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Northeastern Section
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Summary of the annual Joint Field Meeting of the Torrey Botanical Society, the Philadelphia Botanical Club, and the Botanical Society of America, Northeastern Section (June 17-21, 2007).

The meeting took place at Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia. The 42 full-time and five part-time participants represented 11 northeastern states plus the District of Columbia and Florida.

The first day of field trips visited sites on Cheat Mountain in the area of Gaudineer Knob, including upland limestone forest, balsam fir swamp, young and old-growth red spruce forest, and riverscour prairie. The second day was at Dolly Sods, including several types of mountain laurel shrubland (with *Kalmia latifolia* in peak bloom), cranberry-beakrush peatland (with *Vaccinium oxycoccus* in peak bloom), and the picturesque red spruce-heath rocky woodland. The third day was spent at Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge and State Park to observe limestone meadow, beaver pond, oxbow fen, and several types of balsam fir swamp.

The field trip leaders were Jim Vanderhorst, Elizabeth Byers, and Brian Streets from West Virginia Natural Heritage Program; Dr. Katherine Gregg of West Virginia Wesleyan College; and Leah Ceperley from Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Evening lectures were given by Elizabeth Byers, Katherine Gregg, Bill Roody (West Virginia DNR), and Rodney Bartgis (The Nature Conservancy). Marcia Minichiello was the Assistant Chair for this meeting, and Karl Anderson again served as Treasurer.

The meeting for next year (June 2008) will be in southern New Jersey and organized by Ted Gordon and Walt Bien.