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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This frequently absent portion of the newsletter is important on this occasion. It is timely that I call your attention to an invitation from the RHODE ISLAND WILD PLANT SOCIETY to host us for a weekend in August; details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Due to space limitations and need to properly allocate spaces between the two societies, I need your feedback via responses to the following scenarios; please either call or write me with as many of the following responses that fit your situation:

1. I am likely to attend_____ # with me will be_____
2. It is possible but unlikely I will attend_____
3. The time slot chosen is bad for me_____
4. The expenses of the event are too much for me_____
5. The distance is too much for me_____
6. I will definitely attend_____ # in my party will be_____
7. I would be more likely to go on such outings if: _____

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We expect to host Rhode Island in year 2001. We hope such exchanges are welcome, become regular with various out of state societies, and that many of you will assist in local logistics during our host times. Your input is mandatory for these to become reality and successful.

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Coastal Habitats in Rhode Island August 4-6, 2000

Dear Members of the Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio,

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society cordially invites you to visit the Ocean State in August when saltmarshes, coastal plain pond shores, sandy beaches and rocky shores display an array of wonderful plants. Members of RIWPS will guide you to their favorite sites, help to identify the plants and explain the ecology of the various habitats. Highlights of the weekend:

- view the globally-rare *Sabatia kennedyana* and other unusual plants of the coastal plain pond shore
- learn the strategies saltmarsh plants employ which enable them to succeed in that harsh environment
- explore tidepools along a rocky shore
- visit saltmarsh restorations and USFWS coastal grasslands project
- partake of fresh seafood and meet RIWPS members at a New England clambake

The Newport area is a busy place in the summer, especially this weekend when the Ben & Jerry's Folk Festival is in town; so RIWPS has reserved a block of rooms at the Howard Johnson Inn in Middletown, RI. We plan to travel daily as a group by van and, therefore, must limit the guest list to a maximum of 10 people. For details, please read the information on the reverse side.

We look forward to this opportunity to share the natural wonders of Rhode Island with you and to enjoy the company of like-minded souls.

Yours truly,
Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

Rhode Island Coastal Habitats Trip
August 4-6,2000

AIRPORT: Green State Airport (Providence) is about 15 miles from Middletown.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE: Airport shuttle service requires a reservation. Call Cozy Cab at 401-846-2500 to make a reservation. Cost: *$15* one way. Will drop you off (and pick you up for return trip) at your motel.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Howard Johnson Inn, 351 West Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842. To reserve a room, call Howard Johnson Inn Reservations Department at 401-849-2000 and request a room from the RI Wild Plant Society Room Block (P10431.) A room must be guaranteed with a credit card number or one-night deposit by June 29, 2000. Check-in after 2:00 pm on Thursday, August 3; check out at 11:00 am on Sunday, August 6. The following room rates per night are based on 2 people/2 beds.

	Block rate 10%	AARP rate 20%*
Thursday	$ 98.10	$ 87.20
Friday&Saturday	$161.10	$143.20

Add 12%tax to all rates

Extra person $5

*NOTE: To qualify for the AARP rate, you must request this rate at the time of booking AND show proof of AARP membership at registration.

The motel has a pool and free shuttle service into Newport in the evening. Applebee's Restaurant on premises. Several others restaurants and coffee shops and a supermarket are nearby.

COSTS: Each participant is responsible for: transportation to and from Rhode Island and to and from the motel; motel accommodations; all meals EXCEPT lunch on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and clambake dinner, van transportation on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (cost will be approximately $20 per person cash or check payable to Anne B. Wagner due Friday morning at pick up time.) RI Wild Plant Society will provide: van driver, clambake dinner; box lunches on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; guides; pre-visit information packets; study packets. After you have made your room reservation, please call Anne Wagner at 401-683-3272 or e-mail Anne (ken@edgenet.net) with your name and address and we will send you a map and other information. Please call if you have questions or need further information.

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NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN OHIO
2000 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Compiled by Dr. George J. Wilder (Program Chairman) - with the assistance of field-trip leaders and other Board members of the Society

Field trips, a members' slide show, and our annual meeting and banquet are planned. We strongly advise participants in field trips to bring a brown-bag lunch and drink (s) for consumption in the field.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 7 PM to ca. 9 PM - MEMBERS' SLIDE SHOW. Members are invited to exhibit and/or view 35 mm color transparencies of natural phenomena (including but not limited to plants). Bring as many slides as you wish, preferably arranged within a carousel for projection. If few individuals bring slides, then participants may have sufficient time to exhibit all slides. If there are many people with slides, then each individual may be limited to showing a maximum of 20 slides. Come to the meeting room on the main floor of the Chagrin Falls Library.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 9 AM- 12 PM, SPRING FLORA OF FURNACE RUN METROPARK. Tom Sampliner, President of the Society, will lead this trip. This Akron Metropark includes bottomland forest rich in spring wildflowers. Highlights of the day will include *Erythronium albidum* (White Trout-lily), *Erythronium americanum* (Yellow Trout-lily). *Panax trifolium* (Dwarf Ginseng), *Phlox divaricata* (Common Blue

Phlox), *Sanguinaria canadensis* (Bloodroot), and *Trillium species* (trillium). Participants will meet in the parking lot of the Metropark, which is entered from Townsend Road (which extends northwest from Rt. 21). Please telephone Tom to let him know if you wish to attend (216-371-4454 [or] 216-321-3702).

SUNDAY, MAY 7, at AUDUBON'S AURORA SANCTUARY, 7:30 AM (FOR BIRDS) OR 10:30 AM (FOR PLANTS).
This will be the first of a series of inventory explorations of various properties owned by Greater Cleveland Audubon Society this current year. Our joint walk will follow one of their regular migration season bird walks that are held Sunday mornings throughout the Greater Cleveland area. We are invited to join them at 7:30 AM and will learn some birds until 10:30 AM when we return to the parking area to pick up any late arrivers and commence a plant walk. At a mutually agreed time we break for lunch to a local restaurant and return to the preserve for an afternoon exploration of more of this 160+ acre parcel. Leadership of both societies feels that networking like this will be an enjoyable new avenue for all concerned. Take Route 43 south toward Aurora passing Rt. 82, and bearing right at the intersection with Rt.306. Take the next immediate left (east) onto Pioneer Trail, just south of city hall. Proceed east to the gravel parking lot designated for the preserve where we will rendezvous. Call Tom Sampliner (216) 371-4454 for more details.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 10 AM. OAK OPENINGS IN SPRING - KITTY TODD PRESERVE. Tim Walters, floristic botanist and doctoral student at the University of Toledo, will lead this trip. The Nature Conservancy has recently declared the Oak Openings Region of Ohio one of a hundred of the "last great places" in all of North, Central, and South America. We will visit Kitty Todd Preserve at the peaks of bloom of *Lupinus perennis* (Lupine) and *Lithospermum caroliniense* (Hairy Puccoon). Other state-listed plants present there include *Calopogon pulchellus* (Grass-pink), Cleland's Evening primrose, *Drosera intermedia* (Spatulate-leaved Sundew), *Helianthemum* species (Frostweeds), *Krigia virginica* (Dwarf Dandelion), *Lechea* species (Pinweeds), and *Lycopodium subappressa*. (Northern-appressed Club-moss). We will also be at the reintroduction site of the Karner blue butterfly (federally-listed as endangered) and one of the few nesting areas for the state-listed lark sparrow. Participants will meet at the Kitty-Todd entrance of the Nature Conservancy. To get there, take I 80 to exit 3A (Toledo Airport exit). Turn east (left) onto Airport Highway (Rt. 2); then proceed for about one mile to the first traffic light. Turn left on Eber Rd; this ends immediately south of the Preserve. We will meet at the parking lot (a stone driveway) just west (left) of that point, on the north side of the road. Please telephone Tim to let him know if you wish to attend (419-867-3767).

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 9 AM. JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SWAMP (ASHTABULA COUNTY). Jim Bissell, Curator of Botany at the Cleveland Museum of Natural His-

tory, will lead this trip as a joint program f or the Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio and NEON (North East Ohio Naturalists). Participants will explore this little known area. The wet woodland (which hasn't been pasture since the mid-1900's) exhibit hummocks and vernal pools harboring diverse plant and animal species. Permission is being sought to also explore an adjacent parcel of rich hemlock woods and Mill Creek. Knee-high boots are recommended. To get there, take I 90 east to Rt. 22. Follow Rt. 11 south to the Rt. 46 exit. Continue south on Rt. 46 for ca. 3 miles to a gray farmhouse on the west side of the road (1,409 State Rt. 46, just north of Market St.). Park on the circular driveway in front of the farmhouse. Reservations are unnecessary for this trip.

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 10 AM. OAK OPENINGS IN MID SUMMER. Guy Denny, former chief of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will lead this trip. Diverse habitats of this wonderful ecosystem will be visited. Highlights of the day will include *Aletris farinosa* (Colic-root), *Calopogon pulchellus* (Grass pink), *Drosera intermedia* (Spatulate-leaved Sundew), *Lupinus perennis* (Lupine), and *Stipa spartea* (Porcupine Grass). Participants should bring insect repellant and hats to combat aggressive deer flies and mosquitoes. Guy will determine a meeting place before the trip. Please telephone George Wilder to let him know if you will attend (216-687-2395 [leave message if he doesn't answer]); George, in turn, will give Guy a list of the prospective participants.

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 9AM (TENTATIVE DATE). THE WEST WOODS (GEAUGA COUNTY). Judy Bradt-Barnhart, Naturalist for the Geauga Park District, will lead this trip. Little if any plant-survey work has been done within the nearly 900-acre West Woods since the Geauga Park District acquired the area during the last several years. Field-trip participants will assist the Park District by characterizing the varied habitats found within the West Woods, especially near the site of the planned nature center (where search will be undertaken for plants of significant value that will need to be transplanted). To get to the West Woods, take State Rt. 306 south to S.R. 87 in southern Geauga Co.; then drive east for ca. one mile to the park entrance on the south side of the road. Meet in the back parking lot. Please telephone Judy at work (440-286-9504) or at home (440-564-9151) to let her know if you wish to attend.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 9AM. SELECTED FERNS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY. George Wilder, Vice President and Program Chairman of the Society, will lead this trip. Participants may spend from several hours to all day, depending on interest and/or stamina. There may be substantial driving between localities and participants may have to wade through water to reach one very worthwhile locality (sneakers and/or bathroom shoes are **extremely** recommended for wading on sharp rocks). Among species that may be seen are *Athyrium pycnocarpon* (Narrow-leaved Spleenwort), *Athyrium thelypteroides* (Silvery Spleenwort), *Cystopteris bulbifera* (Bulblet Fern), *Cystopteris tenuis* (Fragile Fern), *Dryopteris carthusiana* (Fancy Fern), *Dryopteris clintoniana*

(Clinton's Wood Fern), *Dryopteris cristata* (Crested Wood Fern). *Dryopteris goldiana* (Goldie's Fern), *Dryopteris intermedia* (Intermediate Fern), *Gymnocarpium dryopteris* (Oak Fern), and *Thelypteris pheaopteris* (Long Beech Fern), A meeting place will be determined shortly before the trip. Please telephone George to let him know if you will attend (216-687-2395 [leave message if he doesn't answer]).

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 9 AM-12 PM, LAST-FLING WILDFLOWER FIELD TRIP.
George Wilder will lead this trip. We will visit vacant urban lands within Cleveland to view the surprising number of species still flowering and fruiting at this time of year. Particularly, well represented (in the absence of snow and/or a deep freeze) will be species of the families *Amaranthaceae* (Amaranth family), *Chenopodiaceae* (Goosefoot Family), *Compositae* (Sunflower Family), and *Gramineae* (Grass Family). Localities will be selected shortly before the trip. Please telephone George to let him know if you will attend (216-687-2395 [leave message if he doesn't answer]).

ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 5:30 pm, DETAILS NEXT ISSUE!

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MODERN DAY REMNANTS OF PLYMOUTH SWAMP

By Tom Sampliner

By invitation of several landowners, Jim Bissell's group, the Northeastern Ohio Naturalist (NEON) visited some wetland forests in Plymouth Township of Ashtabula County on Saturday, August 21, 1999. The weather was more akin to fall than the all too prevalent dog days of high temperature and humidity. Of course, we Northeastern Ohians can speak again, now with pride, in referring to dog days, dog bones or dog anything. The temperature of upper 60's is comfortable for hiking. Perhaps, we could have done without the occasional shower, one of which was rather heavy.

The assembled group of neighbor-hosts and NEON members were ready for a morning walk into a remnant of what had been a far greater tract of swamp forest and assorted other lowland habitats. Present day swamp remnants bearing the township name would be adjacent to Ashtabula River or an immediate tributary. Development continues to gobble up more tracts; our hosts' being a welcome exception. Tributary creeks at this time of year are dry due to several years of continuous drought. This parcel did not have any channel ponds. Some wetter parcels for future exploration may show hummocks and hollows caused by windthrown trees that then become nurse beds as they deteriorate and cover over. One of the first things we stopped to consider was that the maples were not the expected red, (*Acer rubrum*) but the silver, (*Acer saccharinum*). The silver is more tolerant of wet than many of us give them credit

for. In that same vein, it was surprising to see so many young, vigorous sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*). I certainly plead guilty to regarding them as a dry upland species.

It didn't take long to notice the burnt potato-chip bark of the wild black cherry trees (*Prunus serotina*). The creek banks were home to a generous supply of the pretty spring-flowering dogwood trees (*Cornus florida*). I would add another Cleveland Browns reference here but I feel drained now having just watched the game.

This would not be a NEON walk without the mandatory ankle depth or higher poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*). Fellow itch and scratch mates were also present in the persona of stinging nettles (*Urtica dioica*), greenbrier (*Smilax rotundifolia*), and at least one variety of rose.

One of the dry creekbed occupants we examined was lizard's tail (*Saururus cernuus*), now out of its plume-like raceme of tiny white florets. Deprived of one view, we quickly found a real eye catcher called cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*) which features tubular fire engine red florets. Such format signals a draw to hummingbirds seeking a drink of nectar. Also highly visible were the primarily pink-colored, two-lipped aspect of monkey flower (*Mimulus alatus*). These exhibited a calyx exceeding the floral pedicel and also had some wings of tissue on the stalk as opposed to the more common local species, (*Mimulus ringens*), which is just the opposite of these traits. Even during a brief heavy downpour, these species stood out.

Both jewelweeds were plentiful (*Impatiens capensis* with a spotted orange flower and *I. pallida*, the pale yel-

low one). Guess anyone feeling itchy could just rub on some of the juice from the stems of this plant. Self-heal (*Prunella vulgaris*) was ubiquitous and robust. Not nearly so was a white flowered avens (*Geum canadense*). Equally sparse in population and florets was a tiny flowered agrimony (*Agrimonia parviflora*), a member of the rose family which leaves seed pods sticking to your clothes as you pass.

A climbing parasitic vine of orange color called dodder (*Cuscuta gronovii*) caught my attention as it wound its way up any supportive host. These so-called "love vines" are a most curious group. They attach to a host by cup-like suction pads and then commence usurping nourishment. At that point, they lose their root imitating attachment to the soil and keep twining on a host for support. Some species are host specific. You need a hand lens to discern the florets.

Virginia creeper (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*), a climber, was commonplace and most highly visible as a ground-hugging whorl of telltale five leaflets. In that pattern you must look sharply to distinguish the leaflets of three, denoting the poison ivy. We did not spend anytime looking at the grapes (*Vitis sp.)* that also climbed over fellow shrubs and trees. A few caught my eye as being unusually heavily laden with large fruit. Maybe next time we can look for differences among the grapes, or just pause to eat a few.

You certainly expect trees like shagbark hickory (*Carya ovata).* Ashes are another bottomland commonality. Blue ash (*Fraxinus nigra*) with the sessile compound leaflets and lightly furrowed bark is distinctive. Perhaps that is what first attracted native Americans to the species for use in such products as bas-

ketry. Red ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) with pedicellate compound leaflets was also common. However, we were interested in finding pumpkin ash, (*Fraxinus tomentosa*). One member thought she saw the long seeds on the forest floor. Red ash seeds are stouter and tapering. Both have velvety hairy twigs. Other trees present included: tulip (*Liriodendron tulipifera),* yellow birch (*Betula lutea*), American beech (*Fagus grandifolia),* both swamp white and pin oaks (*Quercus bicolor* and *palustris*) and that great honey producer, American basswood (*Tilia americana).* Somewhere between tree and shrub were such species as witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana)* and maple leaf viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*).

As vision switched back and forth among the various layers, colorful fungi caught the attention of several in the group. Glowing bright orange and yellow upon a fallen log was the distinctive and edible chicken mushroom, (*Laetiporus sulphureus*). The forest floor was heavily laden with a couple species of puffballs. In particular, two (*Lycoperdon pyriforme* and *L. perlatum*) were respectively pear shaped and gem studded. The smooth texture of the former contrasts with the warty outer skin of the latter. Both, when young fresh and uniform white in color inside, are edible. The internal exam is necessary to assure you have not taken a button stage *Amanita*, unless you don't like someone in the group.

Dark green clumps of Christmas fern, (*Polystichum acrosticoides*) were by far the most common fern. Frequent were the haphazard colonies of light green double tapered fronds of N.Y. fern

(*Thylepteris noveboracensis*). I would have expected more sensitive fern, (*Onoclea sensibilis*) in this normally wet habitat, however, raggedy as they looked, we didn't really miss them. Only a few clumps of silvery glade fern, (*Athyrium thelypteroides*) were spotted; distinctive with their boomarang-shaped sori, a sight no doubt for sore eyes. Sorry, I couldn't resist. Jim had us looking for a rare-to-Ohio sedge called (*Carex limosa*). It would be visible as a rhizomatuous rather gray colored species that flowers in June. We did not locate any. Neither did we find a rare species of fern; called log fern (*Dryopteris celsa*), which has a strong resemblance to Goldie's fern (*Dryopteris goldiana*). There were some scattered ladder-like growth patterns of crested fern, (*Dryopteris cristata*).

After just one brief morning of exploration of this remnant of a once greater whole, I think all came away impressed with the diversity within swamp forest of this quality. A final bit of what I might call "icing on the cake" occurred when upon our return to starting point, our hosts appeared with a huge tray of homemade cookies. Now this is my kind of field trip.

Dryopteris cristata

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"WILDFLOWERS OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL"

a review by Tom Sampliner

Many books are devoted to wildflowers these days with more coming along all the time. This work by Leonard M. Adkins, Menasha Ridge Press, 1999 is a highly successful effort when one considers the expressed and limited purpose it seeks to accomplish.

The author selects approximately 100 different species of common to the rare species encountered along the trail and presents them to us by color as well as seasonal progressive bloom time within each color. For each species, there is the correct scientific name, brief botanical description, anecdotes about herbal, medicinal, culinary and commercial uses for the subjects. In addition, related species or familiar relatives are cited. A brief suggestion of bloom period and where to see the species fills the needs for most readers of such a book.

The color photographs by Joe and Monica Cook are quite good. A bibliography and name index are welcome features for most lay readers that would be interested in this book.

While there are obvious weaknesses and faults with a color code system for locating flowers, even when further refined by the order according to seasonal bloom time, the book is quite worthy of having for novice and even the experienced wildflower enthusiast. Perhaps it is the combination of interesting anecdotal information, especially lore on historical uses and name derivations, along with the attractive color plates that make this work a pleasant and even usable reference for the trail. Due to the trail length as well as altitude changes, bloom periods cannot be relied upon.

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NEW INTERNET HOME STUDY PROGRAM CERTIFIES WILDLIFE HABITAT NATURALISTS

MYERSVILLE, MD-If you love to feed, photograph or just observe wildlife, this new Internet-based home study course might be for you. Participants will discover how to provide a "helping hand" to wildlife in their own backyard habitats and to friends', relatives' and neighbors' habitats. And, they will take what they already know about wildlife to a higher level.

By taking this course and becoming a certified Wildlife Habitat Naturalistsm, people will have more credibility when they make recommendations to others on how to attract more wildlife for viewing, photographing, or how to deal with a wildlife problem. The Wildlife Habitat Naturalist certification course is expected to debut in March and is being offered by WindStar Wildlife Institute, a national, non-profit, conservation organization.

"This innovative, interactive course will help people better understand, enjoy and manage wildlife on their properties, plus develop a sense of stewardship toward wildlife," says Thomas D. Patrick, Institute Founder and President. "You can take the course at home, at your own pace and on your own time. The instructors are working, wildlife and horticulture professionals. There will also be a version of the course for those not on the Internet."

Interest in taking the course has come from: Gardeners-including Master Gardeners; educators-especially science teachers; high school students; birders of all ages and skill levels; residential and rural property owners; wildlife enthusiasts; home schoolers; builders and developers; retired people; nature centers staff; conservationists; farmers and ranchers; environmentalists; nurserymen; natural resource professionals; landscape architects; and 4-H and Scout leaders, says Patrick.

"There is a lot of wildlife information available today," he says. "What we do is sift through all of it, in order to focus down on what property owners really need for dealing with wildlife on their properties," he says.

The first half of the 14-unit course is devoted to Discovery-Basic elements and concepts, habitat components, selecting and managing trees and shrubs for wildlife, plant and animal identification, native plants, and why it makes sense to landscape for wildlife. The second half is devoted to Projects-Creating wildflower meadows, butterfly and hummingbird gardens, backyard ponds and bogs, nesting boxes and feeders, and wildlife habitat plans. In addition, there are units on birdfeeding, observing and photographing wildlife, and ways to handle problem wildlife

The final "test" for the course is the wildlife habitat plan students must create for their own property (or a property approved by the Institute). Students will receive a three-ring binder with dividers that can be filled with the Institute's comprehensive wildlife habitat resource material. In addition, they also receive a one-year membership to WindStar Wildlife Institute, business cards, graduation certificate, special discounts on WindStar nesting boxes and feeders, access to Institute naturalists via phone or e-mail, and access to fellow students taking the course through a special Wildlife Habitat Naturalist Internet forum. Cost is $150 for WindStar Wildlife Institute members and $175 for non-members.

To enroll, go to http://www.windstar.org/wildlife or contact Janet at (301) 293-3351 or e-mail: janet@windstar.org.

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ANNUAL DINNER, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2000 CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN CLARK HALL

SPEAKER: TED SCOTT,
"THE POWER OF ONE IN THE UNDERSTANDING AND PROTECTION OF OUR NATIVE FLORA"

See details in next issue

More than 200 varieties from New England Wild Flower Society

Grow Favorite *or* Unusual Wildflowers from Seed

Wildflowers enhance gardens with brilliant colors, unusual forms, and/or interesting foliage and fruits. With more than 200 varieties of seeds or spores for sale, gardeners of all interests will find a wide selection of wildflowers and ferns that will beautify their gardens in the ***2000 Seed & Book Catalogue*** of the New England Wild Flower Society.

Included are natives for woodlands, wetlands, and meadow gardens. Spring blooming wildflowers add color to shade gardens, while sun-loving varieties splash vibrant hues across summer borders or along pond shores. Once established, perennial wildflowers bloom for many years. As a dividend, many of these natives will attract birds and butterflies to your garden.

The wide choice of seeds offers an economical way to obtain wildflowers and an opportunity for novices and experienced gardeners alike to grow native plants not usually available from nurseries. Many easy-to-grow varieties such as Butterfly Weed *(Asclepias tuberosa)*, New England Aster *(Aster novae-angliae)*, Blue False Indigo *(Baptisia australis)*, Purple Coneflower *(Echinacea purpurea)*, and Foamflower *(Tiarella cordifolia)* are ideal for first-time propagators. For more experienced gardeners, trilliums, ferns, gentians, pitcher plants, or native species of rhododendrons will be challenging.

In addition, this year's ***Catalogue*** offers two different meadow mixes—a New England seed mix for general growing conditions and a tall grass one.

Requests for the ***2000 Seed & Book Catalogue*** must be received by March 1 and seed sales end on March 15. Seed requests are filled in the order received, but some seeds are in limited supply. Order early for best selection.

To obtain the ***2000 Seed & Book Catalogue,*** please send $2.50 to Seeds, New England Wild Rower Society, Garden in the Woods, 180 Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701.

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Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio Board

With the resignation of Duane Ferris and John Augustine, Sarah and Ami Horowitz have joined our Board. The Horowitz' business, Upah Tech, Inc. specializes in environmental and aquaculture consulting. We welcome them and look forward to working with them.

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