

# Illinois Native Plant Society Northeast Chapter

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## *A few words from the president*

It's already mid-May and the flora of the Chicago region really seems to be picking up. I was lucky enough to see both sageleaf willow and purple trillium today thanks to the Plants of Concern rare plant monitoring program. Participating in this citizen science program is a great way to see interesting plants and some of our region's coolest natural areas while providing valuable information to land managers. Check out [plantsofconcern.org](http://plantsofconcern.org) to find out more about getting involved.

Another great opportunity to see native plants in our natural areas is to join your fellow chapter members in the field this June! We're looking forward to heading downstate from the 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> for the INPS annual gathering where we'll meet folks from all over Illinois, see some really neat natural areas, and learn some new native plants. Please visit [ill-inps.org](http://ill-inps.org) for more information and to register by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

We are currently finalizing plans for a Chicago region field trip at the end of May and another toward the end of June and will notify you of those dates, times and destinations as they become available. It's been a busy month for us board members so we're looking forward to catching our breath and enjoying those upcoming events with you all soon!

-Andy



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*Native Plant Excursions  
Visit our [FaceBook](#) page for more info!*

## RECENT

**NE-INPS Field Trip**

**10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Saturday, April 10, 2015**

**[Trout Park Nature Preserve](#)**

**NE-INPS Organizer: Andy Olnas (INPS-NE President)**

**Led by Sue Bohne, Trout Park Nature Preserve Steward**

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We had a great time and beautiful weather for our second plant foray of the year. [Reminder: Our first trip to Morton Arboretum in February in search of blooming skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*) was a bust, but we still had an excellent trip, visiting the [Plant Hunters](#) exhibit and Lake Marmo.] Highlights include broad swaths of yellow from the marsh marigolds (*Caltha palustris*), our earlier quarry skunk cabbage, and arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*). Additional photos are posted on our Facebook page.



Photos from D. Lopez

A. Marsh Marigold, B. Skunk Cabbage, C. Arborvitae.

## NE-INPS Field Trip

Sunday, April 19, 2015, 9:00 am – 11:00 pm

[Black Partridge Woods](#), Lemont, Cook County

NE INPS Contact: Jason Zylka

Jason led a great group around this lovely site of ridges and floodplains. Sadly, yours truly could not attend Jason provided the following highlights:

An enthusiastic group of approximately 15 people showed up for the INPS trip to Black Partridge Woods. Highlights of the trip included seeing the seeps along the base of bluffs, which were rich in skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*). Hiking along the creek there were ample bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*) that were just starting to open up. Black Partridge also has a series of

drier ridges that were awash in the soft yellow drooping blossoms of bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*) and the bright white flagpole blooms of Dutchman's britches (*Dicentra cucullaria*). We also visited an ephemeral pond located on site that was home to many singing amphibian species. John Marlin, site steward for Black Partridge Woods generously led the trip and showed us the area. The photos of the site are courtesy of Dan Suarez.

A partial species list for the site follows: *Allium tricoccum*, *Andropogon gerardii*, *Antennaria neglecta*, *Camassia scilloides*, *Carpinus caroliniana virginiana*, *Caulophyllum thalictroides*, *Ceanothus americanus*, *Claytonia virginica*, *Dentaria laciniata*, *Dicentra cucullaria*, *Dirca palustris*, *Erythronium albidum*, *Hydrophyllum virginianum*, *Isopyrum biternatum*, *Mertensia virginica*, *Podophyllum peltatum*, *Quercus alba*, *Quercus macrocarpa*, *Quercus rubra*, *Quercus velutina*, *Ranunculus fascicularis*, *Ribes americanum*, *Scrophularia marilandica*, *Solidago ulmifolia*, *Sorghastrum nutans*, *Symplocarpus foetidus*, *Thalictrum dioicum*, *Uvularia grandiflora*



*Dentaria laciniata* and *Isopyrum (Enemion) biternatum*



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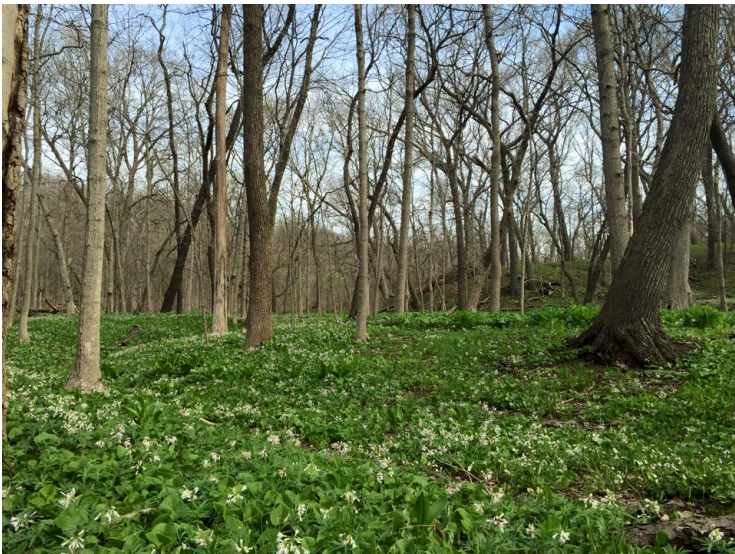
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*Dicentra cucullaria*



*Anemonella thalictroides*





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## Native Plant Excursions

### UPCOMING

#### \*\*\*INPS Annual Gathering\*\*\*

**Friday, June 5, 6:00 pm – Sunday, June 7, 4:30 pm.  
Forest Glen Preserve**

*Registration deadline is May 25<sup>th</sup>!!*

This year the Annual Gathering is hosted by the Forest Glen Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society in east-central Illinois. Forest Glen Preserve is an 1800-acre site that is rated #3 botanically in Illinois, consisting of beech-maple and oak-hickory forest types. There are four registered Illinois Nature Preserves within the park: Russell Duffin Woods (200 acres), Doris L. Westfall Prairie (40 acres), Howard's Hollow Seep (30 acres), and Forest Glen Seep (11 acres). There is also a 22-acre savanna restoration area.

The program includes a Friday night mixer, 8 field trips and 3 workshops over the weekend. There will be opportunities to see the rare Sangamon phlox (*Phlox pilosa* subsp. *sangamonensis*), learn how to cultivate shiitake mushrooms, float down the Middle Fork River, hike through some of the nicest prairie in the state, or learn how to identify ferns. Visit the INPS website for complete field trip and workshop descriptions.

#### Cook County

Too many to list! Visit the [Forest Park District of Cook County](#) event web page for listings. A sampling includes: Wildflower Walks, Canyon Tours, Gardening (including gardening for pollinators), etc.

#### Du Page County

##### Nature Walk

**Saturdays in May & June, 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Danada Forest Preserve**

Wildflower walks through an oak hickory savanna. Registration via phone 5 days in advance at (630) 933-7681.

##### Wildflower and Bird Watching Field Trip

#### Or Field Exploration

**June 13, 8:00 am – 11:00 am**

##### **West Chicago Prairie**

(Two different events) See early blooming flowers and summer resident birds or Registration via phone 5 days in advance at (630) 933-7681 for the Wildflower and Bird Watching event.

Kane County – I have a query into FPD-KC

##### Lake County

Too many to list! Visit the [Forest Park District of Lake County](#) event web page for listings. A sampling includes Hikes, Invasive Species workshops, and more!

##### McHenry County

##### **Wild Orchid Walk**

**Friday, May 22, 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm**

##### **Near Woodstock**

Visit a private preserve to see small white lady's slipper orchids. Space is limited, reservations are required and there is a small fee for non-residents. Contact the [McHenry County district offices](#) for more information.

## Other Regional Plant Events

### RECENT

##### INPS Kankakee BioBlitz

**Friday, May 8, 3:00 pm – Saturday, May 9, 3:00 pm.  
Camp Shaw-waw-nas-see, Manteno, Kankakee County**

A BioBlitz is a 24-hour period of intense biological survey in an attempt to document ALL living things in a specific area. A detailed report of the findings will be provided in our next newsletter.

### UPCOMING

##### Illinois Invasive Species Symposium

**Thursday, May 28, 2015, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm.**

**University of Illinois Extension Office, Champaign, IL**

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One-day, all-taxa symposium that features talks on current and emerging issues surrounding invasive plants, diseases, insects, and animals in Illinois. Onsite registration is full, but you can still register for webcast access at

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/registration/?RegistrationID=12461>.

\*\*\***Du Page Centennial BioBlitz and Open House**\*\*\*  
**Friday, June 26, 3:00 pm – Saturday, June 27, 3:00 pm.**

The BioBlitz will survey high-quality habitats at Blackwell and St. James Farm forest preserves in Warrenville and Danada Forest Preserve in Wheaton. Although the deadline has passed for experts, it may still be possible to register as a citizen scientist to record less-sensitive areas. Visit the link above for more information.

The Forest Preserve District of Du Page County is also hosting a special open house on June 27 in celebration of its 100-year anniversary at St. James Farm. The event will include “activities, programs, presentations, and exhibits” (although no specific details are posted yet), so check in at the [Du Page County calendar](#) web site as the date approaches.

You may also want to check out [The Outside Calendar](#), currently maintained by Cassi Saari. It lists loads of plant related events in the Chicago region.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Eggers Grove Wetland Planting**

**Saturday, May 16, 1:00 pm**

**The Field Museum, Chicago, Cook County**

Registration is required – RSVP by May 8 to [rcollings@fieldmuseum.org](mailto:rcollings@fieldmuseum.org) or 312-665-7420.

Volunteers will help plant native wetland plugs in an area recently cleared of invasive species. Be prepared to get muddy.

### **Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery**

**Saturday, June 13, 8:00 am – 11:00 am, or**

**Wednesday, June 24, 8:00 am – 11:00 am.**

**Blackwell Native Plant Nursery**

Assist with routine nursery activities such as watering, hand weeding, or planting. Registration via phone 5 days in advance at (630) 933-7681.

### **Volunteer Workday at the Native Plant Nursery**

**May 12, 13, 19 and 20, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

**Rollins Savanna Native Plant Nursery**

New volunteers and groups of four or more, please RSVP to Tom Smith (tasmith at lcfpd.org).

[The Habitat Project](#) [ongoing]

[Habitat 2030](#) [ongoing]

## Events At A Glance:

May 16	Eggers Grove Wetland Planting
May 22	Orchid Walk
May 28	Invasive Species Symposium
June 5–7	INPS Annual Gathering
June 13	Wildflower Walk/Bird Watching
June 26–27	Du Page Centennial BioBlitz
Ongoing	Danada Nature Walks – Saturdays

Please check on our NE-INPS or Facebook pages for late additions to the calendar of events.

Got some great ideas for places to go or plants to see?  
Want to hear talks on specific topics?

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