If your summer season has been anything like mine, then you have been busy botanizing! The early spring heat wave had us all fearing the onset of summer, but the anticipated intense heat has yet to hit us, making only a few days unpleasant thus far.

The above photo of Lizard’s Tail (Saururus cernuus) was taken on June 10th, 2012 along the shoreline of Little Grassy Lake in Williamson County, Illinois.  

—Chris Benda, Editor
2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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2012 Annual Meeting
Mark your calendars for the 2012 INPS Annual Meeting! The 2012 Annual Meeting is being hosted by the Quad Cities Chapter.

Dates: September 21 – 23, 2012
Location: Rock Island, IL

Registration forms and details of the meeting and field trips will be coming soon in the next Harbinger and on the INPS website.

Erigenia Goes Green!

The next issue of Erigenia is in press and should be mailed in a few weeks. If you don’t receive your copy, send an email to erigenia.editor@gmail.com.

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It is good to know that while reading your next issue of Erigenia that the Illinois Native Plant Society is doing its part to encourage responsible forest management.

~Tracy Evans, Erigenia Editor

Answers to orchid quiz on page 5:

1. Liparis lilifolia – Twayblade Orchid
2. Calopogon tuberosus – Grass Pink Orchid
3. Plantanthera lacera – Green Fringed Orchid
4. Galearis spectabilis – Showy Orchid
5. Aplectrum hyemale – Adam and Eve Orchid
6. Triphora trianthophora – Three Birds Orchid
7. Tipularia discolor – Cranefly Orchid
8. Spiranthes vernalis – Spring Ladies’ Tresses
9. Goodyera pubescens – Rattlesnake Plantain
New Book: Shrubs and Woody Vines of Indiana and the Midwest
Identification, Wildlife Values, and Landscaping Use

As the definitive identification guide to the shrubs and woody vines of Indiana, this book provides coverage of approximately 90 percent of the species that are found in surrounding Midwestern states. As well as covering indigenous species, it also includes all currently known invasive shrubs and woody vines. Written by two leading experts on woody plants and their myriad values, the guide is prepared in the same attractive, easy-to-use format as their best-selling Native Trees of the Midwest. Designed for experts in natural resource management as well as the interested general public, the volume includes distribution maps, identification keys, and an index of both common and Latin names. Designed for experts in natural resource management as well as the interested general public, the volume includes distribution maps, identification keys, and an index of both common and Latin names.

Gardening Map Of Warming U.S. Has Plant Zones Moving North

It’s official: gardeners and farmers can count on warmer weather. If that’s you, it might be a good time to rethink those flower and vegetable beds for this year’s growing season.

That’s the word from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which released a new version of its "Plant Hardiness Zone Map" this week, the first update since 1990. The color-coded zones on this map of the United States are widely used as a guide for what perennial flowers will survive in a particular area, or when to plant your vegetables.

Here’s how it works: the higher the zone number, the warmer your average low temperature during wintertime.

Habitat Management Guidelines for Herps of the Midwest

Habitat alteration, fragmentation and loss are collectively considered to be the primary challenge in the conservation of amphibians and reptiles (i.e., herpetofauna). With herpetofaunal populations declining, and human populations expanding and using more land, PARC has developed a series of regionally specific best management practices, or Habitat Management Guidelines (HMGs) to provide proactive guidance for improving the compatibility of land management practices with these animals.


The Midwest guide is now available for order for only $10! To order hard copies contact: Abby Berry, aberry@highcottonusa.com, 1-877-838-2345

Bringing Nature Home: How to Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants

The Doug Tallamy presentation is now available online! Please share this video with others and spread the word about the importance of landscaping with native plants! See video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2IDOlRQ5Mg
Searching for the Whorled Pogonia Orchid

This year was going to be the year. My quest to photo-document as many southern Illinois plant species as possible was the impetus for me to seek out a few that are very rare. Such is the case with *Isotria verticillata*, the Whorled Pogonia Orchid. This little beauty occurs at only one location in all of Illinois, in southern Pope County within a nature preserve. The plants can be tricky to locate due to severe weather events that have changed the character of the forest. Last summer, two men were lost in this area, since the landscape had changed so drastically. Although difficult to navigate, mother nature may be aiding this rare species, as well as other sun-loving plants, by opening up the forest.

I had the pleasure of being guided to the plants by John Schwegman. In fact, his whole family joined me as we set out for the orchids. John was in the area recently and knew the plants were in flower. I held my camera out in anticipation of getting a good photo. I was not disappointed! About twenty plants were located in flower. Thanks to John and family! ~Chris Benda
ORCHIDS OF ILLINOIS QUIZ

1. _______________________ 2. ________________________ 3. _________________________
4. ________________________ 5. __________________________ 6. _______________________
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Dodecatheon frenchii – French’s Shooting Star