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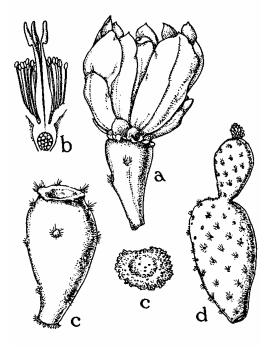
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Eastern Prickly Pear Cactus (Opuntia humifusa)

## **Upcoming Monthly Meetings**

#### "Flora of Plummers Island"

Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 pm White Oak Library – Large Meeting Room

Join Jessie Harris, MNPS member and botanical photographer and lecturer, for a slide presentation showing some of the native plants of Plummers Island, a number of which are uncommon. "Plummers Island is a small (12-acre) wooded island in the Potomac River in Montgomery County, Maryland, separated from the Maryland shore by only a narrow channel and is nine shore miles northwest (upriver) of the White House. The island was purchased by the Washington Biologists' Field Club in 1908 [with ownership eventually passing to the National Park Service in 1961]. The island has a high rocky center...which drops down in varying degrees of steepness to floodplain on the east and south sides. The relatively large flora recorded for the island is included in the recently published Checklist of the Vascular Plants of Plummers Island, Montgomery County, Maryland by Stanwyn G. Shetler, Sylvia Stone Orli, and Marcie Beyersdorfer" (Smithsonian Institution - D.C. Flora Website).

## "Annual Holiday Social & Members Share Night" Plus Annual MNPS Business Meeting

Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 pm White Oak Library – Large Meeting Room

Please bring your slides or PowerPoint presentation (on a disc) to present (@ 10 minutes) or photos to display to the group. A slide projector (Vivitar) and carousels will be available. Do share the images or stories of your local or distant adventures experienced within the past year. Also being an annual business meeting, our 2006 election results will be announced. Please bring holiday cookies to share. Coffee, tea, and cider will be provided. Please also consider joining us early (6:00) for the *Native News* mailing party!

**Directions:** Exit the Washington Beltway at New Hampshire Ave (exit 28). Go north about 2 miles. The library is the first building on the right, once you have passed under Route 29, just after the Sears store.



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#### **President's Letter**

Dear Members,

I'd like to spend most of my allotted space here in my final President's Letter thanking all of those who have helped keep the Maryland Native Plant Society going – and going strong! – over the two years I've served as president. The Maryland Native Plant Society is a cooperative, volunteer effort, and without the hard work and generous giving of time and effort on the part of many people, life would be a lot less rich for so many!

I want to say an especially large and heart felt "thank you" to the other MNPS Board Members who have shared the work load with me for the past couple of years. Without this group (all of whom are volunteers, all of whom have other jobs, family, friends, a life), without this group we wouldn't have the field trips, the *Native News*, the conference, our journal *Marilandica*. We wouldn't have the Maryland Native Plant Society presence in advocating conservation and protection and preservation issues around the state. Without this group, a lot of the important botanical surveys that point up rare ecosystems statewide and really help to save endangered species would not be done. What a loss that would be...

I'd also like to thank the Chapter leaders, the field trip leaders, and the Monthly Meeting lecturers – these people give up valuable weekend and evening hours to share their expertise with others. I'd like to thank our *Native News* editor/creator and our website monitor. I'd like to thank the mailing party volunteers, the folks who bring in refreshments and door prizes to the Monthly Meetings, the members who volunteer to help out at the annual conference. We all work together to keep the Maryland Native Plant Society the important, vibrant group it is, and I want to thank all of these generous souls for their part in the effort!

People are few; A leaf falls here, Falls there. ~ Issa – 18-19th c. ~

Over the past two years I've written about several themes that are near and dear to my heart. Since it is my last chance to reiterate them, I'll do just that.

\*\*I believe so strongly in the power of education – MNPS emphasis on restoring our natural heritage through field based learning is so important.

\*\*I also think that one of the great things about being a naturalist is that there is always something to discover. It's wonderful to know that after all of this time studying and observing nature, I can see something new and learn of the existence of beautiful things of which I had never been aware. I think it's so important to get out and SEE the natural area around us. As I've said so many times, participate in some of the numerous field trips planned. Walk in some beautiful new places and cement friendships with like-minded people.

\*\*Finally, nothing should be more central to the existence of native plant societies than conservation of the native flora. I agree totally with Stan Shetler (in *Marilandica* vol. 11, no.1), when he writes "Surely native plant societies should spend more time studying nature and less time planting and manipulating it. There are only three rules for saving species – save habitat, save habitat, save habitat."

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve as President, and I look forward to seeing you on a field trip this year!

Carole Bergmann

### **MNPS** Announcements

#### **Seeking Nominations for the Board of Directors**

We're seeking a few good men and women to help steer the Society on the Board of Directors. You may nominate yourself or another willing member. Email is the critical vehicle for communication amongst the Board. Duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors include:

- \* Develop, implement, monitor, and strengthen the Society's programs and services
- \* Enhance and promote the Society's public standing
- \* Identify and promote appropriate policies and evaluate our ability to meet objectives
- \* Serve on at least one Committee
- \* Attend four of the six Board meetings

If you feel you or someone you know has these skills, please contact Karyn Molines, kmolines@chesapeake.net or 410-286-2928.

#### **Contact your local Chapter of MNPS!**

Here are ways you can contact MNPS Chapters to find out more about events happening close to your home.

#### **Catoctin Chapter**

catchapter@mdflora.org

Joe Metzger 410-775-7737

Jim and Teresa Gallion 301-898-0678

Please do join the Catoctin Chapter Listserv:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/catoctinmnps/

(You don't have to join Yahoo to join the listsery, just send a note to nladamson@gmail.com to be added to the list.)

#### **Eastern Shore Chapter**

eschapter@mdflora.org

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#### **Greater Baltimore Area Chapter**

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#### **Western Mountains Chapter**

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Liz McDowell 301-895-3686

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For more info about the seven Chapters of MNPS, please also visit our website (www.mdflora.org) and click on Chapters.

#### **Greater Baltimore Chapter Meeting**

The Greater Baltimore Chapter will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 pm at the Irvine Nature Center. Check the MNPS website for speaker and topic.

#### **Welcome New Members!**

The following have recently joined the Society: Sherry Adams, Barbara Bandy, Mark Bandy, Anne Bredlow, Michael Calvert, Mary Chlan and Joe Heintze, Claire Dygert and Dalcio Dacol, Jessica Elenstar and Christopher Elenstar, Robert Eppley, Judy Freeman, Kelly Gravuer, Karen Greeley, Patrice Green, Albert and Brady Hartley, Steven Jahncke, John Jones, Mitzi Poole, Pamela Popovich, Cornelia Sarvey, Carl and Jerry Taylor, Kathy Tunney, Van Vogel, Sarah Werner, and Karen McDonald. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming field trips or meetings. Environmental Concern, in St. Michael's, MD, is our newest Organization member. Thank you for your continuing support.

#### **Native Plant Professionals**

One of the Society's many services is providing, upon request, a list of our current members who have told us that they are native plant professionals. This list is different than the list of nurseries found on the website, since it includes professional gardeners and landscapers as well as native plant propagators and suppliers. Over a typical month, we receive about a dozen requests from both members and nonmembers. If you wish to receive a copy of this list, please contact Karyn Molines kmolines@chesapeake.net or 410-286-2928.

#### **General Membership Information**

To tell when your membership expires, take a look at your mailing label. For example, if your label reads 11/1/2006 your membership expires at the end of November. If it's time to renew, please use the form on the back of this newsletter, or download one from the website. Mail your dues to MNPS Membership, P.O. Box 4877, Silver Spring, MD 20914. Sometimes, membership checks and renewal notices cross in the mail. We apologize if this happens; we do try to update our membership database weekly. If we receive two renewals for a membership, we have a policy to extend the membership for an additional year. Thanks for your support.

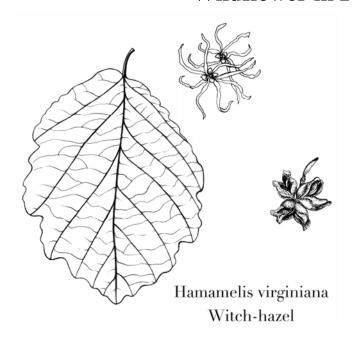
#### **Upcoming Native News Deadlines:**

Nov 25	January/February Winter Issue	
Jan 25	March/April Early Spring Issue	
March 25	May/June Late Spring Issue	
May 25	July/August Summer Issue	
July 25	September/October Autumn Issue	
Sept 25	November/December Holidays Issue	

Tentative 2006-7 Mailing Party Dates (preceding regular Monthly Meetings at White Oak Library):

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm: December 19 and February 27.

## ~ Wildflower in Focus ~



#### **COMMON WITCH-HAZEL**

Hamamelis virginiana L.

Witch-Hazel Family (*Hamamelidaceae*)

By Melanie Choukas-Bradley Artwork by Tina Thieme Brown

The only fall-blooming tree in Maryland's native flora, common witch-hazel contributes golden flowers and golden leaves to woodland landscapes from the mountains to the coastal plain. Late autumn hikes are enlivened by the brightly-hued flowers adorning the branchlets of this small tree or shrub. Witch-hazel is a well known herbal and its branches are favored by water diviners. **Flowers:** Yellow, with 4 small, spreading, ribbon-like petals. Each petal ½ - 1" long. Flowers borne in small axillary clusters as the leaves turn gold in autumn. They remain for a time after the leaves have dropped, sometimes into early winter. Fruit: A short, thick, 2-beaked capsule which becomes woody and splits at the top to release seeds. The seeds have a powerful reach. Maryland Native Plant Society President Carole Bergmann describes hearing a popping sound during a hike on Old Rag Mountain in Virginia. Looking up, she saw witch-hazel seeds bursting from the capsules! Capsules take about a year to mature and may remain on the tree for years. Leaves: Alternate, simple, deciduous, 2 - 6" long. Leaf blade is broadly obovate, oblong or ovate with a scallop-toothed margin and unequal base. The leaves often develop small pointed galls known as "witches' hats." Growth Habit: Small tree or shrub. **Bark and Twigs:** Bark light brown, smooth or slightly scaly. Twigs with slightly flattened, curved end buds that are covered with dense yellow-brown hairs. Habitat and Range: Woods, streamsides; eastern U.S. and extreme southeastern Canada. Herbal Lore: Common witch-hazel has astringent properties and is the source of witch-hazel liniment and many other topical preparations. Witchhazel was also used internally by Native Americans as a tea for sore throats, colds and a number of other medical conditions. Wildlife Lore: Squirrels, ruffed grouse and other birds eat the fruits and whitetail deer browse the leaves and young branchlets. Similar Species: The scalloped leaves with unequal bases and vellow autumn flowers distinguish this tree or large shrub from all others in our local native flora. **Blooming Time:** September - January. Locations: Maryland streamsides, wooded slopes, upland woods and woodland edges from the coastal plain to the western mountains. Jug Bay Wetland Sanctuary, Rock Creek Park, Little Bennett Regional Park, Black Hill Regional Park, Rachel Carson Conservation Park, Sugarloaf Mountain, Catoctin Mountains and westward.

Common Witch-Hazel article adapted from *An Illustrated Guide to Eastern Woodland Wildflowers and Trees: 350 Plants Observed at Sugarloaf Mountain, Maryland* (Choukas-Bradley and Brown, University of Virginia Press).

## **Fall/Early Winter Field Trips**

#### Plant Conservation Lunch n' Learn

Lecture and Hiking Tour of Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

**Speaker:** Dr. Gary Krupnick, Botanical Researcher

Hike leader: Karen McDonald

**Date:** Wednesday, November 1 **Time:** 12:00 – 2:30 pm Dr. Gary Krupnick, of the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, will present his new book *Plant Conservation: A Natural History Approach* during a brown bag lunch lecture. Following, MNPS member and Education Outreach coordinator for SERC, Karen McDonald will lead us on a 1.5 mile guided hike on the SERC property, highlighting native orchids, ferns, marsh plants along the Rhode River, and a small island populated by American chestnut trees.

**Directions:** Please see the SERC website:

http://www.serc.si.edu/public\_programs/directions.jsp **Cost:** \$8.50 per person – please bring cash or make checks payable to MNPS.

**Bring:** Participants can bring a bag lunch to eat during the lecture. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes for hiking. **Note:** RSVP suggested, but not required. **Contact:** Leslie Hunter-Cario 410-463-2890, leave a message.

## Civil War Fort Sites in the Washington, D.C. Region (56<sup>th</sup> in the Series) – Fort Totten

**Leaders:** Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica **Date:** Sunday, November 5 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm **Fort Totten** is one of the most interesting Terrace Gravel sites in Washington. The upland part of the site is virtually devoid of invasive plants and it has one of the most interesting stands of native azaleas and huckleberries with some lowbush blueberry mixed in.

**Directions:** Meet at Fort Totten Drive near Crittenden Street NE. Park on the street and gather on the meadow near the signed entrance to the Fort Park.

**Bring:** Water and lunch. **Note:** Easy to moderate walk. Light drizzle is fine but canceled if pouring rain.

**Contact:** Mary Pat Rowan blair-rowan@starpower.net or 202-526-8821.

## Civil War Fort Sites in the Washington, D.C. Region (57<sup>th</sup> in the Series) – Fort De Russy

**Leaders:** Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica **Date:** Sunday, December 3 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm We will return to **Ft. De Russy** in Rock Creek Park and investigate the terrace gravel high ground.

**Directions:** Go to the intersection of Military Road and Oregon Avenue in Northwest Washington, D.C. Take Oregon Ave north to the intersection with Tennyson Street NW. Turn west onto Tennyson and park on the street there. We will gather and take park paths to Fort De Russy.

**Bring:** Water and lunch. **Note:** Easy to moderate walk. Light drizzle or snow is fine but canceled if pouring rain. **Contact:** Mary Pat Rowan blair-rowan@starpower.net or 202-526-8821.

#### Annual Winter Solstice Walk Chapman Forest, Charles County

Leader: Rod Simmons

**Date:** Saturday, December 23 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Celebrate the season in one of Maryland's finest remaining old-age forests. We will walk from historic Mount Aventine into the old-growth Shell-Marl Ravine Forest section overlooking the Potomac River. We will see a great diversity of old-age trees, including chinquapin, pagoda, northern red, and other oaks; pignut, sweet pignut, mockernut, and bitternut hickories; tulip tree; basswood; white ash; sassafras; hackberry and dwarf hackberry; and others.

Directions: Take Indian Head Highway (Rt. 210) south from the Capital Beltway (495) approximately 21 miles. After you pass the intersection at traffic light of Livingston Road - Old Marshall Hall Road and Rt. 210 at Bryans Road (a McDonald's, Burger King, and shopping center will be on your right), stay in right lane and look for half-right onto Chapman Landing Road app. 1-2 miles from intersection. (Ignore the several prior crossings of different Livington Roads along Indian Head Highway many miles back in Prince Georges County.) Take Chapman Landing Road for a couple of miles and look for entrance to state park (entrance to Mt. Aventine) on right. Park in small parking lot outside fenced area. We will meet at parking area.

**Bring:** Lunch or snacks and water. Wear sturdy shoes. **Note:** Moderate walk with an occasional, fairly steep up and down grade, although we do not walk on fragile or dangerous slopes and will not walk in wet areas.

Contact: Rod cecropia13@msn.com or 301-809-0139.

## Civil War Fort Sites in the Washington, D.C. Region (58<sup>th</sup> in the Series) – Fort Dupont

**Leaders:** Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica **Date:** Sunday, January 7 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Again to **Ft. Dupont** where we have been participating in a butterfly survey this summer. We will take a different direction than in the past few trips and discover anew the wonders of Ft. Dupont.

**Directions:** We will meet at the parking lot of the Ft. Dupont Activity Center off Randall Circle. Randall Circle is on Minnesota Avenue SE at Massachusetts Avenue SE; access via East Capital Street and go south on Minnesota Ave to Randall Circle. Or, take I-295 from the Beltway north to Pennsylvania Ave SE and turn north on Minnesota Ave until you get to Randall Circle.

**Bring:** Water and lunch. **Note:** Easy to moderate walk. Light drizzle or snow is fine but canceled if pouring rain. **Contact:** Mary Pat Rowan blair-rowan@starpower.net or 202-526-8821.

## **Invasive Exotic Plant Removal** Workdays

#### Middle Patuxent Environmental Area, **Howard County**

Leader: Aylene Gard

**Date:** Tuesday, November 28 **Time:** 9:00 – 11:30 am Volunteers are needed for autumn olive removal along the Southwind Trail of the Middle Patuxent Environmental Area (MPEA). Co-sponsored by the Howard County Master Gardeners and the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, this is an ongoing effort to rid the trail of this persistent woody invader.

**Directions:** Meet at the Southwind Circle entrance to the MPEA; from Route 108, turn onto Trotter Road to Southwind Circle (1 mile). Enter the circle and proceed to trailhead on the left (opposite Misty Top Path).

**Bring:** Loppers, water, and wear long sleeves.

Contact: Aylene 410-992-9889.

#### Sligo Creek Park English Ivy Removal, **Montgomery County**

**Leaders:** Carol Hayes, others Dates: Most weekends in November

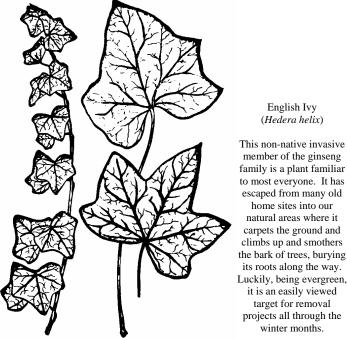
We'll remove English ivy and other invasives in Sligo. English ivy will be cut from trees using clippers or saws.

Bush honeysuckle is uprooted or sawed.

**Directions:** Please see www.fosc.org/RIPEventSched.htm.

**Bring:** Gloves, tools, and water or we will provide.

**Contact:** Carol for specific days and times carolmh@verizon.net or 202-686-0904.



English Ivy (Hedera helix)

member of the ginseng family is a plant familiar to most everyone. It has escaped from many old home sites into our natural areas where it carpets the ground and climbs up and smothers the bark of trees, burying its roots along the way. Luckily, being evergreen, it is an easily viewed target for removal projects all through the winter months.

#### **Belt Woods, Prince George's County**

**Dates:** Saturdays, ongoing **Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 noon For upcoming months we will be removing multiflora rose. Japanese honeysuckle, Euonymus fortunei and alatus, mile-aminute, garlic mustard, Japanese stiltgrass, and more. Belt Woods is bordered by Central Ave (214) to the south and Church Road to the east, just on the outskirts of Bowie. **Bring:** Drink and snack, if desired, and plant and bird identification books. Long pants and long-sleeved shirt, and insect repellent recommended. Gloves and tools provided. **Note:** Poison ivy is very abundant, as are thorny bushes. Contact: Pam Cooper, Western Shore Conservancy, 301-390-0797 for times and dates of outings.

#### **Chapman Forest, Charles County**

Leader: Marc Imlay

**Dates:** First Sundays, monthly **Time:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm **Directions:** Meet at main gate of Chapman Forest, 20 miles south of the Washington Beltway (I-495) on Route 210 (Indian Head Hwy). Give yourself 30 to 40 minutes from the Beltway. For more info about the forest and to see a map, please visit the web at http://www.chapmanforest.org. **Carpool Info:** Meet at Sierra Club Md. Chapter office at 8:00 am; return 5:00 pm. Call Laurel Imlay at 301-277-7111. **Bring:** Gloves, lunch, and water. Durable long sleeves and pants recommended.

Contact: Marc 301-283-0808. RSVP is welcome.

#### Purple Loosestrife Removal in Maryland

**MD DNR** and its partners are launching an effort to locate and remove the invasive plant purple loosestrife from Maryland's marshes. Purple loosestrife out-competes native plants, eliminates feeding opportunities for native animals and, left unchecked, can permanently alter the function and composition of a wetland ecosystem. A central component of our effort to control this invader is educating and empowering the public to function as loosestrife scouts in the state's wetlands and waterways. Please attend a training session at one of our already scheduled events, or request a training session of your own. Interested citizens can visit our website to learn more about our efforts: www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/PurpleLoosestrife/purplels.asp

The Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS) is a nonprofit organization that uses education, research, and community service to increase the awareness and appreciation of native plants and their habitats, leading to their conservation and restoration. Membership is open to all who are interested in Maryland's native plants and their habitats, preserving Maryland's natural heritage, increasing their knowledge about native plants, and helping to further the Society's mission.

### **General Announcements**

## Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council's Sustainable Landscaping Conference –

#### Turning a New Leaf

Visit www.ChesapeakeLandscape.org for details and to download a registration form. This promises to be a great conference, with tracks on communities, green businesses, and how-to sessions for landscaping professionals, plus an eco-marketplace and networking opportunities.

Date and Time: Friday, November 3 from 8 to 6.

Location: Bethesda, Maryland. Cost: \$95

Contact: Carol Jelich, Conference Co-Chair and Registrar

410-634-2847 x 40

#### Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve Fall Programs

1635 River Road, 2.5 miles south of New Hope, PA

#### A Walk in the Moonlight

Saturday, November 4 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm

See nature in a whole new light with naturalist Pam Newitt.

Preserve members: \$4/adult, \$2/child; Non-members: \$6/adult, \$4 child

Call the Preserve 215-862-2924 to register by November 3.

Winter Botany (Knowing Native Plants Series)
Saturday, November 11 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Join BHWP Education Coordinator Hildy Ellis for a lively discussion of native plants in their seasons of glory. Slides and discussion followed by an outdoor tour.

Preserve members: \$8; Non-members: \$12 Pre-registration recommended 215-862-2924.

#### **Irvine's Fall 2006 Lecture Series**

Wildflowers: Fact and Folklore
Thursday, November 16 at 7:30 pm
Join Rob Mardiney, Education Director, Irvine Nature
Center, as he takes both a scientific and non-scientific view
of the plant world. In addition to the ecology and natural
history of many of our common wildflowers, Rob will also
discuss their historical associations including everything from
mythology, medicine, folk tales, witchcraft, God and the
devil. Fee: \$8, members \$5 Ages: Adult
Registration deadline: November 13

Join the class on **Winter Woody Plant Identification** taught by Cris Fleming and given through the USDA Graduate School and the Audubon Naturalist Society. The class meets on Thursday nights, January 25-March 29, 2007 from 7:00 to 9:15 at the ANS headquarters in Chevy Chase. Learn how to identify local trees and shrubs in winter. Three Saturday morning field trips to local parks give experience studying the shape, bark, buds, and leaf scars to recognize woody plants in their winter condition. Cost of the ten-week class is \$335. For more info, see www.grad.usda.gov and click on Natural History Field Studies or Evening Programs. Or call 202-314-3320 to request a catalog.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the U.N. has launched a new online **database and website on invasive alien species** (IAS) to help foresters deal with this growing problem. The threat from IAS has grown exponentially with recent increases in trade, travel, and transport as well. Deforestation and the spread of new plantations of fast-growing and often exotic species provide new pathways for the spread of IAS. The new web portal www.fao.org/forestry/site/27081/en provides information on the impacts of IAS on forests and forestry, outlines the tools available for prevention and management of IAS, and links to FAO's work in this area.

"Although the Byzantine financial structure created by the government has made wind farms the modern equivalent to the Klondike gold rush, the British Wind Energy Association presents itself as a green organization. Its lobbying has reinforced wind as the principal means by which the government wants Britain to achieve its renewable energy targets, despite wind-power's associated issues of unreliability and landscape depredation."

- An accurate accounting in the October 13, 2005 issue of Country Life on the government subsidized, corporate profiteering, wind energy venture in Britain, Europe, and the United States.

### **One More MNPS Announcement**

#### Legitimate MNPS Emails Mistakenly Tagged as Spam

Once a month we send an email to current members about the monthly meeting and upcoming field trips. And once a year, members receive a renewal email. And then we send some other important emails, such as the recent correction about the ICC Lawsuit and the Fall Conference. But lately, more email services are blocking these emails and considering them spam. It is especially noticeable with verizon.net accounts as well as government accounts. We hope that you will take the time to add a few emails to your "approved senders" list to make sure the emails go through: they are mnps@chesapeake.net and kmolines@chesapeake.net. And remember, you can always request us not to send you emails and we will remove you from the list promptly. Our email policy is specifically designed to minimize how many emails we send out a month, so we hope that the few we do send out are valuable and useful to you. Please let us know how we can improve our email communication. Also, to let you know that the Maryland Native Plant Society does not sell, lend, or share the names, address, phone numbers and emails with any other groups. If MNPS agrees to publicize an event sponsored by another group, MNPS will mail such information to our members.



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Dated Material: **Please Deliver Promptly** 



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Native plant landscape professional	
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