Third Annual Kentucky Botanical Symposium – Contacts and Links

KNPS Updates

- Jeff Nelson, KNPS President 2022-2024
 - o jeff.53chevy@gmail.com
 - Kentucky Native Plant Society https://www.knps.org
 - KNPS Wildflower Week 2022, iNaturalist project
 https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/knps-wildflower-week-2022-botany-blitz
 - Kentucky Botanists Big Year 2022, iNaturalist project https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/kentucky-botanists-big-year-2022
 - Kentucky Botanists Big Year 2023, iNaturalist project https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/kentucky-botanists-big-year-2023

State of Kentucky Plant Conservation

- Tara Littlefield, OKNP State Botanist, Plant Conservation & Biological Assessment Branch Manager, KPCA Coordinator, & KNPS Immediate Past President
 - o <u>tara.littlefield@ky.gov</u>
 - Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves
 https://eec.ky.gov/Nature-Preserves/Pages/default.aspx
 - Kentucky Plant Conservation Alliance
 https://www.knps.org/ky-plant-conservation-alliance/
 - 2022 Kentucky Rare Plant Report with Species Lists https://eec.ky.gov/Nature-Preserves/biodiversity/Pages/Species-and-Natural-Community-Reports.aspx
 - Kentucky clover (*Trifolium kentuckiense*), globally endangered bluegrass woodland species
 Recovering the globally rare Kentucky Clover in the Inner Bluegrass Region
 - Wood lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*), state endangered pine barrens species https://www.knps.org/wood-lily-lilium-phildelphicum-conservation-in-the-cumberland-plateau/
 - Kentucky Roadside Native Plants, iNaturalist Project https://www.knps.org/wood-lily-lilium-phildelphicum-conservation-in-the-cumberland-plateau/
 - Kentucky Plants of Conservation Concern, iNaturalist Project
 https://www.knps.org/wood-lily-lilium-phildelphicum-conservation-in-the-cumberland-plateau/

Update on the Southeastern Flora Project

- Dr. Alan Weakley, Plant Taxonomist, Community Ecologist, UNC herbarium director and professor
 - o weakley@unc.edu
 - Flora of the Southeastern US https://ncbg.unc.edu/research/unc-herbarium/floras/
 - Floras available to download https://ncbg.unc.edu/research/unc-herbarium/flora-request/
 - Flora of the Southeastern US Web App https://fsus.ncbg.unc.edu/

Modernizing Data Collection for Field Botany

- Nour Salam, Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves Data Analyst
 - o nour.salam@ky.gov
 - Office of Ketucky Nature Preserves https://eec.ky.gov/Nature-Preserves/

Species Level Vegetation Monitoring

- Justin Thomas, Co-Director of NatureCITE, Director of the Institute of Botanical Training
 - o justin.thoma@naturecite.org
 - NatureCITE
 - https://www.naturecite.org/
 - Institute of Botanical Training https://www.botanytraining.com/

Advancing Plant Conservation with Genetic and Epigenetic Tools

- Dr. Bridgette Williams, Missouri Botanical Gardens
 - o <u>bwilliams@mobot.org</u>
 - Missouri Botanical Gardens https://www.mobot.org