



**Invitation to the 2011 Joint Field Meeting of the
Botanical Society of America - Northeastern Section,
Torrey Botanical Society, and Philadelphia Botanical Club**

Cosponsored with the Finger Lakes Native Plant Society and the New York Flora Association

June 19-23, 2011 (Sunday-Thursday) at Ithaca College, Ithaca, New York

The 2011 Field Meeting will examine the flora of Tompkins County and vicinity in upstate New York. Housing will be on the campus of Ithaca College, at the southern edge of the city of Ithaca. Located at the southern end of Lake Cayuga, Ithaca is in the heart of the extremely scenic Finger Lakes region. The city is home to the campus of Cornell University, including the Cornell Plantations, a remarkable botanical garden and arboretum as well as owner of numerous natural areas. Tompkins County also is renowned for three state parks with magnificent gorges and waterfalls, plus many additional designated natural areas that are open to the public.

Accommodations are in double-occupancy dormitory rooms of Ithaca College. The rooms are in “traditional style residence halls” (non-air conditioned rooms, shared bath facilities). Also, there are several nearby motels. Participants wishing to stay in a motel will need to make their own arrangements. Box lunches are included for each day of field trips (Monday through Wednesday). Also included are two breakfasts and a buffet dinner. The remaining meals will be purchased individually at a food court on the campus, or at nearby restaurants and stores, since the campus dining hall will not be open. Transportation will be by a rented bus and by car-pooling.

Our field trip coordinator and leader is Mr. David Werier of the Finger Lakes Native Plant Society and the New York Flora Association. The sites he has chosen represent a diversity of vegetation types and will include

- Lime Hollow Nature Center, Marl Ponds, and Chicago Bog: acidic bog, limy marl ponds, rich woods;
- Bear Swamp Sempronius: calcareous rich shrub fen, cool rich northern forests;
- Michigan Hollow: sedge meadows, rich peat swamp, rich and acidic woods;
- Thatcher’s Pinnacles and Biodiversity Preserve: rich forests with older trees, terminal moraine deposits, steep slope with native red pine, dry rim with dwarfed southern-affinity forests;
- Taughannock Falls State Park: impressive gorge and waterfall, rich forests, talus slopes;
- South Hill Swamp Natural Area: swamp white oak swamp, diversity of sedges.

In place of the first two, we may include these recommendations from Mr. F. Robert Wesley, Natural Areas Manager at the Cornell Plantations:

- Landers' Corners Bog: *Carex pauciflora*, *Listera australis*, *Orontium aquaticum*;
- Jam Pond Bog: large open bog surrounded by red maple-black spruce-tamarack peatland forest.

There will also be a variety of evening lectures. An optional informal trip to the Cornell Plantations is planned for the morning after the meeting on Thursday June 23.

For further information contact: Larry Klotz, Chair lhklot@ship.edu or

Robynn Shannon, Co-chair rndshannon@cox.net

Please note: Unlike previous years, there will be **no paper mailings** of this invitation and registration form. If necessary, the Chairperson can provide individual copies upon request. Also, registration for this meeting is open to anyone who is interested. It is not restricted to members of the sponsoring organizations.

**2011 Joint Botanical Field Meeting Registration Form
(deadline: Tuesday, May 10, 2011; limit: 54 participants)**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reminder: The first three options below include the meals listed on the previous page.

_____ participants X **\$269.00** basic rate, double occupancy.....\$ _____

_____ participants X **\$373.00** basic rate, single occupancy.....\$ _____

_____ participants X **\$165.00** without room.....\$ _____

_____ participants X **\$70.00** without room and meals\$ _____

Mail your check for the full amount made out to Botanical Society of America with the completed Registration Form to: Dr. Larry Klotz

Shippensburg University – Department of Biology,
1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257.

Please include here the name of the person with whom you wish to share a room, or indicate that we may assign a roommate:

Please include here the name and phone number of a person to be notified in case of an emergency:

Check membership(s) of the participant(s) named above in Botanical Organizations:

Botanical Society of America ____; Torrey Botanical Society ____; Philadelphia Botanical Club ____.

Other botanical organization: _____

In making this application, participants affirm that they are in general good health, are physically able to keep up with the group in the ordinary course of field activities, accept as their personal risk the hazards inherent in any outdoor activity, and will not hold the Botanical Society of America, or other sponsoring organizations, or the trip leaders responsible for the same.

Signature and date: _____