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Below: Persimmon (Diospyros virginiana)



"We never knew enough...Nor were we sufficiently intimate with all our cousins in the great family of the earth. Nor could we listen to the creatures of the earth, each telling its own story. The time has now come, however, when we will listen or we will die." ~ Thomas Berry, Catholic theologian

Upcoming Monthly Meetings

"Native Oak and Hickory ID Workshop and Seed Exchange"

Tuesday, November 27, 7:30 pm White Oak Library – Large Meeting Room

Join MNPS members for a hands-on plant identification workshop and seed exchange. The Washington-Baltimore region contains a great diversity of native oaks, including numerous natural hybrids. We'll briefly discuss the identification of our native oaks and hybrids through the use of live material, including their habitats and distribution, and have acorns available from local, native trees for folks to plant. We'll also discuss identification techniques for distinguishing our region's four native hickory species. We expect to have nuts available from all four hickory species as well. In addition, we'll have seed collected from native grasses; some *Carex* spp.; species of Desmodium and Lespedeza; asters, sunflowers, thoroughworts, and goldenrods; other fall wildflowers; and various native shrubs available from local, native populations for exchange or giveaway.

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

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 pm White Oak Library – Large Meeting Room

Please bring your slides or PowerPoint presentation (on a disc) to share 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 2007 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.

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.



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President's Letter

As I write in mid October, I am so relieved to have had a little rain to sooth our parched landscape. And the recent sudden cold spell has finally broken the constant heat of our long summer. Now I even see some familiar fall colors: wine-colored leaves of Dogwood, golden leaves of Tuliptree, and touches of scarlet on Black gums.

Our fall conference in the western mountains of Maryland on September 29-30 was a spectacular success. It was wonderful to see so many MNPS members there; the speakers were stimulating, the weather was glorious, and the field trips were simply fantastic. To me, it was thrilling to find species of northern bogs such as Cottongrass (*Eriophorum virginicum*), Narrow-leaved gentian (*Gentiana linearis*), Round-leaved sundew (*Drosera rotundifolia*), and Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*) right here in Maryland's mountains. Thanks to efforts of several volunteers who kept lists of species found on the different field trips, these lists will be posted on the MNPS web page soon.

Many, many thanks to the many members who helped with the conference with special appreciation to Karyn Molines who served as conference chair (long-distance) and held all the little details in her head and to Liz McDowell of the Western Mountains Chapter who kept the conference committee informed of local information and organized local volunteers. Because several of the smaller chapters felt they did not have enough members to plan a conference, this year the MNPS board decided to have a standing conference committee organize the conference with help from the local chapter. If this year's superb conference can serve as a model, we will be able to have conferences in several other parts of the state in the future.

Other recent activities of your board include three board members meeting with officers of the Montgomery County Izaak Walton League at the League's almost 500 acre preserve to discuss ways our two organizations can work together. The League would like us to survey their property for rare species and communities, and they have offered their site as a field trip and/or meeting location for MNPS. We plan to meet with them again to discuss details of how the two groups can cooperate.

Linda Keenan is continuing her efforts to prevent mowing and trampling at the Buck Lodge Bog in Prince George's County. She has been in touch with a Pepco representative and with staff of the Department of Natural Resources and continues to push for action such as a fence around the bog and/or "No Mowing" signs. Despite the news about the ground-breaking for the ICC, at this time both law suits against the ICC are still in process and there is still hope that construction can be stopped.

Kevin Conrad of USDA is trying to collect thousands of seeds of our native ash trees, all of which are threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer. He has asked for help from MNPS members to locate specimens and/or fruits of Black Ash (*Fraxinus nigra*) and Pumpkin Ash (*F. profunda*). If you know of a tree or trees of either of these species, please contact Kevin at Kevin.Conrad@ars.usda.gov.

And finally, it is time to elect your board members. If you want to nominate someone (including yourself) for the MNPS board, please send the name and a short resume to Paul Carlson at Quercus47@aol.com or Melanie Choukas-Bradley at Choukas@erols.com by November 10th. Ballots will be mailed to all members and the results announced at the members' meeting on December 18th.

In the meantime, I hope everyone gets outside often to breathe the crisp fall air and watch the sunlight filtering through the colorful trees.

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MNPS Announcements

Winners of the MNPS photo contest (those selected for the exhibit at the fall conference) have been posted on board members Albert and Brady Hartley's website. Some of the images are photos of the original prints, so their quality may not reflect how they look in person. The link is: http://www.albertandbrady.com/photocontest.htm

Greater Baltimore Area Chapter

The Greater Baltimore Area Chapter will not meet on November 21, as it is the night before Thanksgiving. Instead we will encourage members and friends to participate in one of the field trips scheduled in November. Please check the website for field trip listings!

Welcome New Members!

The following have recently joined the Society: Colleen Bathon (of Mahan Rykiel Assoc.), Ruth Bergstrom, Martin Cayford, Feather Ann Davis, Kate Eldred and Israel Lederhendler, Rob Griesbach, Brian Grim, Tom Holmberg and Alison Southall, Vikram Krishnamurthy (of Eastern Shore Land Conservancy), Janet Mackey, Carol McDaniel, Carolyn Rimes, Janet Siddle, Kimberly Spencer, Barbara Thomas, Juner Torres, and Sally Wilts. Thank you for your support.

Not receiving our monthly emails?

Check that mnps@chesapeake.net is in your address book or list of approved emails—spam blockers might be rejecting the emails. You can also send an email to mnps@chesapeake.net to verify that we have your correct email.

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.

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 Early Autumn Issue

Sept 25 November/December Late Autumn/Holidays Issue

Last 2007 Mailing Party Date (preceding regular Monthly Meeting at White Oak Library):

Tuesday at 6:00 pm: December 18.

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For more info about the seven Chapters of

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(www.mdflora.org) and click on Chapters.

Do you know when your membership expires?

We appreciate every member who renews because every society activity is made possible by member dues. If you remember to renew before your expiration date, you'll help us save money by reducing the number of renewal letters we have to mail. We send an email renewal reminder the month before your membership expires – thank you everyone who responds to these emails – you have saved the Society money! We also mail renewal letters out the month you expire, and send two reminder letters if we don't hear from you. Early renewals allow us to spend your membership dollars on projects, not stamps for renewal letters. So, prompt renewals just make sense. To tell when your membership expires, take a look at your mailing label. For example, if your label reads 11/1/2007 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.

Maryland Native Plant Society History Since 2001

In December 1991, a group of people met at Brookside Nature Center to make plans to incorporate a non-profit educational society dedicated to the preservation of Maryland's native plants and their habitats. A charter was reviewed and the first charter members joined. On January 17, 1992 the Maryland Native Plant Society formally incorporated as a non-profit organization. Over the next year, we will provide a few highlights of what the Society has done in our 15 year history. This issue focuses on 2001-2007.

Field trips continue to be one of our most popular activities. We have visited a wide diversity of habitats and have traveled across the state from western Maryland to explore the mountain bogs at Cranesville Swamp and to hike up Annapolis Rocks all the way to the Eastern Shore to paddle on the Tuckahoe and tromp around Assateague Island. We even traveled out of state to Dolly Sods in West Virginia, the New Jersey Pine Barrens, and the Herbarium at Delaware State University. Every season we were out in the field identifying winter evergreens at Chapman Forest, celebrating the Winter Solstice at the Goldmine Tract, enjoying spring flowers at Snyder's Landing, learning about summer wetland flowers at Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, and appreciating the fall colors at Piney Orchard and along the Gunpowder River. We also visited many of the unique ecosystems such as Soldier's Delight, Hoyles Mill, and Blockhouse Point.

Initiate in 1991, the field excursions to the Fort Circle Parks in and around Washington, D.C. one of the amazing success stories – as of November 2007 we are up to #66. Traveling to most of the 4 dozen or so civil war forts that circle the District, Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica have been able to document the unusual terrace gravel communities and the diverse flora. The wealth of information gathered from these trips is an invaluable resource. We hope to publish a summary of their findings.

Each year our annual Fall Conferences rotates to a different area of the state, providing an overview of the habitats found in the region. We even sponsored a tri-state conference with Virginia and West Virginia. In addition to our own conferences, we have helped support the Brookside Garden's "Green Matters" symposiums and the M-AEPPC Invasive Plant Conferences.

2001, *Shaping Nature* at the Talbot County Historic Society, chaired by Carol Jelich

2002, *Natural Communities and Geology of the Fall Line*, at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, chaired by Rod Simmons, Meghan Tice, and Lou Aronica 2003, *Native Plants and Geology of the Blue Ridge Province*, at the National Conservation Training Center in West Virginia, chaired by Meghan Tice and Rod Simmons

2004, Connecting Land, Water & The Bay, at the Calvert Marine Museum, chaired by Karyn Molines, Carolyn Fulton, and Lisa Garrett

2005, *Urban & Suburban Forests*, at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center, chaired by Louisa Thompson and Ann Lundy 2006, *The Geology-Botany Connection*, at the USM Shady Grove, chaired by Linda Keenan and Melanie Choukas-Bradley

2007, Climate Change: Global Effects, Local Impacts; Western Maryland's Flora—At Risk? at the Frostburg University, chaired by Karyn Molines

The Monthly Meetings are another successful avenue for promoting Maryland's native plants and their habitats. Each year we continued to offer presentations on spring ephemerals and where to see them, native plant identification workshops, winter fruits, native trees and woody plants, and invasive exotic plants. We also had many knowledgeable speakers on a wide diversity of topics including carnivorous plant bogs (Phil Sheridan), mosses and liverworts (Leah Oliver), streambank erosion (Ann Csonka and John DeNoyer), native and introduced earthworms (Kathy Szlavacz), and local pollinators (Ed Barrows, Alonso Abugattas), dragonfly ecology (Kevin Munroe), and the Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly in Maryland (Pat Durkin).

On the Conservation front, we were involved in defeating a sand and gravel mine at Douglas Point (Charles County), preserving the Diabase communities at Hoyles Mill (Montgomery County), protecting Myrtle Point (St. Mary's County), and most recently co-signing a lawsuit to stop the Inter-County Connector (ICC).

Our website has blossomed into a treasure-trove of information about native plants. We developed a series of informational pamphlets (*Gardener's Guidelines*) for homeowners to understand their role in protecting and preserving native plants and their habitats. We helped fund the publication of *Plant Invaders of Mid-Atlantic Natural Areas* and *Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping*.

The history of the Society is rich and we only have a limited amount of space in *Native News*. We hope to continue compiling the history of the Society. The fifteen year success of MNPS and the fact we are still going strong is due to a very committed group of volunteers and the generous financial support of our members. By reading about the history of the Society we can plan for many more years of action, adventure, learning, and enjoyment of our native plants and their habitats.

~ Wildflower in Focus ~

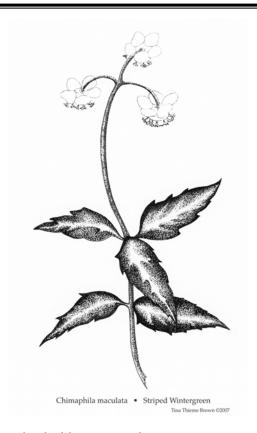
STRIPED WINTERGREEN (SPOTTED WINTERGREEN)

Chimaphila maculata (L.) Pursh

Pyrola, Wintergreen, or Shinleaf Family (*Pyrolaceae*)

Written by Melanie Choukas-Bradley

> Artwork by Tina Thieme Brown



As the blooming season winds down and autumn leaves fall from the deciduous trees, interest turns to evergreen plants, including the few evergreen wildflowers in our native flora. One of the most charming among them often goes by the misleading common name "spotted wintergreen" but I prefer to call it by the more aptly descriptive name "striped wintergreen." Striped wintergreen is a low-growing herbaceous plant with creamy-veined (or "striped") forest-green leaves. Finding a small colony of striped wintergreen plants during a winter woodland walk is always an uplifting experience. The woody fruit capsules remain on the plant through the winter. The nodding flowers appear in early summer, often in pairs. Peter Mazzeo, who was a botanist with the National Arboretum for many years and a popular teacher with the USDA Graduate School Field Studies Program, often said the flowers reminded him of old-fashioned street lamps.

Flowers: Frequently in pairs but may grow singly or several per stalk. Five waxy white or pale pink petals are rounded at the tips. Pistil is showy, short, wide and usually green. Flowers ½-1" across. Fruit: Small, round, woody capsules persist on the plant through winter. My daughter called them "little pumpkins" when she was a child. (This plant obviously inspires the imagination.) Leaves: Opposite or (more often) whorled, simple, lanceolate, dark green or blue-green with white stripes along the veins. Thick, leathery, evergreen, ¾-3" long, with sparse, sharp, shallow teeth. Height: 2-10". Habitat and Range: Dry, acidic woods; New England to Michigan, south to Georgia and Alabama. Grows throughout Maryland. Blooming Time: June-August. Similar Species: Pipsissewa or prince's-pine (*C. umbellata*), a widely distributed North American/Eurasian plant, grows in the mid-Atlantic region, including Maryland. Its leaves lack white stripes.

Wildflower in Focus text 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).

Autumn/Early Winter Field Trips

Fall-Foliage Diversity, Bedrock Geology, and a Biogeographic Question, Rock Creek Park, D.C.

(Co-sponsored by MNPS)

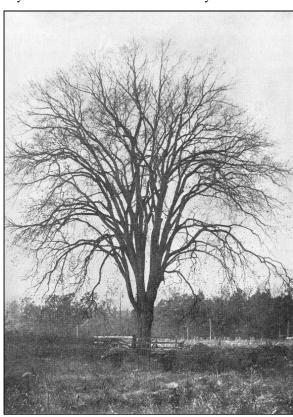
Leader: Larry Morse

Date: Saturday, November 3 Time: 2:00 pm

The Botanical Society of Washington is planning an easygoing field trip for kids, old-timers, and everyone else to the Pierce Mill area of Rock Creek Park (Washington, D.C.). Rock Creek cuts deeply into the complex Piedmont bedrock here; a geologist may be able to join us to help relate bedrock, landforms, and vegetation. Fall colors should be conspicuous along the easy trails, and kids (and others) will have the chance to study fallen leaves and fruits and match them with nearby trees. We will particularly watch for stands of one familiar tree species, native nearby, which may (or may not) be native in the District itself.

Directions: Meet at the NPS Visitor Center at Pierce Mill at 2:00 pm. By car, from Connecticut Ave, take Tilden St for ½ mile east (and steeply downhill) to the old mill; Tilden is north of Porter and south of Van Ness and Albemarle. By Metro, exit at Van Ness/UDC, and walk south on Conn. to Tilden, then east down into the Park.

Contact: Please direct any questions and/or RSVP likely participation to Larry Morse at 202-543-2488 or Larry.E.Morse@LEM-Natural-Diversity.com.



At right: Wild Crab (Malus coronaria)

Below left: American Elm (Ulmus americana)



Civil War Fort Sites in the Washington, D.C. Region (66th in Series) – Ft. Dupont Connector

Leaders: Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica **Date:** Sunday, November 4 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will return again to a familiar spot on the **Ft. Dupont Connector.** This spot is located south of Fort Dupont. It will be an exercise in plant id as well as geology guesswork. **Directions:** Take Pennsylvania Ave SE to Branch Ave SE and turn south (right turn from the city) on Branch. The first street on your right is Park Dr. Turn right on Park Dr and park on the street there @ where 32nd Pl comes into Park Dr. **Bring:** Water and lunch. **Note:** Easy to moderate walk.

Light drizzle is fine but cancelled if pouring rain. **Contact:** Mary Pat Rowan blair-rowan@starppower.net or 202-526-8821.

Tour of the John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery, Caroline County

(3424 Gallagher Road, Preston, MD 21655)

Leader: Richard Garrett

Date: Tuesday, November 6 **Time:** 2:00 to approx. 3:30 pm Four-5 million hardwood and conifer seedlings are grown each year at the John S. Ayton State Tree Nursery in Preston. Richard Garrett, Nursery Manager, will lead us on a behind-the-scenes tour of the state nursery which grows over two dozen native species for the purpose of conservation planting. **Directions:** From Easton, take Route 331 to Route 318. Follow Route 318 towards Federalsburg. Turn left onto Gallagher Road. Nursery is ¾ mile on left.

Bring: Dress for the weather. **Note:** Please RSVP.

Contact: Leslie Hunter-Cario by email

horticulture@wetland.org or phone 410-463-2890.

Civil War Fort Sites in the Washington, D.C. Region (67th in Series) – Ft. Stanton

Leaders: Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica

Date: Sunday, December 2 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will return again to Ft. Stanton.

Directions: In Southeast Washington, D.C., get onto Martin Luther King Blvd SE traveling south and take Morris Road east. Go 5 or 6 blocks to where the road curves north and changes name to Erie Street. Go 5 blocks and turn right onto 18th Place (a block after 18th St) and park alongside park.

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

Contact: See trip above.

Rock Creek Park, Boundary Bridge

Leader: Melanie Choukas-Bradley (author, *City of Trees*) **Date:** Saturday, December 15 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Leave holiday stress at home and explore some of the most magnificent woodlands of the Washington, D.C. area. We'll walk along a scenic stretch of Rock Creek beginning at Boundary Bridge on the Maryland-D.C. line. Sycamore, ashes, maples, American elm, ironwood, river birch, black walnut, bitternut hickory, tulip-tree and bladdernut are among the woody plants we'll encounter, many of them large specimens. We'll pass a skunk cabbage swamp and switch back into an upland forest where extremely old oaks grow. If it's warm enough, we'll picnic on a dramatic rocky ledge crowned with American beech, witch-hazel (probably still blooming), pinxter, mountain laurel, striped wintergreen and partridgeberry. We'll also see butternut and hop-hornbeam on the hike.

Directions: From the Beltway (I-495) take Connecticut Avenue south. Turn left on East-West Highway (east), turn right on Beach Drive (south) and take Beach Drive to the District line where the Rock Creek Park gate blocks the road on weekends. Park in the parking lot at the gate or along the road.

Weather: Trip will be cancelled if weather is hazardous or miserable (such as heavy cold rain). Weather questions: 301-502-7410.

Contact: Trip leader, Melanie Choukas-Bradley, would like to know if you're planning to come (choukas@erols.com; 301-652-8799 or cell: 301-502-7410).

Winter Solstice Walk at Chapman Forest, Charles County

(Co-sponsored by the Botanical Society of Washington) **Leaders:** Rod Simmons and Meghan Tice

Date: Saturday, December 22 **Time:** 11:00 am – 3:00 pm The old-age section of Chapman Forest is always a great place to celebrate the winter season and see a remarkable diversity of native trees. We will mainly walk the lowland areas along the Potomac River below the ravines and bluffs from historic Mount Aventine to Glymont. This area along the river is a fascinating and regionally unique meeting ground for plants with a primary range in the inner piedmont and mountains and those of the coastal plain. Along the way we will see many species of oaks, including ancient pagoda, chinquapin, and northern red oaks, 4 hickory species, 2 hackberry species, basswood, white and pumpkin ash, ancient sassafras, Virginia hop-hornbeam, bladdernut, wafer ash, southern bayberry, and many others. We will also look for butternut and Shumard's oak. We should also see a variety of birds such as red-headed woodpeckers, wood ducks, and bald

Directions: Take Indian Head Highway (Rt. 210) south from Capital Beltway (495). Proceed south on Rt. 210 for app. 22 miles. Continue on Rt. 210 past Bryans Road intersection (McDonald's, Burger King, and shopping center on right –



what a surprise) and start looking for Chapman Landing Road on right. Take half right on Chapman Landing Road and proceed a couple of miles to entrance to Mount Aventine on right. Park and meet in parking lot.

Bring: Wear sturdy shoes. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. **Note:** Moderate walk, mostly on trails. Cancelled in the event of pouring rain, sleet, or snow.

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

Civil War Fort Sites in the Washington, D.C. Region (68th in Series) – Bald Eagle Hill

Leaders: Mary Pat Rowan and Lou Aronica **Date:** Sunday, January 6 **Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will return to **Bald Eagle Hill**, located at the extreme southeastern edge of the District of Columbia. Bald Eagle Hill is not a Civil War Fort but is part of the preserved corridor that connects the Fort Circle to Oxon Cove. This site includes both upland forest and streamside vegetation.

Directions: From the north, take the Anacostia Freeway (I-95) south to the South Capital Street exit. Proceed about one mile to First Street SE and turn right (just after Galveston St). Soon after, make a right onto Joliet Street. Proceed up the hill about 2 blocks and park on the street in front of the Bald Eagle Recreation Center.

Bring: Water and lunch. **Note:** Easy to moderate walk. Light drizzle or snow is fine but cancelled if pouring rain. **Contact:** See trip above.



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