

NORTHEASTERN SECTION ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT ON ANNUAL FIELD MEETING

This year's annual Joint Field Meeting of the Northeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America, the Long Island Botanical Society, the Torrey Botanical Society, and the Philadelphia Botanical Club took place June 22-June 26th 2003 at the New York Institute of Technology, Central Islip Campus. The campus is located in Suffolk County, Long Island, New York. The areas visited included a unique 300 year-old maritime holly forest on a barrier island, the globally rare Dwarf Pine Plains, a northeastern mixed hardwood forest on a terminal moraine, an unusual pitch pine-scrub oak barrens, and the remnants of the largest prairie east of the Mississippi. Plant communities seen included salt marsh, fresh water bog, kettle holes, swamps, ponds, rivers, ocean, LI Sound and forests. The field trips started Monday morning and ended late Thursday morning at the Hempstead Plains in Nassau County. The evening lectures included the following: A talk about Long Island's varied plants and plant communities found on the Greenbelt trails, by the president of the Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference, Tom Casey; "100 years of change in the orchid flora of Long Island, New York." by the President of the Long Island Botanical Society, Dr. Eric Lamont; "The Blight and Immune System of the American Chestnut Tree" by The Long Island Director for New York State Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation, Dr. John E. Potente; and "Forests from the ice age to the present", by Professor emeritus of botany and ecology at Queens College, Dr. Andy Greller. The field meeting was chaired by Joanne Tow; the Treasurer was Karl Anderson. There were 50 participants; this total included day-trippers and full-timers. Next year's meeting is scheduled for The Bruce Peninsular in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Northeastern Section, BSA