

Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio 2024 Programs

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Plant a Seed – Sowing Success

Saturday, January 13, 2024, 10:00am-11:30am – Big Creek Park, Meyer Center– 9160 Robinson Rd, Chardon 44024. There are many ways to “native-ize” your property and seeding is a great way to do it. While it is cost effective it does require forethought and patience. Join Ohio Prairie Nursery’s Barb Holtz to learn about the four “P”s of seeding native forbs and grasses. She’ll share the best road to sowing success, maintenance, and why natives are a beautiful and sustainable addition to your landscape. No registration required. In collaboration with Geauga Park District.

Columbia: A Land of Natural Diversity in Any Discipline

Sunday, February 25, 2024, 2:00pm-3:00pm at The West Woods Nature Center – 9465 Kinsman Rd, Novelty, OH 44072
Columbia always vies for being number one in natural diversity in any discipline. Take a photographic tour of this amazing country as Tom Sampliner former president of the Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio shares his January 2023 three-week journey to discover the natural diversity and culture of Columbia. Program in cooperation with Geauga Park District. No registration required.

Winter Tree Hike - Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:00am-11:30 am, South Chagrin Reservation, Solon, OH. From conifers to deciduous trees, the small arboretum at South Chagrin Reservation, provides an ideal backdrop for tree ID. Join board members Judy Barnhart and Chuck Fletcher to learn basic winter tree and shrub identification techniques, including, buds, bark and fruit. Meet at the Arbor Picnic Area on Arbor Lane off Hawthorn Parkway. No registration required.

Resthaven Wildlife Area: Erie County - Saturday, May 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m.-. As a follow-up to his orchid presentation last year, Tom Sampliner leads this trip to see orchids and other companion plants on a special

part of the preserve managed for orchids. An optional stop at the nearby Lakeside Daisy Preserve for those who wish to stay and see more. A rain date of May 18 is planned. Limited Registration on the website to arrange carpooling www.nativeplantsocietyneo.org. [Directions will be sent to participants.](#)

June 2024 – Geauga & Portage Park District Bio-Blitz: Dates to Be Determined - Participate with board members in these biological surveys to help record plant species found. Dates and location to be determined. Check website for details in early spring. Registration required. www.nativeplantsocietyneo.org

Rock River Refuge: Belmont County OH

Saturday, July 13, 2024, 9:30am-6:00pm. NPS member and Naturalist Fred Losi leads us to a recently discovered natural area owned by the Captina Conservancy in Belmont County. Rattlesnake plantain and crane fly orchid in an old growth woods will be our goal for the day. We will meet at a location near Piedmont Marina to carpool. From Rock River we’ll head to Raven Rocks, finishing up with a complementary picnic at our meeting location. Pack lunch and water for the trail. An optional Sunday trip to other natural areas in the county if you’d like to stay overnight at the Piedmont Marina Campground. Campground reservation is on your own. Limited registration on the website: www.nativeplantsocietyneo.org.

Wetland Plant Workshop

Saturday, August 10, 2024, 10:00 am-Noon. North Chagrin Reservation- 3037 SOM Ctr Rd, Willoughby Hills. John Reinier, Cleveland Metroparks Wetland Ecologist leads this program to help us decipher submerged and emergent aquatic vegetation. Meet at The North Chagrin Nature Center for an indoor session before heading outside to identify species. Bring a hand lens., Limited registration on the website: www.nativeplantsocietyneo.org.

KSU Herbarium & Demystifying the Asteraceae

Family- Saturday September 7, 2024 9:00 am-Noon , Kent State University, Cunningham Hall
From confusing fall asters to hawkweeds and coneflowers, members of the sunflower or aster family can be very difficult to identify. Kent State University Environmental Biology graduate student Chris Poling

and wetland scientist Alex Kozak team-up to teach us how to identify plants in the Asteraceae family. The program begins with a tour of the KSU Herbarium followed by an indoor lecture on the Asteraceae family and concludes with an outdoor visit to one of the prairie restoration sites on the Kent campus. Limited registration on our website

www.nativeplantsocietyneo.org. Meet in Cunningham Hall Room chh127. Free parking available in the R-6 lot next to Cunningham Hall - 1275 Lester A Lefton Esplanade, Kent Ohio 44242.

Blue Heron Preserve, Burton, Geauga County:

Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10:00-11:30am. Western Reserve Land Conservancy’s staff leads this hike to see how the recently opened former Newbury Sand and Gravel operation was renovated and turned into a nature preserve. Totaling 116 acres, the property is a testament to nature’s resiliency and ability to heal with a mix of habitats, including forested wetlands, reclaimed quarry ponds and emergent marsh with open water. No registration required. Located at 14757 Ravenna Rd (Route 44), Burton, OH 44021.

Annual Meeting Saturday, November 2, 2024, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Pine Lake Trout Club, Bainbridge. Details at a later date.



Ladies' Tresses, *Spiranthes* spp.

2024 AFTER WORK WILDFLOWER WALKS

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00pm

See the progression of spring on this annual series of hikes. Held rain or shine. No registration required except for May 8th.

April 17: Brecksville Reservation, Brecksville, OH, Cuyahoga County. Vice President Denise Wolfe lead this hike in a stream valley to see twinleaf, hepatica and other early blooming wildflowers. Wear boots for wet conditions and a small stream crossing. Meet at the Plateau Picnic area on Chippewa Creek Drive near Valley Parkway in Brecksville Reservation, 9000 Chippewa Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141.

April 24: Swine Creek Reservation, Middlefield OH, Geauga County. President Judy Barnhart leads this hike to see a tremendous diversity of spring flowers including rare goldenseal in this mature woods which is protected from deer pressure. Hike includes several small stream crossings and some hills. Meet at the Swine Creek Reservation - 16004 Hayes Rd, Middlefield. Go left at the entrance following signs for the Lodge.

May 1: Trail Lake Park, Streetsboro, Portage County. Portage Park Naturalist Jennifer White leads the hike to see bloodroot and other spring ephemerals at this recently opened park that borders Herrick Fen. Located at 605 Ravenna Rd, Streetsboro OH 44241.

May 8: Kelsey Ravine, Geauga County
Naturalist Dan Best and CMNH staff lead this hike. Kelsey Ravine in Claridon Township is an incredibly diverse preserve, boasting upland forest, outstanding sandstone ledges and caves, with high-quality forested wetlands and seepage wetlands adjacent to the East Branch of the Cuyahoga River with a half-mile of river frontage. The diverse

habitat at the site fosters a fascinating variety of plants, from ferns and sedges to spring wildflowers to enormous hemlocks lining the gorge the runs through the preserve; five state-listed rare plant species call Kelsey home, including long beech fern, floating pondweed, swamp red currant, Canada yew and hobblebush. This preserve is not open to the public. Registration is required by May 6th on the website. www.nativeplantsocietyneo.org
Only those registered will receive directions to the preserve. Carpooling recommended.

May 15: Red Oak Camp, Lake County

Red Oak Camp lead horticulturalist Eddie Lagucki leads this hike to see bloodroot, trillium and more at The Lantern Court Estate at Red Oak Camp. Meet at 9203 Kirtland Chardon Rd, Kirtland Oh Drive past gatehouse and main house to the parking lot.

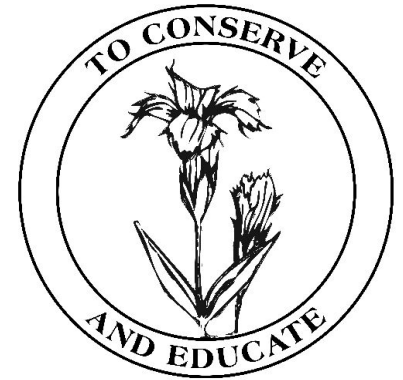
May 22: Camp Ho Mita Koda, Geauga County

President Judy Barnhart leads this hike to explore for spring wildflowers in a beach maple forest on the camp property trails which has been in existence in 1929. 14040 Auburn Rd. Newbury, OH 44065.

OUR GOALS

- Promote conservation of native plants and natural plant communities through habitat protection and other means
- Foster public knowledge and appreciation of native plants
- Support natural landscaping
- Raise awareness of the ethical issues regarding native plants
- Encourage surveys and research into native plant species and the publication of findings
- Promote cooperation with other programs and organizations concerned with the conservation of natural resources

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