# SCNPS Upstate January Newsletter

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UPSTATE HAPPENINGS

January 2021 Newsletter

*WORKING TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND RESTORE NATIVE PLANT COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA*

## MEMBERS PROFILE: STEVE AND JANIE MARLOW

*Steve and Janie Marlow*

Retiring from the Upstate SCNPS Board after more than 16 years of service to the Society, Steve and Janie have been (and continue to be) exemplary models of outstanding volunteers.

Their particular contribution has been predominately in the area of publicity with both having served as editors to the Upstate Happenings newsletter, and Steve as the Chair for the Home and Garden Show while Janie created the Wildflowers of the Rabbit brochure and maintains the incredible NameThatPlant website.

Steve and Janie are passing the torch, but they do so with the certain knowledge that they leave it better than they found it. Thanks Steve and Janie, for showing us the way.

READ ABOUT STEVE AND JANIE

# EVENTS

**Tuesday, January 19, 6:30pm**

Upstate Monthly Meeting

***NATIVE GRASSLANDS***

Where: Virtual Meeting

Dr. Dwayne Estes

Our precious Southern grasslands are nearly extinct and the wildlife species that depend on them are fading fast. In our January meeting, guest speaker Dr. Dwayne Estes will provide an overview of the Southeast Grasslands Initiative and their efforts to conserve, restore, and promote native grasslands of all types throughout the Southeast. He will be joined by our very own Dr. Bill Stringer in a discussion on what we can do to reverse the tide of grassland biodiversity loss in our own SC ecosystems.

As this topic will appear to all of the state, we invite our other Chapters to join us for this call.

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**Tuesday, February 16, 6:30pm**

**Upstate General Meeting** featuring Clemson Prof Saara DeWalt on Natural History about Dominica, Nature Isle of the Carribbean.

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**Thursdays, February 11, March 11, and April 8, 6:00pm**

**Carolina Pollinator Series:** The Museum of York County is hosting a 3-part winter seminar featuring valuable information on the great diversity of pollinators here, the relationships between plants and pollinators that have co-evolved together, and how to select, plant and care for them. Small fee required.

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**Ongoing**

**Free Trees:** TreesUpstate and Duke Power team up to give away free trees to Upstate residents to encourage restoration of our canopies. The next giveaway is January 29th and 30th in Greer.

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# EDUCATION

### A Tale of Discovery, Determination, and Re-discovery

Oconee Bells' (Shortia glacifolia)

*Photo by Steve Marlow*

In this season of giving, we invite you to take a moment to watch this inspirational video about one person's determination to preserve the threatened colony of our native Oconee Bells.

This story is as unique as the plant; a tale of the great scientists working hand-in-glove with citizen scientists to change the course of fate. Cyd Phillips speaks of latest chapter of this century's old tale with the creation of the Boone's Creek Preserve.

For those of you that haven't yet made the springtime pilgrimage to Lake Keowee to witness this ephemeral in bloom, you'll find the cinematography in this Naturaland Trust video compelling. And for those of you that have, it'll take you back…

READ THE FULL ARTICLE

WATCH THE NATURALAND TRUST VIDEO

## MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS

### Please Welcome Our New Members

**Judy Seeley, *Membership Chair***

Please welcome these new members. They are among 76 new or returning members in 2020. We look forward to meeting all of them when we can have "in person" gatherings again.

Laura Martin: Mauldin
Diane Rathge: Taylors
Candace Hill: Pickens
Mary Crise: Greenville
Ann Timberlake: Columbia
Ramon Fernandez-Rubio: Greenville
Virginia Snipes: Greer
Laura Lander: Anderson
Charles and Janet Chandler: Lexington, KY
Kim Goldfine: Simpsonville
Sara Buchholz: Greenville
Claire Lanz: Greenville
Susan Schillerstorm: Greer
Joseph Lewis: Fountain Inn
Laura Bell: Greenville
Nancy Baer: Pickens
Allison Kelly: Greenville (returning)
Patricia Holman: Inman

### Time to Renew Your SCNPS Membership

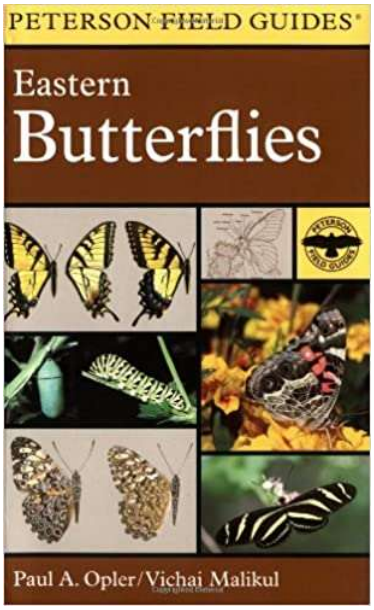
Unless you have signed up for automatic renewal by credit card, it is time to renew for 2021. Filling out the form is quick and easy. Please update your skills and interests. You may also print a membership form and mail it in. Members using automatic renewal will be notified when their renewal occurs. Contact Upstate Membership Chair Judy Seeley with questions.

**RENEW MEMBERSHIP NOW**

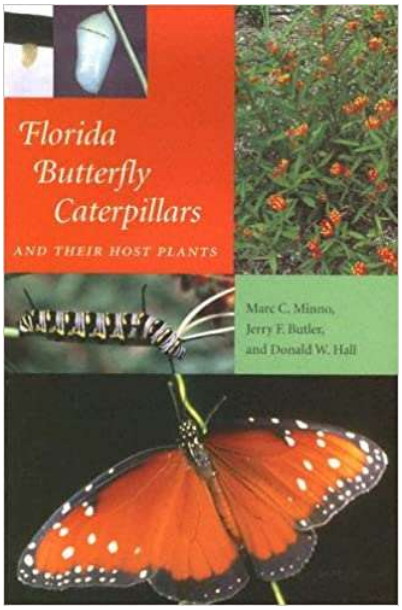
## BOOK REVIEW

### Butterfly Host Plants

For those of you working on your garden's ability to support pollinators, in his November presentation to the Low Country Chapter, Professor Brian Scholtens recommended two books for identifying caterpillars and learning about their host plants that will be of interest. Both are available online.




**Caterpillars of Eastern North America**
by David Wagner




**Florida Butterfly Caterpillars and Their Host Plants**
by Marc Minno, Jerry Butler, and Donals Hall

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## CONSERVATION

### Conservation Activism

**By Doug Lockard**

Like most years, 2020 was one of wins and losses from a conservationist's viewpoint. The current White House administration used their executive authority to undo many hard-won achievements, including their latest changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which now impairs criminal prosecution for 'accidental' bird deaths. Nevertheless, there were success stories that can inspire us as we face a new year.

The Great American Outdoors Act was signed into law following over a decade of bi-partisan effort. It will bring $9.5 billion of much-needed funding over the next five years for public lands conservation. On a state level, the Disaster Relief and Resilience Act will help mitigate

many of the problems attributed to flooding and sea-level rise. Local efforts are ongoing, such as our own effort in Greenville County to minimize the environmental impact of suburban sprawl, and a new long-overdue urban tree ordinance in the City of Greenville.

We encourage you to be a Conservation Activist. It begins with being aware by reading and talking and being engaged by voting and writing to your congressmen and women at the local, state and national level. Although we hope to see a better attitude in our national leadership in the near future, it's important to be the squeaky wheel. So donate, vote and keep your politicians on speed-dial to let them know what's important to you!

If you're so inclined, we encourage you to contribute your time, expertise and/or funding to any of the many worthwhile conservation efforts around you. Our Upstate Native Nursery and many conservation preserves in our communities are always in need of volunteers.

Most importantly, we encourage you to PLANT MORE NATIVES in 2021! This small but vital act is at the core of our mission in the SC Native Plant Society. We will strive to help you learn more about our natives and their benefits to local wildlife, and to make those plants available to you and your 'Living Landscapes'.

Let us know how we're doing:

TALK TO US

Learn about our volunteer opportunities:

VOLUNTEERS

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## THE UPSTATE NATIVE NURSERY

### 2020: A Record Year

When the UNN Steering Committee met in January 2020 to plan the year, we had no idea Covid was coming and between January and the April sale, we had quite a scramble to find ways to provide native plants to our Upstate community during a pandemic. Thanks to our incredible volunteers, we not only met the challenge, it turns out that 2020 was the best year we've ever had.

Our all-volunteer crew grew or dug-up over 4,000 plants, and turned around and sold those plants to the community, adding more than $36,000 to the coffers of the benefit of the SCNPS! The UNN is the primary fund-raiser for our many grants and programs and we thank each and every one of you—volunteers and clients alike—for your contribution to our mission.

### January Plant Dig

**When**: Monday January 25th
Noon till 2:00pm

**Where**: Judy Seeley's garden, Easley, SC

**Contact**: Judy Seeley

One way we obtain plants for our plants sales is by members allowing a crew to come in and dig "extras" of native plants on their property. We'll divide the dig so that everyone has a separate area to work in.

Please bring your energy, gloves, and a spade. Rain date is Tuesday, Jan 26. The plants will be potted up at the greenhouse during the rest of the week.

Contact Judy to reserve your spot & get directions.

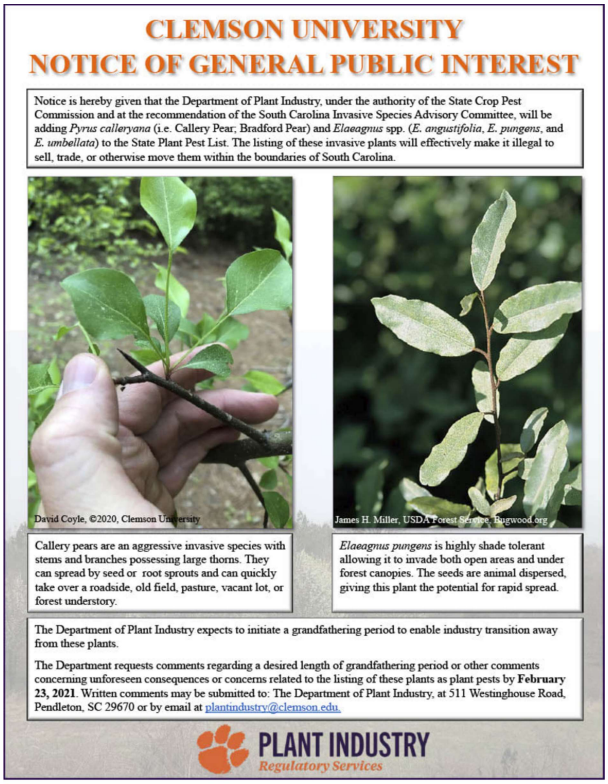
## THREATS & INVASIVES

The Russian Olive shrub (Elaeagnus angustifolia) is among several proposed additions to the SC State Plant Pest List in 2021. Also included E.pungens and E.umbellata) as well as the Bradford or Callery Pear (Pyrus calleryana).

The SC Invasive Species Advisory Committee will be accepting comments until February 23rd, 2021 at The Dept. of Plant Industry, 511 Westinghouse Road, Pendleton, SC 29670 or by e-mail at plantindustry@clemson.edu.

We encourage you to drop them a short note supporting these additions as these plants are already having a high impact on our state's ecology.

Visit Clemson's Plant Industry webpage for more information.

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