

## Field Observations – Chris Gatens

### Brush Creek Falls – Mercer County, WV – May 6, 2006

Canby's Mountain Lover – Paxistima canbyi

American Yew – Taxus canadensis

Fly Honeysuckle – Lonicera canadensis

Rough Arrowwood – Viburnum dentatum

Mountain Maple - Acer spicatum

Arborvitae – Thuja occidentalis

American Lily of the Valley – Convallaria montana

### Kanawha State Forest, Middle Ridge Trail – Kanawha County, WV – August 5, 2006

Yellow-Fringed Orchid – Platanthera ciliaris (200 flowering plants noted)

Chain Fern – Woodwardia areolata

Climbing Fern – Lygodium palmatum

-All three of these plant species were growing in association on a dry SW facing slope. The tree canopy was comprised of Pitch Pine, Virginia Pine, Sourwood, White Oak, and Chestnut Oak. Common understory shrubs included Vaccinium sp. and Mountain Laurel.

### Muddlety Exit - Route 19 South – Nicholas County, WV – August 29, 2006

Featherbells – Stenanthium gramineum

-Twenty individual flowering plants were observed on the road cut near the edge of the woods. The plants were magnificent and ranged from 4 to 6 feet in height.