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Carrying the Torch: The State of Indiana Botany in 2023





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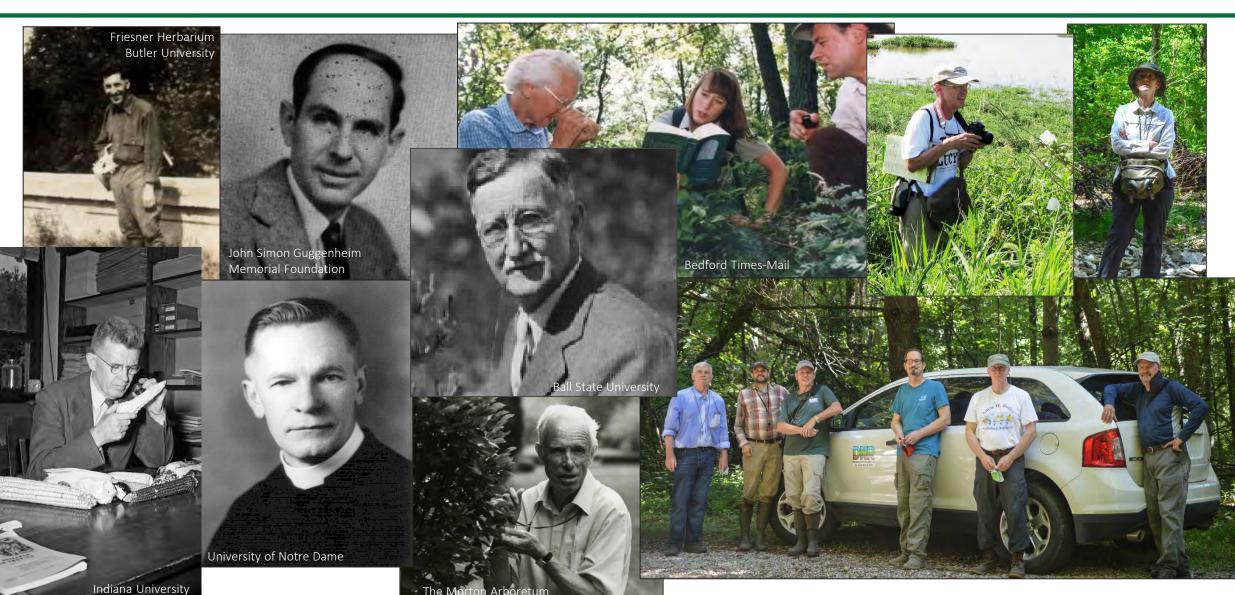






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Recent Retirements

- Roger Hangarter (Spring 2023)
- Roger Hedge
- Michael Homoya
- Ellen Jacquart
- Tom Post
- Paul Rothrock (second time!)
- Don Ruch









Recent Losses

- Victor Riemenschneider
 - Spicer Lake Nature Preserve
 - Platanthera dilatata
 - Specimens at Notre Dame











Recent Rare Plant Highlights

- Long-leaved Panic Grass
 (Coleataenia longifolia subsp. longifolia)
- Wavyleaf Purple Coneflower (Echinacea simulata)
- Purple Spikerush
 (Eleocharis atropurpurea)
- Few-nerved Cottongrass (Eriophorum tenellum)
- American Scheuchzeria
 (Scheuchzeria palustris subsp. americana)
- Rock Goldenrod (Solidago rupestris)





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Floristic Work along the Wabash River

- Rich Hull, Indiana University doctoral student
- Vascular plant inventories for 46 field sites (2021-2024)
 - Document changes in Wabash River corridor flora since Deam (1896-1952)
 - Determine factors impacting biodiversity trends in study area
 - Provide information for species redistribution models for rare species
- 2021-2022 4,743 voucher specimens representing 885 species
 - 55 rare species, 34 invasive species
- 2023-2024 10,000-12,000 additional specimens



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OkhchoQ4wIc







Student Floristics/Ecological Work

- Jordan Marshall students
 - Tessa Aby-Kruger (2019) Mills-Black Preserve (ACRES Land Trust) floristic inventory and ecological study on relationship between canopy cover and understory abundance, richness, and diversity
 - Joanna Stebing (2021-2023) Garman Nature Preserve (ACRES Land Trust) floristic inventory and community structure analysis
 - Madison Beckstedt (2022) Resample of 2007, 2017 plots in 40 forests in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio studying changes in tree species composition in over, mid, and understory due to loss of ash
- Don Ruch and Kem Badger with students
 - Reber Woods Floristic inventory (2021)









Student Floristics/Ecological Work

- Alice Heikens students
 - American Cancer-root (Conopholis americana) population ecology and fire effects (2018-2021)
- Ethan Iversen (IU undergraduate student)
 - Kentucky Coffeetree (Gymnocladus dioicus) seed collection and planting
 - American Yellowwood (Cladrastis kentukea) distribution
- Andrew Davies (Northwestern graduate student working with Chicago Botanic Garden)
 - Kittentails (Besseya bullii) fitness decline and genetic analysis









- Adam Balzer Beverly Shores Study Area, Grand Prairie Nature Preserve, Grass Lake Nature Preserve, Little Lake, Marshall County Memorial Forest and Mill Pond, Moraine Nature Preserve, Panico Property, Sundew Prairie Nature Preserve
- Nathanael Pilla Creek Ridge County Park, Little Lake, Marquette Trail Natural Area, Moraine Nature Preserve, Ropchan Memorial Nature Preserve, Sauga Swamp Nature Preserve, Wesdorp Nature Preserve
- Kevin Tungesvick Griffy Lake, Newfields Art and Nature Park









- Tom Post Bill Barnes Nature Preserve, Stoutsburg Savanna Nature Preserve, Coastal Plain Ponds Nature Preserve
- Bill Thomas Ohio River weeds











- David Mow Brown County State Park
 - Started herbarium at park in 2013 after taking a class at the nature center on "Creating an Herbarium"
 - "I quickly learned that just identifying it as an 'Aster' was not good enough for an herbarium and had to do a lot of study to learn how to ID to species or even to variety"
 - To date 702 specimens from the park (some duplicates at Deam Herbarium), 681 taxa documented
 - Two species new to the state and nearly 100 species that are new reports for the county









- Bioblitzes
 - Indiana Academy of Science
 - 2021 Harrison County Glades
 - 2022 Beanblossom Bottoms
 - 2023 Kankakee Sands
 - Others at local level
- Wildflower Forays
 - Brown and Monroe Counties
 - 38th Annual Foray April 28-30
 - Spring Mill State Park
 - 1st Annual Wildflower Weekend April 15-16
 - McCormick's Creek State Park
 - Annual Wildflower Weekend April 7-9









Old Growth Forest Research

- Donaldson's Woods (Lawrence County)
 - Long term study, every 10 years (most recent 2022)
 - Measured all trees over 4" DBH in 18-acre plot
 - Ball State led the 2022 efforts with help from Indiana Parks Alliance, Indiana DNR, and Sam Shine Foundation
 - 1484 trees, 21 species
 - 11% over 2' DBH, 37 trees over 3' DBH, 4 trees over 4' DBH
 - Most big trees were White Oak (Quercus alba), other oaks (Quercus spp.), and hickories (Carya spp.)
 - No small oaks, but still oak dominated (for now)
 - 42% of trees sampled were sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) and 25% were American Beach (*Fagus grandifolia*)



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Old Growth Forest Research

- Bendix Woods (St. Joseph County)
 - Long term study, 1960s, 1980s, 2021-2022
 - 1969 and 1982: American Beech (Fagus grandifolia) and Sugar Maple (Acer saccharum) 2021-2022: Sugar Maple and American Beech
 - Sugar Maple 25/ha in 1969, 73/ha 2021-2022
 - 40% increase in tree density for trees with 4 cm or greater DBH since 1982 (more light gaps due to windstorms)
 - Overall tree species diversity has remained similar between 1960s to 2022, but shifts in age structure and abundance of sub-dominant tree species
 - 1829 vegetation survey, white oak (Quercus alba)
 was listed as major sub-associate, few
 seedlings/young saplings present today



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Indiana University South Bend Student Botany Club

- Several projects to enhance native plant diversity on city, university, and private property in South Bend
- Using greenhouse to grow natives, which offers students a chance to see the whole process from seed to planting









Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center

- Floristic inventories at CILTI properties Glacier's End Nature Preserve, Mossy Point Nature Preserve, Possum Hollow (private)
- Floristic inventories at numerous nature preserves
- Surveys on land owned by IDNR Division of Fish & Wildlife
- SRanks
- Hoosier National Forest Barrens Restoration Vegetation Monitoring
- Rare Plant Technical Advisory Committee



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Indiana DNR Division of Nature Preserves

- Stout Goldenrod (Solidago squarrosa) augmentation project
- Continuing to evaluate and acquire nature preserve quality properties
- Dedicating 300th nature preserve in 2023

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Indiana DNR Division of Nature Preserves Recent Research Permits

- Lowland Bergamot (Monarda 'serotina') collection
- Snow Trillium (*Trillium nivale*) vouchers in counties not currently known
- Mycorrhizae work at Kankakee Sands restored prairies
- Wild Leek (Allium tricoccum complex) taxonomy
- Deer impacts on Pawpaw (Asimina triloba) at Wesselman Woods Nature Preserve
- Clubmoss (Lycopodiella spp.) taxonomy









Indiana DNR Division of Nature Preserves Recent Research Permits

- Wild Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*) studies
- Phlox (*Phlox* spp.) genetic work
- White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) Indiana genetics work
- Swink's St. John's Wort (Hypericum swinkianum) genetics
- Violet (Viola spp.) monitoring at Kankakee Sands and Beaver Lake
- Pitcher's Thistle (Cirsium pitcheri) demography









Indiana's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)

440 vascular plants are now Species of Greatest Conservation Need (2022 Minor Revision)

Special concern



Streamside salamander Special concern



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State threatened







Indiana Plant Conservation Alliance



Collaborating to conserve Indiana's rare plants and their natural habitats.

https://indiananativeplants.org/indiana-plant-conservation-alliance/



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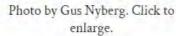
BLUE HERON

MINISTRIES



Virginia Bunchflower (Veratrum virginicum)





Virginia bunchflower is a member of the lily family and is found in consistently rich, moist soil conditions that are in full sun or partially shaded. The thick stems can reach 5' with a panicle of fragrant whitish flowers in June and July. In 1940, Charles Deam mapped the species to 5 counties in Indiana, and in 2021, the species is naturally known from just 2 sites, one near Muncie and the other near Monticello. Both sites are unprotected remnant natural areas.

In 2021, the Veratrum team collected seed from the remnants and kept the genetics separate. The seed will be used to grow out the plants in a greenhouse. Plugs produced will be used for outplanting at protected lands that have appropriate habitat conditions in the spring of 2022. Muncie genetics will be used for restoration in eastern Indiana, and Monticello genetics will be used for western Indiana projects.

The 10 year goal for the species is to have 6 stable wild locations in Indiana on protected land, 3 in the east and 3 in the west, that average at least 20+ blooms annually.

Submitted October 2021 by team lead Gus Nyberg, nyberggus@gmail.com

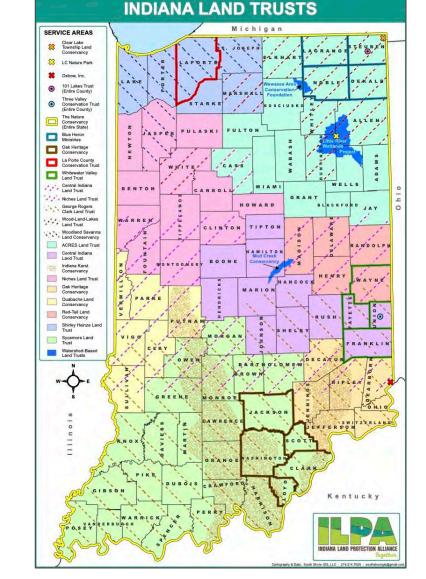






Land Trusts

- Over 20 land trusts in Indiana servicing every county in the state
 - >150,000 acres protected
 - Fee simple, conservation easement, deed restriction
 - >115 full time staff, >53 of which conduct stewardship
 - Protecting natural areas and rare plants
- Indiana Land Protection Alliance (ILPA)
 partnering with Indiana Academy of Science to
 provide funding for land trusts to contract out
 biological (including floristic) surveys









State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM)

- State-wide Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA)
- Regional CISMAs around the state
- Provide training on identification and management of invasive species
- Weed Wrangles and invasive species management teams that focus on partnering with local landowners with publicly accessible lands to manage invasive species



Indiana Invasives Initiative

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Indiana Invasives Initiative (III)

- Mission: to engage people and partner in the restoration and protection of Indiana's natural resources by cultivating and coordinating efforts to manage invasive species
 - 1. Create county level CISMAs
 - 2. Provide free landowner surveys
 - 3. Conduct Weed Wrangles



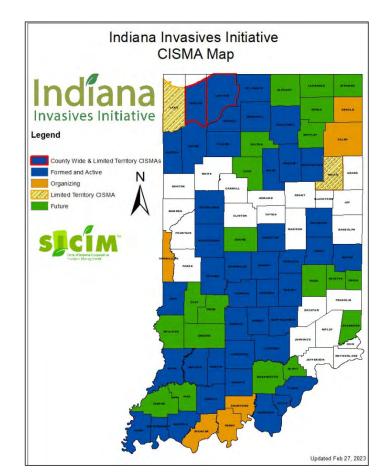






Indiana Invasives Initiative (III)

- 40 CISMAs representing about 50 counties
- 5 Regional Specialists, Executive Director, Project Coordinator
- Completed over 1200 landowner surveys or landowner assists that equals over 36,000 acres
- Completed well over 1000 outreach events
- Host annual conference
- Spoken to over 60,000 people over the past 5 years about invasive species and the need to celebrate our amazing native species and the systems they occupy





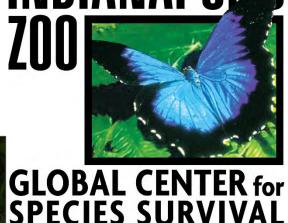




Global Center for Species Survival at the Indianapolis Zoo

- Partnership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Species Survival Commission
- Supports and connects thousands of conservation experts working to secure a future for animals, fungi, and plants in more than 160 countries
- Supports plant conservation at a global level
- Engaging with guests to fight plant blindness
- Partnership with Indiana Plant Conservation Alliance (INPCA), growing *Penstemon deamii*





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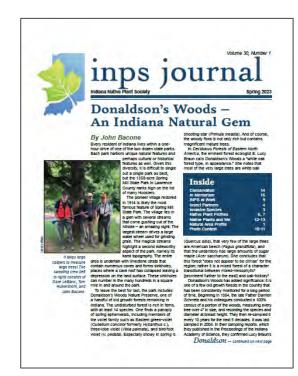






Indiana Native Plant Society

- Continuing efforts to reach broader audiences with education and outreach on native plants and invasive species
 - INPS Journal
 - Annual Florathon
 - Native Plant of the Year
 - T-shirts
 - Species ecology and how to use in landscaping
 - Raise awareness of native plants
 - Native Plant Finder Tool (<u>https://finder.indiananativeplants.org/</u>)
 - Biodiversity Grants







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- Hosting the Indiana Plant Conservation Alliance (INPCA) website
- Providing some financial support for 14 land trusts and new CISMAs that are set up in Indiana to support their work on conservation and invasive species removal
- Rubus of Indiana funding 2021-2023



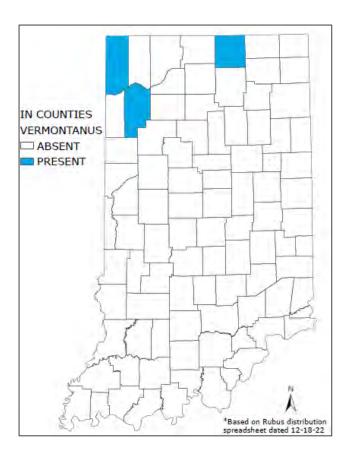






Rubus of Indiana project

Most collections are historic

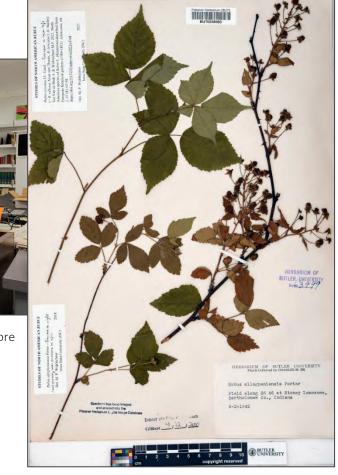




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Indiana Phenology



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- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering Hoosiers of all ages to participate in citizen science
- Mission: Facilitate the long-term documentation of the phenology of plants in Indiana with the help of citizen scientists with the goal of having active observers in every county of Indiana
- Projects:
 - Backyard Observers (individuals and families in their neighborhoods)
 - Phenology Trails (observation sites on public or private land in partnership with other organizations),
 - Schoolyard Phenology (teachers engaging students in observation on school grounds)
- Make phenology data accessible to all Hoosiers







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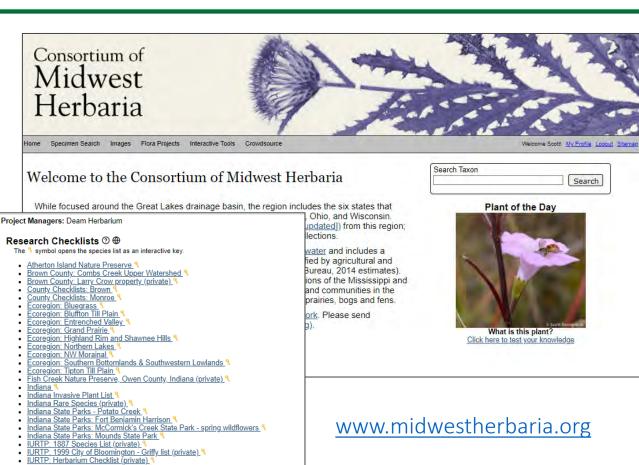
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Consortium of Midwest Herbaria

- IU Herbarium Digitization
- "The Golden Key"
- Indiana Photographic Scavenger Hunt
 - Resulted in thousands of photos that are being added to photo gallery
- Species Checklists
 - Land Trusts
 - State Parks
 - Others
- Thank you, Paul Rothrock!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0Nh1RDj0Ag



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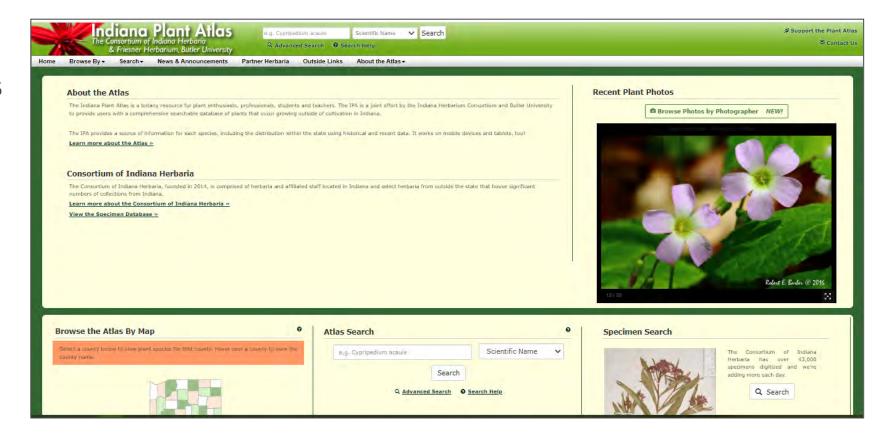






Indiana Plant Atlas

- Specimen images
- Species distributions
- Photographs



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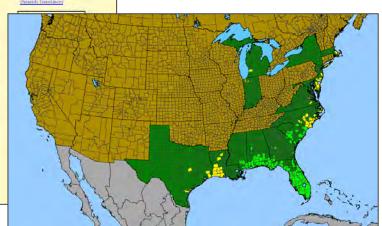
Biota of North America Program (BONAP)

- County-level species distributions
- Watch for an update soon!

The Biota of North America Program North American Vascular Flora North American Plant Atlas Taxonomic Data Center Query (TDC-Q) Page (NAPA) **Customized Geographic BONAP Botanical Garden** Database (CGD) Page (BBG)

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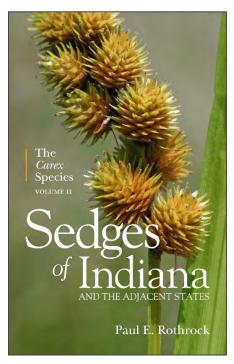




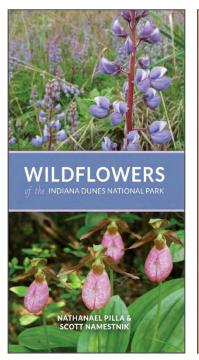


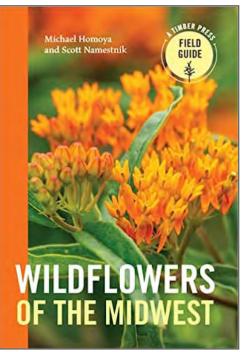


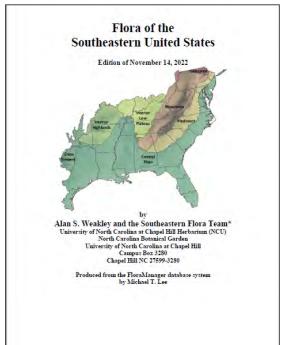
Recently Published Books









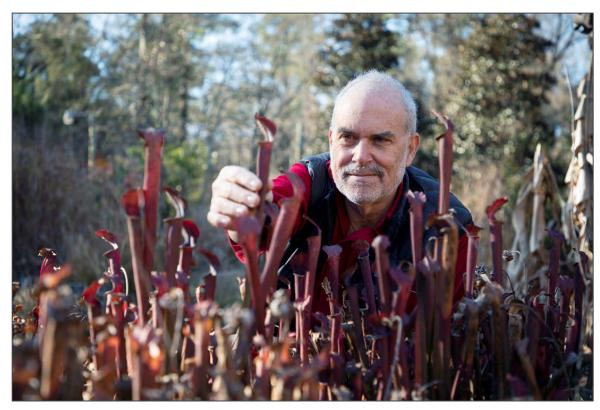








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-Alan Weakley



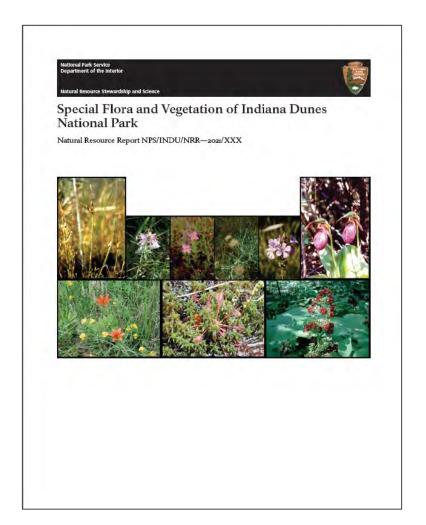
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In Publication



Expected publication 2023

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Indiana Vascular Plants Catalog

Kay Yatskievych hoping to get back at it soon

All but 10 families completed

Indiana Flora (approximate)

- 185 total families
 - 164 native
 - 16 introduced
 - 5 excluded
- 2930 total species
 - 1950 native
 - 980 introduced

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Angiosperms

ACANTHACEAE - Acanthus Family

3 genera (3 native) • 5 species (5 native) • 1 subspecies (1 native) • 1 hybrid

Dicliptora Jun.

1 species (1 native)

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See Note below

Vernacular: Wild Madwort, Branched Foldwing:

Origin: Native (Endangered)

Growth-force Annual herb

Flowering: Assesst-October

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Vertacular: Dense-flowered Water Willow, American Water Willow, Water Willow

Origin: Native

Growth-force Petermial barb Flowering: June-August

constraint, some study

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Origin: Native

Growth-force Perennial both

Flowering: June-September

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Not previously published for Indiana

Origin: Phybrid between two native species

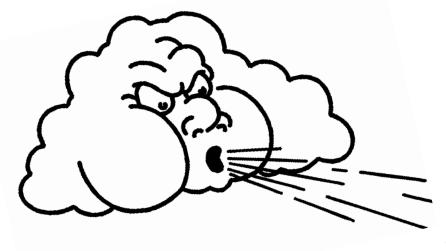
Growth-form: Perennial barb

Flowering: June-September.











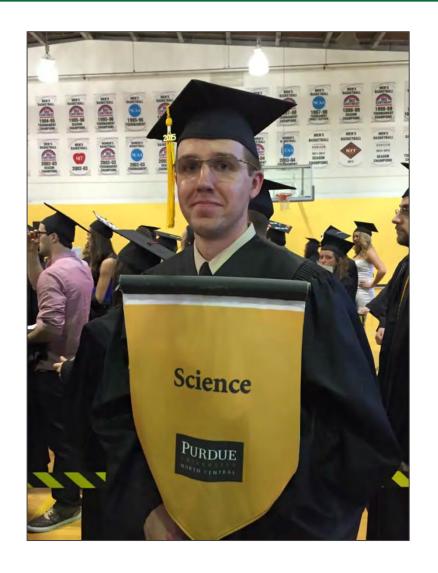






Botany Education Today

- 60 colleges/universities in Indiana
- 32 "offer" botany/plant science courses
- 12 "offer" field botany courses
- 6 "offer" "local flora" courses
- O offer a degree in botany (has been lumped into biology or environmental science)









Botany Education Today

- Number of research universities offering botany degrees has dropped by half since 1988 (NSF)
- Herbaria are closing or consolidating, making accessing physical specimens more difficult

Trends in Plant Science



The End of Botan

Liliana Katinas. María J. Apodaca,1 and Peter C. Hoch2

Biologists unable to recognize common plants, and a decline in botany students, faculty, courses, university departments, and herbaria, highlight the current erosion of botany. How did we reach this crisis, knowing that plants form the basis for life? What are the causes? What can we do to reverse it?

The current erosion of botany (the scientific study of green plants, including organisms that contain chlorophylls a and b, store their photosynthetic products as starch inside the double-membrane-bounded chloroplasts in which it is produced, and have cell walls made of cellulose) as a com-

causing the decline of botany as a discipline: the rise of scientific reductionism; in nature without any scientific names the decline of natural history collections; the application of market logic (i.e., the transformation of economic, human, and social relations into mere consumer values) to the evaluation of scientific activities; and the impact of language as a constructor of reality, as we explain in the following text. Here, we suggest individual responses and the culture of science (intellectual climate) actions as a starting point for efforts to reverse the decline of

Scientific Reductionism

A reductionist program means that a set of scientific laws is deduced from laws at a lower level of organization, as when chemical laws are deduced from physical laws.

Through the spectacular advances of molecular biology, a methodological reductionism currently is prevalent (affecting aspects of scientific life; i.e., funding, jobs, promotions, courses, acceptance of pa-

biological project at any level of hierarchy associated with the observations or experimentations [5].

Natural History Collections in Jeopardy

Natural history collections, including plant collections (herbaria), curated by museums and universities worldwide, have an enormous value for society and constitute the foundation for understanding biological diversity and its distribution (Figure 1). Scientific collections have many specific uses [6]. Herbaria, for example, can be used to track phenology, gauge resulting impacts on pollination ecology, or examine how levels and/or types of herbivory have changed over decades or centuries; they are also essential for modeling how species might track spatial shifts in climate change envelopes.

Natural history collections and associated institutions increasingly face closure. The reasons given usually involve budget short-







Let me remind you...

"We don't know Jack."
-Alan Weakley

"Humanity doesn't need a moon base or a manned trip to Mars. We need an expedition to planet Earth, where probably fewer than 10 percent of the life forms are known to science, and fewer than 1 percent of those have been studied beyond a simple anatomical description and a few notes on natural history."

-E.O. Wilson, from The Creation (2006)



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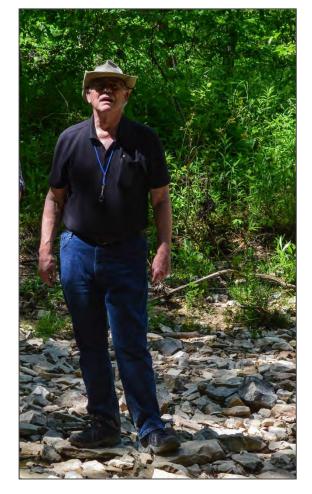


The Future of Botanical Education?

Efforts by The Mad Botanist

- 2022 conference honoring Paul Rothrock, focused on sedges
- 2024 conference honoring Gerould Wilhelm, focused on Floristic Quality Assessment
- History of the Chicago Region project (100-mile radius around the Loop)





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