

state because of taken trees from the ice dams. The following covered all the field biologists throughout the state, especially when mowing near cliff tops and streams that may have been more affected by the ice. Here are some interesting historical discoveries and observations for the 2018 field season:

A rare visit, the Bark Beetle (*Boreothrips axanthus*), found on Pine Mountain



On a sunny day in July while conducting a flora for the Kentucky Division of Parks near Carvers Grove Forest in Bell County, an interesting insect was discovered in a trap, many containing several mealybugs found. Its stems were weak and breaking over the small twigs, with the remains of purple flowers pointing straight up. The leaves were dark-ate and heart shaped. There were several small scattered patches of plants over a 40 m² area, but it is uncertain whether number of stems is indicative of number of individuals in the population. It has been reported to spread naturally through mowers. The most likely host plant species was either the