkey
Meleagris gallopavo

Wood Stork
Mycteria americana

Blue Grosbeak
Passerina caerulea

Indigo Bunting
Passerina cyanea

Eastern Towhee
Pipilo erythrophthalmus

Carolina Chickadee
Poecile carolinensis

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Poliophtila caerulea

Northern Parula
Setophaga americana

Pine Warbler
Setophaga pinus

Eastern Bluebird
Sialia sialis

American Goldfinch
Spinus tristis

Carolina Wren
Thryothorus ludovicianus

Eastern Kingbird
Tyrannus tyrannus

White-eyed Vireo
Vireo griseus

White-tailed Deer
Odocoileus virginianus

Pinewoods Treefrog
Hyla femoralis

Little Grass Frog
Pseudacris ocularis

Yellow-bellied Slider

Trachemys scripta scripta

Green Anole
Anolis carolinensis

Six-lined Racerunner
Aspiloscelis sexlineata

Coastal Plain Cooter
Pseudemys floridana

Black-and-Yellow Argiope
Argiope aurantia

Black-legged Tick
Ixodes scapularis

Lined Orbweaver
Mangora gibberosa

Green Lynx Spider
Peucetia viridans

Georgia Wolf Spider
Tigrosa georgicola

Golden Silk Orbweaver
Trichonephila clavipes

Common Thread-waisted Wasp
Ammophila procera

Four-banded Stink Bug Wasp
Bicyrtes quadrifasciatus

Eastern Bumble Bee
Bombus impatiens

American Bumble Bee
Bombus pensylvanicus

Beefly
Chrysanthrax cypris

American cochineal bug
Dactylopius confusus

Velvet Ant
Dasymutilla bioculata

Common Eastern Velvet Ant
Dasymutilla occidentalis

Four-spotted Velvet Ant
Dasymutilla quadriguttata

Velvet Ant
Dasymutilla ursus

Walnut Caterpillar Moth
Datana integerrima

Spotted Datana Moth
Datana perspicua

Goldenrod Stem Gall Fly
Eurosta solidaginis

Beefly
Exoprosopa fasciata

Variable Field Ant
Formica pallidefulva

Fall Webworm Moth
Hyphantria cunea

Eastern Five-striped Kuschelina
Kuschelina petaurista

Eastern Leaf-footed Bug
Leptoglossus phyllopus

Florida Harvester Ant

Pogonomyrmex badius

Fine-backed Red Paper Wasp

Polistes carolina

Hunter's Little Paper Wasp

Polistes dorsalis

Metric Paper Wasp

Polistes metricus

American Bird Grasshopper

Schistocerca americana

Southeastern Bush Katydid

Scudderia cuneata

Red Imported Fire Ant

Solenopsis invicta

Thread-waisted Sand Wasp

Ammophila sp.

Sand Wasp

Bembix sp.

Prominent Moth

Clostera sp.

Hanging Thief

Diogmites sp.

Robberfly

Megaphorus sp.

Annual Cicada

Neotibicen sp.

Red-spotted Purple

Limenitis arthemis astyanax

Sleepy Orange

Abaeis nicippe

Red-banded Hairstreak

Calycopis cecrops

Gulf Fritillary

Dione vanillae

Silver-spotted Skipper

Epargyreus clarus

Horace's Duskywing

Erynnis horatius

Zarucco Duskywing

Erynnis zarucco

Variegated Fritillary

Euptoieta claudia

Carolina Satyr

Hermeuptychia sosybius

Common Buckeye

Junonia coenia

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Papilio glaucus

Spicebush Swallowtail

Papilio troilus

Cloudless Sulphur

Phoebis sennae

Southern Broken-Dash

Polites otho

Byssus Skipper

Problema byssus

Southern Cloudywing

Thorybes bathyllus

Common Green Darner

Anax junius

Swamp Darner

Epiaeschna heros

Eastern Pondhawk

Erythemis simplicicollis

Fragile Forktail

Ischnura posita

Golden-winged Skimmer

Libellula auripennis

Bar-winged Skimmer

Libellula axilena

Slaty Skimmer

Libellula incesta

Great Blue Skimmer

Libellula vibrans

Blue Dasher

Pachydiplax longipennis

Common Whitetail

Plathemis lydia

Carolina Saddlebags

Tramea carolina

Painted Laphria robber fly

Laphria saffrana

Four-banded stinkbug wasp

Bicyrtes quadrifasciatus

Cactus coreid bug

Chelinidea vittiger

Northern grass mantis

Brunneria borealis

Keeler's spur-throated grasshopper

Melanoplus keeleri

Mosquito

Aedes sp.

Gold-marked thread-waisted wasp

Eremnophila aureonotata

Black-banded hanging thief

Diogmites properans