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Future Activities

September 14th, Monday at 7 pm: Members Meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd., Columbia. Becky Erickson will give a plant identification program.

September 17th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St, just south of Broadway.

September 18-20th, State Meeting. The quarterly State Meeting will be held in and around Jefferson City, MO. See the Petal Pusher for details of weekend events.

October 15th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St, just south of Broadway.

October 17th, Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm: Chestnut Festival is back! New Franklin. We have applied for a space and plan to set up our booth.

November 9th, Monday at 6 pm: Members Meeting. Unitarian Universalist Church, 2615 Shepard Blvd., Columbia. Wedge Watkins with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will discuss native bees and monarchs.

November 19th, Thursday at 11:30 am: Lunch at Uprise Bakery. 10 Hitt St, just south of Broadway.



Ideas for Meeting Programs? Please send any ideas for future meeting presentations to Nadia at navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu.

Suggestions for presentation subjects from the meeting included: insect pollinators, mushrooms, and more environmental connections. Please send in what YOU want to learn about. Some topics presented in the past were, controlled fires, how to install a perennial garden, propagating natives, bring in specimens for id, botanical art, native edibles, photography, mosses, tree id, the choice is yours.



Dues were due July 1st: This announcement will again be in the September PP. For those getting your Petal Pusher by US Mail, you will need to send an additional \$5 to cover the cost of printing and mailing. Your paper chapter newsletter will continue without additional cost to you, but we would appreciate your request for email delivery. Please send your dues to Paula Peters, 2216 Grace Ellen Dr., Columbia, MO 65202. A Membership form is at the end of this newsletter.

This is the 30th year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. Thanks to Doug Miller for keeping the chapter website up to date. We would like to get announcements, impressions, species accounts, photos, poems, links to scientific articles, or other creative nature writing from you, too.

Announcements

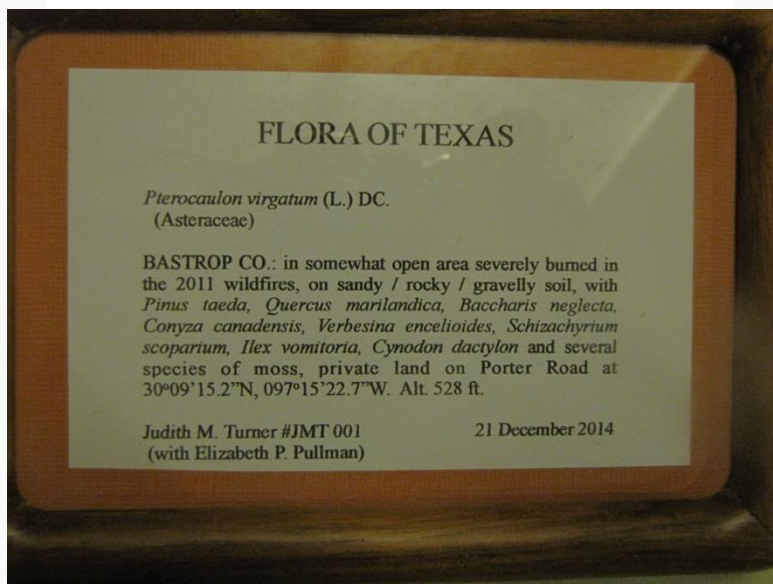
Accomplishment of Member from Afar

Article submitted by Judy Turner

I want to share with ya'll my first submission to the Flora of Texas database. Photos attached. The Flora of Texas database is part of the University of Texas Herbarium Plant Resources Center. I was quite surprised when I was notified that my specimen had been accepted! The plant is *Pterocaulon virgatum*, common name Wand blackroot, a plant species widespread in Latin America and in the West Indies. In the United States, it has been reported only from Texas and Louisiana. It supposedly grows in marshy areas, ditches, sandy loam, etc. It took a friend, who is a self taught botanist, and I a month to determine the identification of this plant. I have now discovered at least 5 more of them growing on my property, which has no marshy area or even sandy loam. The soil here is mainly sand over red clay, with rocks thrown in for good measure! It is just now beginning to show its flower buds.



Wand blackroot. Photo submitted by Judy Turner.



Plant Description, Photo by Judy Turner.

Lunch at Uprise Thursday, September 17th

Meet for lunch 11:30 at Uprise Bakery inside RagTag Theatre, 10 Hitt St (just south of Broadway). Lunches have been well attended with lively discussions about plant and landscape management, alien control, and plans for the next activity. Hope to see you there.

LINK UP!!

Excellent first stop for regional resources and links to other natural history blogs.

Nadia's Yard: a blog by Randy Tindall

<http://nadiasyard.com/>

MONPS website

www.monativeplantsociety.org

Link up with Jenks Farmer: <http://jenksfarmer.com/>

Bush honeysuckle removal – contact Eric Bohle ebohle4@gmail.com

Natural Events at Chert Hollow Farm: An archive of monthly natural events posts going back to 2011 is indexed here:

<http://chert hollow farm.com/landscape/>

Wren Song

<http://www.ecosystemgardening.com/wren-song/>

Insect conservation: Xerces Society www.xerces.org

Plant identification: USDA plant database <http://plants.usda.gov>

Grow Native resources: www.grownative.com



Time to Plant!!

By Becky Erickson, Chapter Nursery Keeper

I heard a report on NPR that this July was Globally the hottest since records were started 130 years ago. I guess someone was good to us and left the refrigerator door open. [Everybody smile and sigh in relief.] When I worked at the NRCS PMC in Elsberry, the manager told me “You can plant 365 days of the year if you add enough water.”

This August and September has turned out to be a great time to add to your native garden or open up a new space. Temperatures are moderate so with a little added mulch and water, your new plants can get new roots imbedded before winter sets in. They will take off next spring just like the plants you have had for a few years.

Monarchs look for large spots of color for nectar; then they search out swamp milkweed. The egg-laying generation knows the new butterflies need nectar to fuel up for the journey south. Your Hawthorn Chapter Nursery has many prominent nectar species and over 200 milkweeds you can put in for monarchs and other pollinators next year. It is only 20 minutes from Columbia or Jefferson City. I have no inventory list, but I have about 60 species for most habitats.

Last week I asked for members to return pots and trays so I can re-use them. I received two times more plastic from other nurseries. Before you go a long distance to purchase plants at prices a dollar or two more than mine, please remember 100% of your money spent on plants goes to our educational grant fund for Columbia Public Schools and I am more centrally located than other nurseries.

Some people are buying from Box Stores and horticultural nurseries because they are convenient. ‘Convenience’ is not ecologically sound and can end up costing more in the long run. MOST Box Store plants are treated with systemic insecticides, they bloom at the wrong time, and they will cross out the wrong genes into wild populations.

Call me for directions and an appointment [we need to coordinate our lives]. Evenings after work and weekends are fine. 573-657-2314 I am in the paper phone book and the Petal Pusher masthead if you lose this. Call me soon!!



Membership Meeting Monday, September 14th

The bi-monthly membership meeting will be held at 6 pm in the Unitarian Universalist Church located at 2615 Shepard Blvd. in Columbia. Becky Erickson will give a program on plant identification – see her description below of the topic to be discussed:

“This is your chance to get some plants identified. Bring a good sample that isn’t too wilted. If you can’t cut it Monday morning, coil it in a zippy bag with a damp [not soaking wet] rag and refrigerate it.

A few potted plants will be a quiz. Few of them will have flowers. The person who can name most of them will win them all. Also come with management questions.”

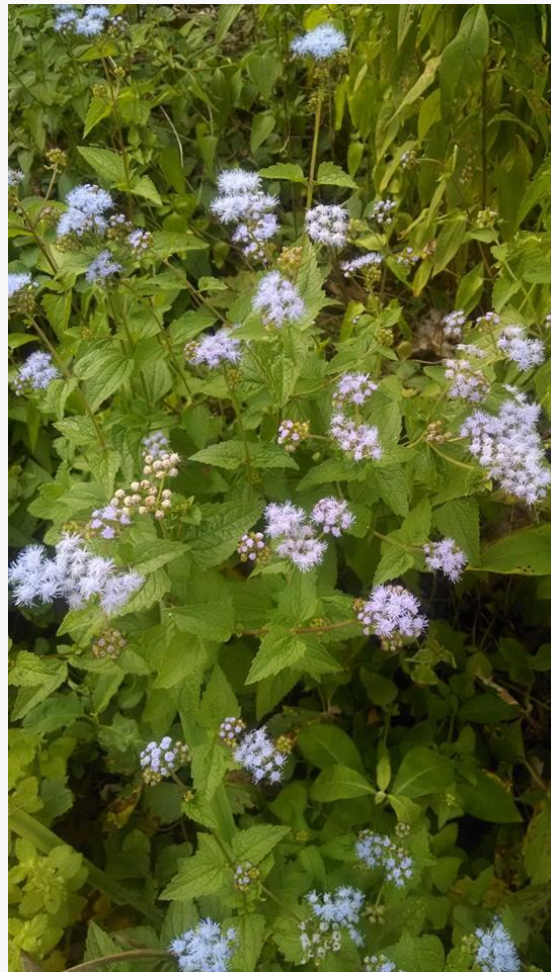


Photo by Paula Peters – Blue Mist Flower in Her Garden, August 2015

Thank you to Paula Peters, Becky Erickson, and Judy Turner for their submissions in this newsletter.

Please Step Forward For Service

Please contact one of the officers ready to volunteer a little time to a very good environmental and educational service. We need people to serve as officers, to grow plants for fundraising and we need people to man our information booth at events such as Earth Day and Bradford Plant Sale. If you get this only by mail, please consider requesting email delivery; it saves us money.

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