

## TRI-STATE CHAPTER

On April 5, 2003 the Tri-State chapter spent a glorious day in the Mill Creek Wildlife Management Area, near Milton, WV. The temperature was in the 60s. We were surprised by the numbers and varieties of wildflowers in the WMA. There were signs of a long-gone homestead with irises, daffodils, day lilies, fruit trees, and the usual invasive species; but we found most of the site relatively untouched. We started with hiking the bottom woods near Mill Creek, and then hiked up a hill to an oak/hickory area. Here are the species we saw: (NB means herbaceous flowers, not in bloom)

### NATIVE SPECIES

Rue anemone

Geranium maculatum

Carolina vetch

Greek valerian (NB)

Redbud

Bronze fern, Botrichium virginianum

Short-leaved Bluegrass, Poa cuspidata

Horsetail, Equisetum arvense

Sandbar willow

Toothworts

Isopyrum biternatum

Dentaria diphylla

D. heterophylla

Dentaria taunata

Phlox maculata

Ragworts

Senecio obovatus

S. obovatus Var. Elliottii (On a rock outcropping on the hill)

S. aureus

Early Saxifrage, S. virginiensis

Violets

Common, Viola sororia

Canada, V.Canadensis

Creamy, *V. striata*

Marsh, *V. cucullata*

Southern wood, *V. hirsutula*

Spring Beauty, *C. virginica*

Waterleaf, *Hydrophyllum macrophyllum* (NB)

Chervil, *Chaerophyllum procumbens* (NB)

Spice bush

Sassafras

Sycamore

Sugar maple

Tulip tree

Virginia pine (There were no seedling VPs. The deciduous trees are shading them out.)

Musclewood, *Carpinus caroliniana*

Buttercups

Kidneyleaf buttercup, *Ranunculus abortivus*

Hispid buttercup, *R. hispidus*

Sensitive fern

Christmas fern

*Lycopodium flabelliforme*

Box elder

Ebony spleenwort, *Asplenium ebenoides*

Wood-Betony, *Pedicularis canadensis* (NB) in short leaf pine woods

*Prenanthes* sp. (NB)

Asters

sp. (NB)

Large leaved aster leaves (NB)

*Juncus lazuli*

Beech

Poison ivy

Potentilla sp. (NB)

Bedstraw, Galium aparine (NB)

Star chickweed, Stellaria pubera (NB)

Greenbrier, Smilax sp. (NB)

Elm seedlings, U. Americana

Eastern Red Cedar

Carex

sp.

C. glatoides

Maidenhair fern (last year's dried fronds)

Bergamot, Monarda fistulosa (NB)

Serviceberry, Amelanchier sp.

Vitis sp.

Black cherry

Mosses - star, fern, pine tree

Round-leaf hepatica

Cranefly orchid

Virginia creeper

Waterleaf, Hydrophyllum macrophyllum (NB)

On the hill

Lazula campestris

Shagbark hickory

Bluets, Houstonia caerulea

Pussytoes

Antennaria plantaginifolia

A. Solitaria

Oaks - White, Northern Red, Chestnut

Rattlesnake orchid

Teaberry

Wild yam

Blueberries and huckleberries sp.

Striped wintergreen

Panic grass sp.

Creeping blackberry

Poverty grass, *Danthonia spicata*

Honewort (NB)

Geum sp.

Dogwood

Ash sp.

Two-flowered Cynthia (NB)

Reindeer lichen

Red maple

Coralberry, *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*

Bottomland again

Walnut

Butternut

Blackberry sp.

Raspberry sp.

Non-natives

Coltsfoot

Multiflora rose (the most invasive of non-natives)

Wild mustard, Brassica

Tall fescue

Chickweed

Buttercup, *Ranunculus acris* (NB)

Ground ivy

Autumn olive

Japanese honeysuckle

??Hawkweed ?? purple veined

Purple dead-nettle