



The Shooting Star

April-May
2023

Newsletter

“Dedicated to the study, appreciation, and conservation of the native flora and natural communities in Illinois.”

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APRIL 29 -30

REGISTER TODAY!

ILLINOIS PLANTS IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Justin Schoof

APRIL 29

10AM-3PM: RESEARCH TALKS

MORRIS LIBRARY AUDITORIUM - SIUC CAMPUS

Research talks will explore the theme of Illinois plants in a changing climate. For a comprehensive list of guest speakers please check the registration page.

3PM: STUDENT POSTER SESSION

MORRIS LIBRARY 1ST FLOOR ROTUNDA - SIUC CAMPUS

Learn more about botanical research conducted by Illinois students.

4PM: KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

MORRIS LIBRARY AUDITORIUM - SIUC CAMPUS

Climate Change in Illinois: Updated Historical Trends and Projections of Future Change - Dr. Justin Schoof

APRIL 30

10AM - 1PM: HIKE @ WILDCAT BLUFF

1159 WILDCAT BLUFF RD VIENNA, IL 62995

Register online @ illinoisplants.org/2023-illinois-indigenous-plants-symposium/



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Message from the Southern Chapter President

Greetings!

I hope everyone is having a great spring season with many spring ephemerals and exciting hikes. This is always a fun time of the year and feels like a pressure cooker just about to pop with everything budding out. One week you feel like very few plants have emerged and the next you are hiking through a spring wonderland. I am always blown away and take photos of the same plants year after year; it never gets old. The colors, the shapes, and the smells... ahhh. We are incredibly lucky to be here in southern Illinois looking at flowers while our northern neighbors continue to shovel snow.

I want to thank everyone that made it out for our last presentation on March 21st. Chris Benda gave a great presentation about his *Styrax americanus* surveys throughout the state. This was informative and shed some light on the distribution of this beautiful wetland shrub. If you would like to view the presentation, it will be added to our YouTube channel along with the other previous presentations.

This month is pretty jam packed with activities planned. On May 13th we have a plant sale scheduled at Turley Park in Carbondale from 8am to 2pm. This sale is in partnership with Green Earth and Southern Woods Gardens and will have many of your native plant needs. On April 29th & 30th, we are hosting the native plant symposium at SIUC in the Morris Library. The theme of the symposium is “Plants in a Changing Climate” and below is the link to register and read more about this exciting weekend.

<https://illinoisplants.org/2023-illinois-indigenous-plants-symposium/>

The symposium will be followed by a hike at Wildcat Bluff to botanize the area. There are multiple habitat types at this property, giving us a good diversity of species along the way. There is a limit of 25 participants at the site; registration is first come first serve, so save a spot as soon as possible.

Enjoy the beautiful spring weather we are getting right now and get outside to enjoy the flora of Illinois!

-Nick Seaton

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Feature Plant of the Month

Calendine Poppy,
Stylophorum diphyllum

Get rid of invasive garlic mustard and Japanese stiltgrass to make way for this species. Also known as wood poppy, you’ll find this buttery beauty in moist woodlands and along streambanks, preferring dappled or partial shade. It has 4-petaled yellow flowers which bloom in mid to late spring. The flowers grow in clusters on top of 12-18” long stems (*Stylophorum* translating to long columnar style). What’s interesting is this plant can self-pollinate if needed. The leaves are pinnately lobed (described as bipinnatifid) with a silvery, hairy underside. The sap is also bright yellow and was used at a natural dye by Native Americans.



2023



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Calendar of Events

April 29 & 30	INPS	Illinois Indigenous Plant Symposium	SIUC, Morris Library
June 24	INPS	Forest Herbaceous Species with Beginning Forest Landowners Program	TBA
July TBA	INPS	TBA	TBA
August TBA	INPS	Back to School Botany	TBA

STUDENT POSTERS NEEDED!

Posters should highlight past or future work relating to botany, ecology, and/or natural history in Illinois. They can address the conference theme of "Illinois in a Changing Climate," but that is not necessary.

***ILLINOIS PLANTS IN A
CHANGING CLIMATE***



INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING?

EMAIL BREANNAWHITLEY@GMAIL.COM

APRIL 29 -30

Help rebuild disaster-stricken zones! Join us in an

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Illinois Native Plant Sale

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Local Events & Announcements

Giant City State Park Register for these events by calling the visitor center at (618) 457-4836.

Nature Connections 101: Spring Re-Boot

Sunday, May 7th, 2:00—3:30pm

Join experienced nature connection guide Steve Gariepy for a person spring Re-Boot program. We will focus on simply things we can do for ourselves to utilize our natural areas for personal relaxation, exploration, learning, and growth. This program will take place on the new, accessible Post Oak Trail. Registration is required.



Planting Native Plants for Pollinators

Saturday, May 20th, 10:00—11:00am

Plants and insects have co-evolved over thousands of years; this means that the plants you include in your home garden will impact the insects that visit and use your garden. Many pollinators we enjoy seeing are native to Illinois: that means to best support their life style, they need resources provided by plants native to Illinois. Learn about different native plants you can add to your home garden, what insects they support, and how adding native plants to your garden can provide numerous ecological benefits. Registration is required.

“Moths and their caterpillars transfer more energy from plants to other animals than any other herbivores. A landscape without moths is a landscape without birds and many other animals. In *Gardening for Moths*, Jim McCormac and Chelsea Gottfried tell us how to bring these wonderful creatures into our landscapes and into our lives.” — **Doug Tallamy**, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants*

Ohio University Press in Athens is pleased to announce the publication of a new gardening/nature title:

Gardening for Moths: A Regional Guide

By Jim McCormac and Chelsea Gottfried

280 pages, 613 color photographs, 7 x 10-in.

\$36.95 trade discount paperback

ISBN 9780821425206

Publication date: March 28, 2023

In *Gardening for Moths*, Jim McCormac and Chelsea Gottfried emphasize the important role moths play in the ecosystem, both as pollinators and as a critical food source for birds and bats. The book—heavily illustrated with more than 600 color photos—encourages home gardeners to consider an array of native plants that attract moths. Because moths are mainly nocturnal, getting good photographs is a bit of challenge, so this book’s visual offering is a major selling point. The endorsement by author Doug Tallamy is another big plus. The “region” of the subtitle is largely the Midwest, but specifically these states: IL, IN, KY, southern MI, OH, western NY, western PA, north and west WV, southeast WI.

Ask for *Gardening for Moths* at your local bookstore. Copies can also be purchased on our website shopping cart and from online retailers. Don’t hesitate to share the book information with your local library, too—thank you.

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Ohio University Press Alden Library, Suite 101 Athens, OH 45701

<https://www.ohioswallow.com/subject/Gardening>,

including *The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Flowers and Plants*

KEEP CARBONDALE BEAUTIFUL SPRING CLEANUP



EARTH DAY, APRIL 22 | 9:00 AM – NOON

📍 TURLEY PARK, CARBONDALE

**PRE-REGISTRATION OPEN NOW THRU APRIL 15TH
[KEEPCB.ORG/SPRINGCLEANUP](https://keepcb.org/springcleanup)**

Pre-registration is not required, but encouraged for groups.



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Extension Forestry Spring Webinar Series

Just in time for spring, the Illinois Extension Forestry team will lead a five-session webinar series for woodland owners on Wednesdays starting April 5th.

This year, the series include presentations on bats, native oaks, aquatic invasive species, tree physiology, and forest moths. See the full agenda below. Virtual sessions are 1-hour in length, open to the public, and free to attend.

<https://registration.extension.illinois.edu/start/extension-forestry-spring-webinar-series-2023>

Series Agenda (All webinars start at 2pm Central)

- April 5th - Local diners: ecosystem services of bats in the Midwest - Joy O'Keefe
- April 12 - Identification of Illinois' Native Oak Species - Chris Evans
- April 26 - Invasive Species of Illinois' Rivers, Lakes, and Wetlands – Katie O'Reilly
- May 3 - Introduction to Tree Physiology – Taryn Bierl
- May 10 - Forests, Moths, Birds and Bats, Oh My! - Kevin Rohling

Questions? Contact Extension Forester Chris Evans at cwevans@illinois.edu.



Butterfly & Dragonfly Monitoring Training April 29th & 30th

At Crab Orchard NWR & Barkhausen Cache River Wetland Center

Led by Doug Taron, Chief Curator and Allen Lawrance, Associate Curator

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum

Do you enjoy taking nature walks and watching butterflies or dragonflies? This training is for you!

The Illinois Butterfly Monitoring Network (IBMN) and Illinois Odonate Survey (IOS) are recruiting citizen volunteers to monitor these populations in Southern Illinois. Monitors are needed for several public land sites and may be given a trail already mapped by IBMN or IOS, with locations that are close to their home community. Volunteers pledge to turn in at least 8 surveys of their assigned trail between late May and early August. These trails can usually be walked at a slow pace in about one to two hours. It is strongly encouraged (but not required) that potential monitors register and view the "2023 Southern Illinois Workshops" online at IBMN (Website: <https://ibmn.org/>) April 25 before they attend these field events. Also, participants are asked to pre-register for the field training by calling the Refuge Visitor Center at 618-997-3344.

There is no charge for the training or the workshops. Bring binoculars if you have them, sack lunches, a water bottle and appropriate clothing for outdoor walking. Participants are welcome to attend both days. New monitors must attend at least the first day's session. Both days will offer information valuable for returning experience monitors. The workshop plan is:

Saturday April 29 Focus on Butterflies

10:00AM to Noon: Field Training

Meet at the CONWR Visitor's Center and we will walk to the Headquarters Prairie. This site will be used to demonstrate a monitoring walk using the Pollard protocol.

Noon to 1PM: Lunch at the Visitors Center patio (participants are asked to bring a sack lunch)

1PM to 3:30PM: Field Training

We will caravan from the Visitor's Center to East Bay

Sunday April 30 Focus on Dragonflies

10:00AM to 3PM: Field Training

Meet at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetland Center and we will walk behind the Visitors Center.

There will be a break for lunch (please bring a sack lunch) at the Visitor's Center picnic tables.

Attention, All Pollinator Habitat Enthusiasts!

The earliest flowers are in bloom, and the earliest pollinators are already hard at work. Here are some timely activities you can participate in shared by Eleanor Schumacher from Project Wingspan.

Free milkweed for schools and educational non-profits

Schools and educational nonprofits may apply for a free flat of native milkweed for a public garden or habitat space. Single flats of 32 plants will be distributed to recipients in the spring, while milkweed supplies last. The application can be found here: <https://monarchwatch.org/bring-back-the-monarchs/milkweed/free-milkweeds-schools-nonprofits/>

Free milkweed for habitat restoration projects

Monarch Watch is again distributing free milkweeds for planting in large-scale habitat restoration projects for Spring 2023. Several states are included in this initiative. To qualify, applicants must have a minimum of two acres to restore to natural, native habitat, and have a management plan in place. Milkweeds are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early.

Those awarded free milkweed need only pay shipping/handling, which is modest compared to the value of the plants. Please help us spread the word by sharing widely. For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://monarchwatch.org/bring-back-the-monarchs/milkweed/free-milkweeds-for-restoration-projects/>

Project Wingspan Illinois – Exciting News and a Training and Certification Event

2022 Project Wingspan was a giant success! This month, we embark on our new grant cycle: “Project Wingspan Illinois and Indiana!” Illinois has continued to break program records in amount of seeds harvested and cleaned, and number of projects awarded local seed mixes and plant materials. This is all thanks to our amazingly dedicated seed collection teams and our growing list of supportive partners and seed collection sites! For a look at the scale of success achieved, please see the attached “Metrics” document.

Collection team activities will be getting underway soon. **All 20+ teams are looking to add members and new teams are being established! Collect native wildflower seeds with Project Wingspan!** It’s so much fun, you’ll learn so much, and you’ll make a remarkable difference to pollinators in Illinois!

Here’s the link to the next training and certification event. No registration is necessary. Also attached are a flyer and a blurb for the event. If you want to pass this info along or post it on social media, please do! We can’t have too many helping hands!

Watch Party Zoom Link for May 10th, 6:30 pm:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89991020182>

Meeting ID: 899 9102 0182

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Reposted Conservation Education Representative job at Wetlands Center (see attached). Must apply online and by 4/20/23. Interested persons please go to [Careers at State of Illinois \(jobs2web.com\)](https://illinois.jobs2web.com). Key word is - conservation.

Job Title: CONSERVATION EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE

Agency : Department of Natural Resources

Closing Date/Time: 04/20/2023

Salary: \$2,464.00 per month

Seasonal - not to exceed 6 months

Job Type: Salaried Part Time

County: Johnson

Number of Vacancies: 1

Plan/BU: RC062

<https://illinois.jobs2web.com/>

NOTE: POSITION IS TO ASSIST WITH EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES BEGINNING SPRING 2023. THIS POSITION IS A TEMPORARY SEASONAL POSITION THAT WILL NOT EXCEED SIX MONTHS.

This position is a union position; therefore, provisions of the relevant collective bargaining agreement/labor contract apply to the filling of this position.

All applicants who want to be considered for this position **MUST** apply electronically through the illinois.jobs2web.com website.

State of Illinois employees should click the link near the top left to apply through the SuccessFactors employee career portal.

Applications submitted via email or any paper manner (mail, fax, hand delivery) will not be considered.

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Position Overview

The Conservation Education Representative position at Cache River State Natural Area will fill the need of developing, executing and presenting programs, activities and events to the general public, school groups and special interests groups. Prepares and delivers educational information designed to instill appreciation and understanding of conservation ethics, as well as ingrain an environmental awareness for park visitors.

Job Responsibilities

1. Under general direction, presents programs, activities and events to the general public, school groups, and special interest groups at Ferne Clyffe, Cache River, and Tunnel Hill:

- Prepares and delivers educational information designed to instill appreciation and understanding of conservation ethics.
- Gathers information to distribute to park visitors about environmental awareness.

2. Develop a familiarity with department rules, regulations, and park history:

- Develops working knowledge of park history, park geologic features and trail system by training pamphlets and exploring the state ground.
- Answers questions to the public regarding historical, ecological, and recreational aspects of the park and surrounding area.

3. Develops and implements the natural or outdoor recreational site's interpretive program plan:

- Inspects trail conditions by walking park grounds.
- Plans evening and daytime visitor activities, which include foot, aquatic, and automotive tours.
- Prepares press releases for use by the local or area news media.
- Organizes and schedules interpretive programming efforts with area educators to maximize benefits for visiting school groups.
- Plants trees and/or prairie grass with school groups.
- Plans and constructs temporary exhibits and displays for the site's interpretive center and makes alterations and improvements to the center.
- Maintains and updates social media outlets.
- Travels throughout the region.

4. Assists in the training of volunteers for ongoing needs or special events:

- Organizes and schedules volunteers for events throughout the park.
- Provides guidance and instruction to volunteers on proposed projects.
- Monitors projects to ensure volunteers have required equipment.

5. Interprets departmental rules and regulations regarding hunting, camping, and fishing.

6. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

Minimum Qualifications

1. Requires knowledge, skill, and mental development equivalent to completion of four years of college, with courses in journalism, English or public speaking.

Preferred Qualifications

1. One (1) year of elementary knowledge of the principles of conservation education
2. Two (2) years of professional experience in a public education and information program in a public or private agency
3. One (1) year of experience using cameras, projectors, recorders, and outdoor equipment.
4. One (1) year of experience presenting ideas effectively, both orally and in writing
5. One (1) year of experience preparing reports and keeping records on conservation education activities
6. One (1) year of experience in public speaking

Employment Conditions

All applicants must be able to meet the following Conditions of Employment, with or without reasonable accommodation, to be considered for this position.

1. Ability to pass background check.
2. Valid driver's license.
3. Ability to travel.

Agency Statement

Charged with preserving, protecting, and promoting Illinois' natural resources, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) employees oversee water, wildlife, wetlands and oil wells, parks, historic sites – and everything in between. Employment opportunities vary greatly, often providing employees the chance to work indoors and out in a dynamic yet relaxed environment. Working for the State of Illinois, IDNR employees receive excellent benefits, including health, vision and dental insurance; a retirement plan and deferred compensation options; state holidays and other time off; as well as pre-tax benefit programs.

The Office of Land Management (OLM) oversees nearly 400 individual parcels of land and institutes a wide variety of programs and activities advocating outdoor recreation through sustainable use, conservation, and preservation. The Historic Sites Division of the Office of Land Management oversees 57 Historic Sites, Monuments, and Memorials. OLM facilitates activities from small group interpretive programming at Historical Sites, to hiking, hunting, fishing, boating, and camping.

Work Hours: Wed. - Sun. 8:30AM - 4:30PM with half hr. lunch.
Work Location: Cache River State Natural Area, 930 Sunflower Ln Belknap, IL 62908-1000
Agency Contact:
Vicky Fowler
Email: Vicky.Fowler@illinois.gov
Phone #:217-785-5387
Job Family: Environmental & Natural Resources

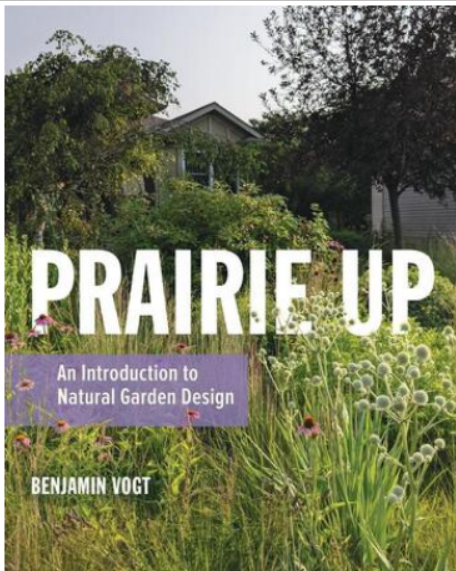
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This position DOES NOT contain "Specialized Skills" (as that term is used in CBAs).

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Use the "Apply" button at the top right or bottom right of this posting to begin the application process.
If you are not already signed in, you will be prompted to do so.
State employees should sign in to the career portal for State of Illinois employees – a link is available at the top left of the Illinois.jobs2web.com homepage in the blue ribbon.
Non-State employees should log in on the using the "View Profile" link in the top right of the Illinois.jobs2web.com homepage in the blue ribbon. If you have never before signed in, you will be prompted to create an account.
If you have questions about how to apply, please see the following resources:
State employees: Log in to the career portal for State employees and review the Internal Candidate Application Job Aid
Non-State employees: on Illinois.jobs2web.com – click "Application Procedures" in the footer of every page of the website.

The main form of communication will be through email. Please check your "junk mail", "spam", or "other" folder for communication(s) regarding any submitted application(s). You may receive emails from the following addresses:
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Landscaping with native plants has encouraged gardeners from the Midwest and beyond to embark on a profound scientific, ecological, and emotional partnership with nature. Benjamin Vogt shares his expertise with prairie plants in a richly photographed guide aimed at gardeners and homeowners, making big ideas about design approachable and actionable. Step-by-step blueprints point readers to plant communities that not only support wildlife and please the eye but that rethink traditional planting and maintenance. Additionally, Vogt provides insider information on plant sourcing, garden tools, and working with city ordinances.

This book will be an invaluable reference in sustainable garden design for those wanting both beautiful and functional landscapes. Easy to use and illustrated with over 150 color photos, *Prairie Up* is a practical guide to artfully reviving diversity and wildness in our communities.

Squirrel Corn
Dicentra canadensis

OR

Dutchman's Breeches
Dicentra cucullaria

Rounded spurs on the flowers
(like a bleeding heart)
Flower stalk is more upright
Has light fragrance
More openly divided foliage
Yellow bulblets



Photo courtesy, Paul Marcum

Pointed spurs on the flowers
(like a pair of pantaloons)
Flower stalk is more arched
Little or no fragrance
More subtly tighter foliage
White or pink bulblets

Invasive Species Corner

Please look at the following resources for the latest in Invasive Species news.

<http://www.rtrcwma.org>
<https://www.frstillinois.com>
www.sipba.org

Whats in the woods?



Autumn Olive
Elaeagnus umbellata

Autumn Olive is an invasive bush growing in Southern Illinois. Invaded areas include open fields, wood edges and forest openings. Fruits are spread by birds.

notice the white tubular flowers and silver underside of the leaves

plants can fix nitrogen and alter soil chemistry!

Whats in the woods?



Garlic Mustard
Alliaria petiolata

Garlic mustard is an invasive biennial herb growing in Southern Illinois. First year, basal plants are visible in the winter and spring.

winter and spring are a great time to ID and begin control of garlic mustard

plants can be hand pulled and/or sprayed with herbicide



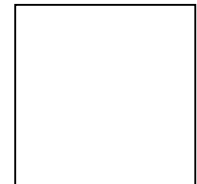
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