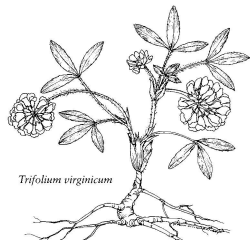


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Kate's Mountain Clover\*

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## Field Trips to Brush Creek Falls and Sandstone Falls

### Annual Meeting

September 6-7 2014

#### September 6 Saturday

Starting from the Pipestem State Park headquarters at 8:30 A.M. we will caravan to the Brush Creek Falls Preserve of The Nature Conservancy. In addition to the large falls this limestone canyon offers an unusual suite of wildflowers including: native bush honeysuckle, Canada yew and canby's mountain lover, which is now impacted by Euonymus scale. As the hike will last into the afternoon, bring a packed lunch and comfortable walking shoes.



For additional information on the site visit:

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/westvirginia/placesweprotect/brush-creek-preserve.xml>

**Directions:** Pipestem State Park is located on State Route 20, 14 miles north of Princeton and 12 miles south of Hinton. To find the park headquarters take park service road 801 for 2.5 miles after leaving route 20. We will meet in the parking lot. Brush Creek Falls is about 10 miles south off County Route 3, Brush Creek Falls Road.

#### Directions From Rt. 20:

From the entrance to Pipestem Resort State Park, go south on Rt. 20 4.7 miles to Brush Creek Falls Rd. on the right, and turn right. Go 2.8 miles to a split in the road. Bear left, staying on Brush Creek Falls Rd. (See sign for White Oak Creek Rd.) Continue 0.7 miles to Brush Creek and park at the picnic pavilion, just before the road crosses the creek. Follow the trail downstream to the falls and continue downstream to the Preserve, just below the falls.

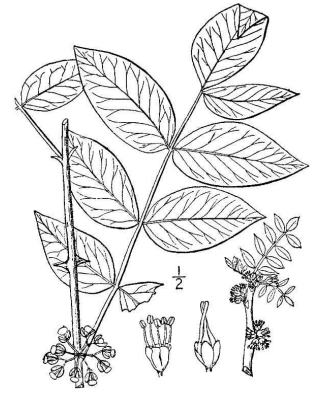
Sunday September 7

**Sandstone Falls Field Trip.** This trip will depart from the parking lot of the New River National River, Sandstone Falls parking lot at 8:30 A.M. The parking area is located 8 miles north of Hinton off County Road 26. (Please note, this is **not** the Sandstone Falls Visitors Center.) The riparian area surrounding the falls is home to toothache tree, orangegrass, rock spikemoss, we may even see a hoptree. For printable checklists and further information on the plant life please see

<http://www.nps.gov/neri/naturescience/plants.htm>

Further information including maps, on the New River National Recreation Area will be found at:

<http://www.nps.gov/neri/planyourvisit/the-sandstone-falls.htm>



Toothache tree  
*Zanthoxylum americanum*

Saturday September 6

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting, followed by a board meeting, will be held from 6 PM to 8 P.M. at the picnic area beside the Pipestem State Park headquarters (see directions above). All members are invited and encouraged to attend. If you bring a meal or pick up something along the way you may eat at the meeting. The park also has options for food.

The following slate has been presented by the nominating committee, Sara Friend, Chris Gatens and Helen Gibbins::

- o President -- Steve Mace
- o Vice-President -- Emily Grafton
- o Corresponding Secretary -- Helen Gibbins
- o Recording Secretary -- Dan Stevenson
- o Treasurer -- Judi White
- o Director at Large (3-year term) -- Chris Gatens
- o Continuing Directors –  
Donna Ford-Werntz (1-year term)  
Pete Rykert - 2-year term
- o Immediate Past President -- Romie Hughart
- o Native Notes Editor -- Judy Dumke (appointed by the board)

## Near by Lodging:

Pipestem State Park at 3405 Pipestem Drive, Pipestem, WV 25979 has two lodges, cabins, and camping areas 800-CALLWVA or 304-466-1800.

Rock Ridge Rentals 114 Rock Ridge Rd., Pipestem, WV 304-960-0800

Microtel Inn & Suites 250 Ambrose Lane, Princeton, WV 24740 304-487-3885

Country Inn & Suites 111 Halls Ridge Rd., Princeton, WV 866-460-7456

Holiday Inn Express 805 Oakvale Rd., Princeton, WV 888-465-4329

## Field Trip Reports

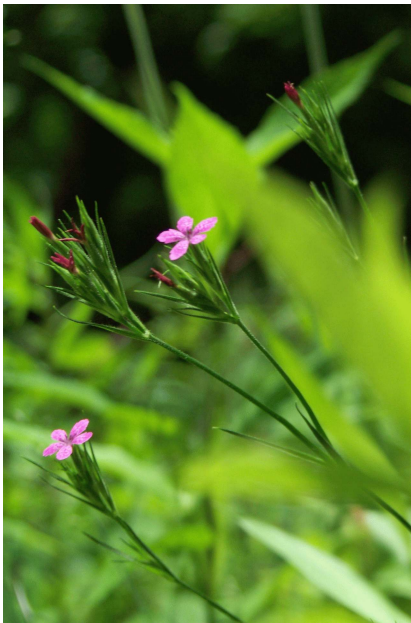
Judi White and Donna Ford-Werntz have submitted detailed reports on the June 21-22 field trips. There were 177 species/varieties from the Greenbrier River Trail, 14 of which were county records and 74 species/varieties from the Williams River and the boardwalks at Cranberry Glades and the Highland Scenic Highway, none of which were county records. Because of the extent of these excellent reports and the detailed information included (and the editor's cataract surgery) these reports will be compiled and e-mailed to those on the e-mail list and posted to the web site in the near future. Those who receive the hard copy edition may download the material from the web site when posted, or request that the editor mail them a copy. Requests should be sent to: Judy Dumke, 7302 County Rd. 15, Chesapeake Ohio 45619 or to [dumke@live.Marshall.edu](mailto:dumke@live.Marshall.edu).

### Greenbrier River Trail Saturday June 21

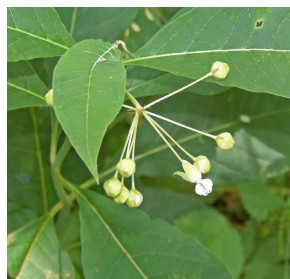
As 14 participants slowly ambled along the Greenbrier River State Trail they saw a diversity of plant life. This trail is the former railroad bed of a now defunct line which paralleled the Greenbrier River. The up slope area is being developed for housing. The group explored the trail side and the riparian areas along the river..



Members at the riparian zone



Deptford Pink, an introduced Species



Poke Milkweed

Collecting of plants was mostly digital



# Cranberry Glades and Upper Williams River Sunday, June 22

On Sunday, June 22 the group totaled 16 people and one dog, officially, and a companion he acquired for the time at the boardwalk on the scenic highway. The caravan started at the Upper Williams River parking area, proceeded to the Boardwalk along the Highlands Scenic Highway and ended up at Cranberry Glades. Both trips were held in fine, cool weather which made botanizing a pleasure compounded only by the skills and enthusiasms of the attendees.



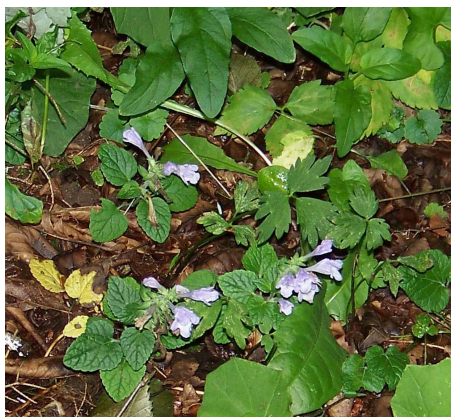
Moss and lichen along the Scenic Highway



Tall Meadow Rue, Williams River



A boggy spot at the Glades



Meehania, Cranberry Glades



Along the boardwalk

# News of the West Virginia Native Plant Society

## Highlights of the June 21, 2014 Board Meeting

- ! The meeting was held at the DNR Cabin located in the Handley WMA. Pocahontas Co. WV
- ! 8 Board members and 5 members attended
- ! The society remains in sound fiscal condition.
- ! Membership dues were reported as coming in more slowly than usual.
- ! There will be no make-up issue of Native Notes for 2013
- ! A request for a listing of relevant references concerning native plants was received.
- ! Both the Kanawha Valley and Eastern Panhandle chapters have either achieved the minimal number of members for reinstatement or are close to doing so.
- ! There are plans to update the membership brochure on the website because it is out of date.
- ! An announcement of the availability of membership in WVNPS should be considered for inclusion on the Face Book page.
- ! Schedules and locations for future events were discussed
- ! Sara Friend, Chris Gatens and Helen Gibbins were appointed to the nominating committee for the 2015 slate of officers. ♣

### Welcome to New Members

Lily Mentgen	Salem, WV
Mark Muse	Shepherdstown, WV
Virginia Winston	Martinsburg WV
Nancy Zapotocki	Shepherdstown, WV

### DUES FOR 2014

On page 8 you will find the dues form. Dues for 2014 are almost overdue. You may pay both 2014 and 2015 dues at the same time if you wish. Please remember to indicate any affiliation with local chapters, as well as indicating your preference for Native Notes delivery ♣

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