

Illinois Native Plant Society Northeast Chapter

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A few words from the president

Hi Northeast Chapter!

Well it's officially fall and we're nearing the tail-end of the growing season. I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying some early fall color. I was working down in Franklin County last week and got to see one of my favorite tree species displaying its vibrant fall color. Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) is a real beauty this time of year, with colors ranging all the way from golden yellow to crimson red and into purple, sometimes even on the same tree. Though the Chicago Region is outside its native range (it's native further south in Illinois), it's pretty widely planted there as a street tree or as specimen in a landscaped setting. For my Chicago Region native fall color dollar, I'd have to pick any of the serviceberry species (*Amelanchier*). The colors span the same range as sweetgum, and serviceberries also have edible fruits in early summer. Keep your eyes peeled for these beautiful plants over the next few weeks!

Alright, all this talk about our region's fall beauty reminds me that we have a great field trip coming up on Saturday, October 10. We'll be heading to Glacial Park in Richmond, IL and will be led on the hike by Laurie Ryan, the plant ecologist for the McHenry County Conservation District. To my knowledge it's been at least a couple years since we've had an INPS field trip in McHenry County, and we're very much looking forward to getting to tour one of the County's botanical hotspots. Check out the full description of the trip later in the newsletter. I hope you can join us!

We're also hoping to get at least another field trip in, either later in October or maybe early November. As always, we'll keep you posted on any new trip developments through email and Facebook. Hope to see you out in the field soon!

- Andy

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Native Plant Excursions

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RECENT

NE-INPS Field Trip to Montrose Beach Dunes
Andy Olnas. Saturday, August 1st. Last month's newsletter had information on the field trip. Page 2 provides a list of the plants seen during the visit.

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Montrose Beach Dunes Plant List – Aug. 1, 2015

Genus	Species	Common Name	Genus	Species	Common Name
<i>Agalinis</i>	<i>tenuifolia</i>	slenderleaf false foxglove	<i>Ptelea</i>	<i>trifoliata</i>	wafer-ash
<i>Allium</i>	<i>cernuum</i>	nodding onion	<i>Sabatia</i>	<i>angularis</i>	rosepink
<i>Ammophila</i>	<i>breviligulata</i>	American beachgrass	<i>Salix</i>	<i>exigua</i>	sandbar willow
<i>Arabis</i>	<i>lyrata</i>	lyrate rockcress	<i>Scirpus</i>	<i>pungens</i>	common threesquare
<i>Artemisia</i>	<i>campestris</i>	field sagewort	<i>Sisyrinchium</i>	<i>albidum</i>	common blue-eyed-grass
<i>Asclepias</i>	<i>incarnata</i>	swamp milkweed	<i>Solidago</i>	<i>juncea</i>	early goldenrod
<i>Buchnera</i>	<i>americana</i>	American bluehearts	<i>Solidago</i>	<i>riddellii</i>	Riddell's goldenrod
<i>Cakile</i>	<i>edentula</i>	American searocket	<i>Solidago</i>	<i>graminifolia</i>	grass-leaved goldenrod
<i>Calamovilfa</i>	<i>longifolia</i>	sand reed	<i>Tofieldia</i>	<i>glutinosa</i>	false asphodel
<i>Carex</i>	<i>viridula</i>	little green sedge	<i>Triglochin</i>	<i>maritima</i>	common bog arrow grass
<i>Carex</i>	<i>aurea</i>	golden sedge	<i>Utricularia</i>	<i>macrorhiza</i>	common bladderwort
<i>Carex</i>	<i>crawei</i>	Crawe's sedge	<i>Verbena</i>	<i>hastata</i>	blue vervain
<i>Carex</i>	<i>comosa</i>	longhair sedge			
<i>Chamaesyce</i>	<i>polygonifolia</i>	seaside spurge			
<i>Cirsium</i>	<i>pitcheri</i>	dune thistle			
<i>Cirsium</i>	<i>muticum</i>	swamp thistle			
<i>Equisetum</i>	<i>hyemale</i>	scouringrush horsetail			
<i>Hypericum</i>	<i>kalmianum</i>	Kalm's St. Johnswort			
<i>Juncus</i>	<i>balticus</i>	mountain rush			
<i>Juncus</i>	<i>richardsonii</i>	northern green rush			
<i>Juncus</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	Canadian rush			
<i>Liatris</i>	<i>spicata</i>	dense blazing star			
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>spicata</i>	palespike lobelia			
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>kalmii</i>	Kalm's lobelia			
<i>Lobelia</i>	<i>siphilitica</i>	great blue lobelia			
<i>Lycopus</i>	<i>asper</i>	rough bugleweed			
<i>Lysimachia</i>	<i>quadriflora</i>	fourflower yellow loosestrife			
<i>Opuntia</i>	<i>fragilis</i>	brittle pricklypear			
<i>Parnassia</i>	<i>glauca</i>	fen grass of Parnassus			
<i>Pedicularis</i>	<i>canadensis</i>	Canadian lousewort			
<i>Physostegia</i>	<i>virginiana</i>	obedient plant			
<i>Pinus</i>	<i>banksiana</i>	jack pine			
<i>Potentilla</i>	<i>anserina</i>	silverweed cinquefoil			
<i>Potentilla</i>	<i>fruticosa</i>	shrubby cinquefoil			
<i>Prunella</i>	<i>vulgaris</i>	lance selfheal			
	<i>subsp.</i>				
	<i>lanceolata</i>				



Utricularia macrorhiza
(photo Daniel Lopez)

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UPCOMING

Cook County Too many to list! Check out the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's [web page](#) for complete listings. October events include fall foliage walks, hikes, a number of mushroom presentations, a tree identification workshop, and more.

DuPage County

Too many to list! Check out the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's [web page](#) for complete details. Events include fall foliage walks, The Danada Fall Festival (Oct. 11), and more.

Lake County

Too many to list! Check out the Lake County Forest Preserve's [web page](#) for complete details. Events include fall foliage walks, Halloween Hikes (evening), etc.

McHenry County

NE INPS Hidden Fen Field Trip, Glacial Park, Richmond.

Saturday, Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m.

Come join Laurie Ryan, Plant Ecologist for the McHenry County Conservation District, on a field trip to Hidden

Fen south of the Nippersink Creek. We will also get to walk through a 10-year old prairie restoration adjacent to the fen. If time allows and/or the group is interested we can check out more recently planted prairie restorations or a wetland restoration project.

Directions: Please meet in the Pioneer Canoe Base parking lot south of the Nippersink Creek and west of Pioneer Road. This site is located east of Route 31 and north of Harts Road. Do not go in the main entrance for Glacial Park, as you will be too far west.

GPS coordinates of meeting location: 42.430406 - 88.292746

Laurie's cell: [815-482-3270](tel:815-482-3270)

Other Regional Plant Events

UPCOMING

Chicago Area

**The 8th International Oak Society Conference
Oct. 18–21, The Morton Arboretum.**

The conference features lectures on a wide range of topics in oak systematics, biodiversity, conservation, ethnobotany, and horticulture, as well as workshops and field trips within the Arboretum's collections. For more information, please check out [this web page](#).

North Central Illinois

The 1st Nachusa Science Symposium

Saturday, Oct. 24, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Franklin Creek Grist Mill (1893 Twist Rd., Franklin Grove, IL)

A full day conference featuring research happening at the Nachusa Grasslands. Seven talks plus a poster session and mixer. Attendance is free, but registration is required by October 19. For more information, follow [this link](#).

You may also want to check out [The Outside Calendar](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out the various Forest Preserve web pages below for a complete listing in each county.

Cook County

Forest Preserve District of Cook County [web page](#).

Options include: **Restoration Workdays** (Saturday, Oct. 10, 10:00 a.m. – noon) at the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center (no registration required) or River Trail Nature center (call 847-824-8360 to register).

DuPage County

Forest Preserve District of DuPage County [web page](#).

Options include: **Restoration Workdays** at various Prairies and Woods, or at the Blackwell Nursery. Register at 630-933-7681 at least five business days prior.

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Lake County

Lake County Forest Preserve [web page](#).

Options include: **Restoration Workdays** at the Old School, various Prairies, Woods, or at the Native Seed Nursery. Contact the Restoration workday coordinator [Tom Smith](#) to participate. Desk: 847-968-3329, Cell: 847-276-5379.

[The Habitat Project](#) and [Habitat 2030](#) [ongoing]

Conservation/Land Management

Natural Areas Conference 2015

November 3–5, 2015, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Registration is now open for the conference, and early registration ends September 12. The theme is “Conservation Through Collaboration.” The conference includes a number of plenary and special sessions, field trips and workshops. For more information, please follow [this link](#).



Sorghastrum nutans
(photo Linda MacKechnie)

Events At A Glance:

Oct. 10	NE INPS Hidden Fen
Oct. 18-21	Oak Society Conference
Nov. 3–5	Natural Areas Conference

Please check on our NE-INPS or Facebook pages for late additions to the calendar of events.

Got some great ideas for places to go or plants to see?
Want to hear talks on specific topics?

Send us an email message: northeast-inps@gmail.com or write me directly at lindamprince@gmail.com

ERRATA: The last newsletter erroneously listed the issue as August 2015 instead of September 2015. I regret the error and any confusion it may have caused.
- Linda M.



Solidago sp. (sensu lato)
(photo Linda MacKechnie)