



UPSTATE happenings

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***SCNPS by the Numbers:**

Low Country	258
Upstate	247
Midlands	50
Piedmont	28
South Coast	27
	610

AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER OF THE UPSTATE CHAPTER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Upcoming Society Events

(in Bold)

Tuesday, August 21, 8:15am to about 5pm
Field Trip: Explore Whiteside Mountain and Highlands Biological Station, NC
Leader: Dan Whitten

We will hike a two mile loop trail, moderate overall, and also take an easy walk at the Biological Station. Restroom is available at the trailhead. Wear field footwear and clothing, bring lunch, snacks, and water.
 CARPOOL starts at 8:15am at Holly Springs store (intersection of Hwys 11 and 178). Store address is 6491 SC 11, Pickens, SC 29671. To register, contact Virginia Meador <vmeador@camperdown.org>. Please indicate the number in your party, whether or not you can drive, and how many passengers you can take. Also, please include your cell number for last minute communications.

***** ANNUAL MEETING! *****

Tuesday, September 18, 7:00pm,
Program: Special Plants of the
Jocassee Gorges • Greenville Technical
College Main Campus, Greenville, SC
Speaker: Patrick McMillan, Ph.D

FRIDAY thru SUNDAY, October 5-7, 2018
SC Native Plant Society
2018 Symposium

Palm Key Nature Center, Ridgeland, SC
Theme: "Bushes, Bugs, and Birds"
Hosted by the South Coast Chapter SCNPS
(See Page 2 for more information.)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, October 13 & 14
9:00am - 2:00pm each day

Fall Greenhouse
PLANT SALE!!

180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville
(Save the dates!)

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00pm,
Program: Being a Native Plant Advocate
Landrum Depot, Landrum, SC
Speaker: Bill Jones, owner of Carolina
Native Nursery, Burnsville, NC

Tuesday, November 20, 7:00pm,
Program: Ethnobotany, How Native Plants
are used in Malaysia • SWU, Central, SC
Speaker: Dixie Damrel, Botanist/
Curator of Clemson Univ. Herbarium

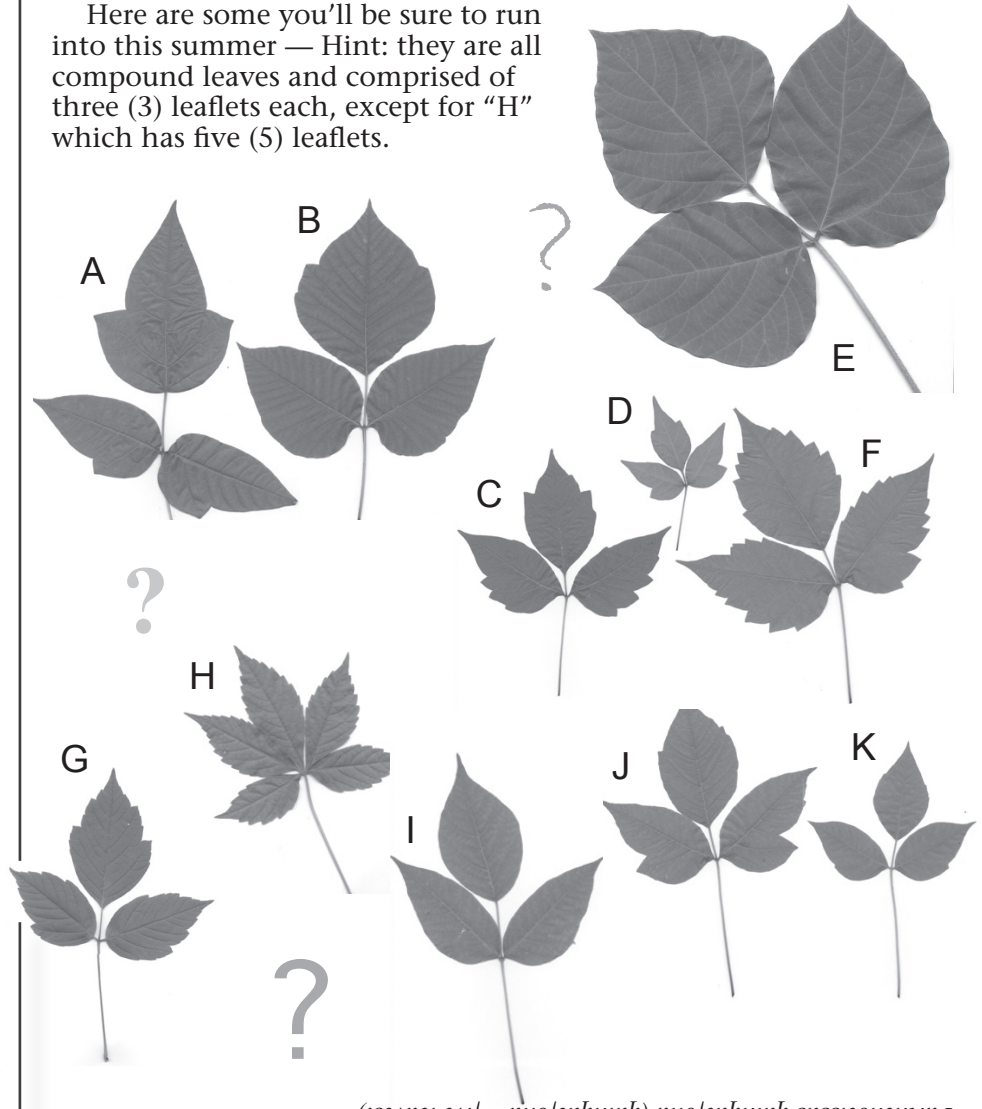
Tuesday, December 15, 7:00pm,
Christmas Social / Party... with the debut
of Botany Bingo! Fun & prizes!
Greenville, SC

*Membership info furnished by Jo Anne Conner, Membership Chair

Plant I.D. ? ?

Plant identification is a skill many of us are trying to acquire. We're grateful at least that the plants don't become alarmed and fly away, like birds do...

Here are some you'll be sure to run into this summer — Hint: they are all compound leaves and comprised of three (3) leaflets each, except for "H" which has five (5) leaflets.



ABCDIJK, Poison Ivy, Toxicodendron radicans ssp. radicans (Rhus radicans), E. Kudzu, Pueraria montana var. lobata (Pueraria lobata), G. Boxelder, Acer negundo, H. Virginia Creeper, Parthenocissus quinquefolia = five leaves!

growings on
at the GREENHOUSE

Greenhouse work mornings are set for **Thursday, Aug 9, and Wednesday, Aug 22**, from 8am to Noon. We are preparing plants for the Fall Greenhouse sale on Oct. 13 and 14 and for spring 2019. There is always lots to do, lots of chatter and laughter, and the satisfaction of seeing seeds turning into beautiful plants.

The greenhouse is at the Putnam's home at **180 Lakewood Drive, Greenville**. Call Miller at 864 325-9700 with questions. Email <judy_seeley@hotmail.com> to be put on the Greenhouse Gang notification list.



**South Carolina
Native Plant Society
PO Box 1311
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Upstate Chapter

Board of Directors Elections Are Coming Up! You Are Needed. 😊

Upstate Chapter officer elections will be held in November. There are four elected board positions: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. Dan Whitten will not be running again for president. The nominating committee will present its slate by October 1st. Nominations from the membership will be accepted until Oct 31st. By Nov 1st, the slate will be set. Two members at large are needed to join two current Board members on the nominating committee. If you are willing to serve on the nominating committee, serve as an officer, or have a person to suggest, please contact Dan Whitten at <mailto:sdwhit10@aol.com>.

We also need volunteers for planning Field Trips, for monthly Program Planning and for Plant Rescues. The board meets monthly, except in August, on the second Tuesday, usually at the Swamp Rabbit Café. Step up and take a turn on the Upstate Board... and put your good ideas into action!

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Did You Know...?

During the past year, Upstate NPS donated 30 plants from the greenhouse to the Piedmont Chapter for their "start-up" plant sale and donated plants to the Save Our Saluda group for riverbank improvement.

We also funded one of two SCNPS full scholarships for a student or young person pursuing work with native plants to attend the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference July 18-21, 2018. The two scholarships totaled \$960. The winners were: 1) **Rebecca Fanning**, who is associated with the Low Country Chapter,

and 2) **Annina Rusila-Platt** who is "a beginning flower farmer, permaculture/ biodynamic focus" recently from Finland and in the US for two years. The SC connection is that she and her family lived at the Seneca Tree House Project for 6-months; goal is "to farm with methods that are in harmony with my environment and support the biodiversity of my surroundings."

The board reviews and responds to special requests for help throughout the year. The Cullowhee scholarships have been given for many years.

**SC Native Plant Society
2018 Symposium! Oct 5-7**
"Bushes, Bugs, and Birds"

Hosted by the South Coast Chapter
**Palm Key Nature Center, 330 Coosaw
Way, Ridgeland, SC 29936**

Rooms and cottages available on a first come first serve basis. **For reservations: 843-726-6524** Say that you are attending the SCNPS conference for discounted rate. (Other accommodations can be found in Ridgeland, Hardeeville, or Beaufort.)

- Friday check in/ Low Country Boil / Social
- Saturday breakfast
- Matt Johnson / Audubon
- Lunch
- Workshops / Field trips
- Dinner/ chapter updates
- Silent auction / Live music by Rose Family Band
- Sunday Brunch
- SCNPS Business mtg
- Check out / optional field trips Sunday afternoon