SOME INTERESTING SPRING PLANTS IN PANTHER AND BERWIND LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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The WVNPS had a great outing to Panther and Berwind Lake Wildlife Management Areas of McDowell County on April 20-22, 2012. Unfortunately, only three members were able to attend-Tom Fox, Chris Gatens, and myself. We stayed at the huge group camp lodge in Panther WMA. Minutes after arriving we spotted a clump of yellow lady's slippers in bloom behind the parks headquarters and the interesting finds never stopped all weekend. Patches of blue flowered fern-leaf phacelia lined the roads in the park. We found the rare mandarin in bloom-a southern species reaching the northern limits of its range in West Virginia. The white blooms spotted with purple made them really stand out among the closely related hairy disporum. Another showy plant with dark purple flowers found throughout the very mature forests was the woodland meadow parsnip. One rarely finds such a large amount of 100' tall hemlock, white oak, yellow birch, yellow poplar, and walnut trees mixed together as you do in Panther. We searched the ridgelines for some time in Berwind Lake WMA for a small southern shrub also reaching the northern limits of its range-recurved fetterbush. Chris first spotted one in bloom in its heath barren habitat. Growing nearby were several whorled pogonias not yet in bloom. We hope to return to Panther WMA next year to look for more southern plants, such as carolina lilly.



Cypripedium parviflorium var. pubscens Large Yellow Lady's Slipper

Tipularia discolor Cranefly Orchid

Phacelia bipinnatifida Fern-Leaf Phacelia

Viola rostrata Long-Spurred Violet

Viola blanda var. blanda Sweet White Violet

Trillium grandiflorum Large-Flowered Trillium

Heuchera longiflora Long-Flowered Alumroot

Tiarella cordifolia Foamflower Geum vernum Spring Avens

Packera aurea Golden Ragwort

Carex torta
Twisted Sedge

Violia hastata Halberd-Leaf Violet

Thaspium trifoliatum Woodland Meadow Parsnip

Medeola virginiana Indian Cucumber Root



Galearis spectabilis
Showy Orchis

Dirca palustris Leatherwood Hydrastis canadensis Goldenseal

Panax quinquefolius Ginseng

Polygonatum pubescens Downy Solomon's Seal

Arisaema triphyllum ssp. triphyllum Common Jack-In-The-Pulpit

Goodyera pubescens Downy Rattlesnake Plantain



Prosartes lanuginosa Hairy Disporum





Prosartes maculata Mandarin

Aplectrum hyemale Puttyroot

Maianthemum canadense Canada Mayflower

Botrychium oneidense Bluntlobe Grapefern

Erythronium americanum Yellow Trout Lilly

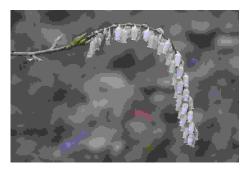
Zizia trifoliata Mountain Golden Alexanders

Arundinaria gigantea Giant Cane

Cypripedium acaule Pink Lady's Slipper

Juglans cinerea
Butternut





Leucothoe recurva
Recurved Fetterbush



Isotria verticillata Whorled Pogonia

*Galax urceolata*Galax

Packera anonyma Small's Ragwort

Hybanthus concolor Green Violet

Heuchera villosa Hairy Heuchera

Asplenium trichomanes ssp. trichomanes Maidenhair Spleenwort

Bignonia capreolata Crossvine

Staphylea trifolia Bladdernut

Maianthemum racemosum ssp. racemosum False Solomon's Seal

Uvularia perfoliata Mealy Bellwort