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# Native Plant Society of Northeastern Ohio Bradley Woods Reservation Field Trip

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### Greetings Everyone,

What a fabulous time we had on a lovely Saturday September afternoon walking through parts of Bradley Woods and learning about this gem of a reservation. Many thanks and appreciation to our hosts from Cleveland Metroparks, Wendy Weirich, Bethany Majeski, and Valerie Fetzer for sharing their time, knowledge, and enthusiasm which makes learning fun! While not a complete list of all observed or heard during our walk, the following list does illuminate the diversity that can be found in nature in the space and time of a couple of hours. Experiencing the beauty of nature with all of you was a joy!

The Native Plant Society has more walks and activities scheduled for fall and we look forward to your company again! Please visit our website,

http://www.nativeplantsocietyneohio.org/ to learn more about native plants, our Society, and other resources that can help you with your curiosity and your quest to learn about our natural world.

Kind regards to all,

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# Plant List – Herbaceous

<b>Common Names</b>	Botanical Names
Doll's Eyes	Actaea pachypodo
White Baneberry	
Garlic Mustard	Alliaria officinalisinvasive! threatens native plant habitat
The West Virginia White butter	fly, Pieris virginiensis, mistakenly lays eggs on this plant instead of its
larval hosts toothworts, Dentari	a spp. The caterpillars that emerge from eggs cannot survive on garlic
mustard. If not food for another	r creature, they will likely die from starvation or possible toxicity from plant.
Dogbane	Apocynum cannabinumbutterfly nectar source
Indian Hemp	
Jack-in-the-pulpit	Arisaema triphyllumwildlife fruit source
Comon Milkweed	Asclepias syriacabutterfly/insect nectar source & larval host
Flat-topped Aster	Doellingeria umbellatabutterfly/insect nectar source & larval host
Turtlehead	Chelone glabrabutterfly larval host
Beechdrops	Epifagus virginiana
Willow Herb	Epilobium sp.
Pilewort	Erechtites hieracifolia
Fireweed	
Joe-pye Weed	Eupatorium spbutterfly/moth/insect nectar source
Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatumbutterfly/insect nectar source
Thoroughwort	
Jewelweed	Impatiens capensishummingbird nectar source
Spotted Touch-me-not	
Indian Tobacco	Lobelia inflata
Canada Mayflower (fruit)	Maianthemum canadense
Wild Lily-of-the-valley	
Partridgeberry	Mitchella repenswildlife fruit source
Clearweed	Pilea pumila
Cinquefoil	Potentilla sp.
Selfheal	Prunella vulgarisbutterfly/insect nectar source
Heal-all	
Goldenrods	Solidago spwildlife nectar/pollen/insect/plant source;
	wildlife larval host
Blue-stemmed Goldenrod	Solidago caesiawildlife nectar/pollen/seed source
Wreath Goldenrod	
Nettle	<i>Urtica</i> spbutterfly larval host
Woodland Sedge	species not identified

# Plant List - Woody

<b>Common Names</b>	<b>Botanical Names</b>	
Alder (non-native)	Alnus sp.	
Ash	Fraxinus sp	butterfly/moth larval host
Holly (evergreen)		bird & wildlife fruit source
Spice-bush	Lindera benzoin	butterfly/moth larval host; bird fruit source
Black Gum	Nyssa sylvatica	bird fruit source
Tupelo		
Black Cherry	Prunus serotina	butterfly nectar source & larval host;
		fruit, seeds, & bark useful to wildlife
Buckthorn (non-native)	Rhamnus sp	invasive! threatens native plant habitat

## Plant List – Ferns

Common Names	<b>Botanical Names</b>
Grape Fern	Botrychium sp.
Marginal Wood Fern	Dryopteris marginaliswildlife cover
Sensitive Fern	Onoclea sensibiliswildlife cover
Cinnamon Fern	Osmunda cinnamomeayoung fiddlehead "fuzz" nesting material
	for birds; wildlife cover
Interrupted Fern	Osmunda claytonianawildlife cover
New York Fern	Thelypteris noveboracensiswildlife cover
Netted Chain Fern	Woodwardia areolatawildlife cover

# **Plant List – Vines**

Common Names	<b>Botanical Names</b>	
Japanese Honeysuckle	Lonicera japonica	invasive! threatens native plant habitat
Virginia Creeper	Parthenocissus quinquefolia	bird fruit source & cover; sphinx spp.
		moth larval host
Poison-ivy	Toxicodendron radicans	bird fruit source & cover
Grape vine	Vitis sp	bird fruit source, cover, & nesting;
		sphinx spp. moth larval host

# Plant List – Fungi

<b>Common Names</b>	<b>Botanical Names</b>
Inky Caps	.Coprinus sp.

### **Other Observations**

#### **Vernal Pools**

Berea Sandstone

#### **Insects Observed on Milkweed Plant**

#### Milkweed Bugs:

Species observed during walk not identified. Two species likely to be found:

Large Milkweed bug......Oncopeltus fasciatus

Small Milkweed bug......Lygaeus kalmii

Brightly colored insects with several generation stages present on plant at same time.

#### **Aphids:**

Species observed during walk not identified.

These insects ingest plant juices and expel a sugary liquid substance called honeydew. Some ant spp. feed upon it and it's also a good growth medium for **Sooty Mold** which was observed on plant during walk.

**Sooty Mold** is a superficial dark charcoal-gray mycelial growth caused by nonparasitic plant fungi that develop on honeydew produced by certain insects, in this case aphids, and *is not treatable* with a fungicide.

#### Lady Beetles:

Species observed during walk not identified.

Most larval and adult stages beneficial and voracious predators of aphids.

#### Plant Disease Observed on Milkweed Plant

#### **Powdery Mildew:**

It is a plant pathogen that is plant specific and is usually found on upper leaves and stems.

#### **Insect Observed in Meadow Field**

Tussock caterpillar

#### **Bird Heard in Woodland Forest**

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Doll's Eyes, Actaea pachypoda<sup>1</sup>

Photographer: Lisa K. Schlag, 2013



Turtlehead, Chelone glabra $^{1}$ 

Photographer: Lisa K. Schlag, 2013



Boneset,  $Eupatorium\ perfoliatum^2$ 





Canada Mayflower (fruit), Maianthemum canadense Photographer: Lisa K. Schlag, 2013



Indian Tobacco, Lobelia inflata

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Blue-stemmed Goldenrod, Solidago caesia  $^1$ 



Grape Fern, Botrychium sp.

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Interrupted Fern, Osmunda claytoniana<sup>1</sup>

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Netted Chain Fern, Woodwardia areolata

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Inky Caps, Coprinis sp.

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Large Milkweed Bugs, *Oncopeltus fasciatus* Milkweed seedpod

Photographer: Lisa K. Schlag, 2004 Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga County



Sooty Mold Upper leaf surface of Milkweed plant (arrow indicating aphid presence)

Photographer: Lisa K. Schlag, 2006 Holden Arboretum, Lake County

All photographs were taken at Bradley Woods Reservation in Cuyahoga County except those captioned and the following which serve as visual references of observations during walk:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Holden Arboretum, Lake County

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Herrick Fen, Portage County