



SCAN *South Carolina Association of Naturalists*
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January, 2006 Newsletter

Welcome to a new SCAN year!

We will start the year of 2006 with some changes. See the comments on the annual meeting later in the letter. Our last field trip of 2005 was held on a gorgeous day in mid-December and started with a SCAN first. 'Under the spreading chestnut (make that beech) tree'...we were the witnesses to a wedding...of two SCAN members.

Tom Jones and Mary Garland Douglass were united in marriage under a beech tree at the beginning of the trail to explore CawCaw. Following the lovely service, we proceeded with a regular SCAN field trip. Even the minister, the Rev. Gail Collins-Ranadive, joined us until early afternoon. Since this wedding was not announced in advance there were some surprised members, including a new member and some folks who are only able to join us on a few trips thanks to conflicts.



There were not huge numbers of wading birds but many others were well represented. While not many insects were moving as it was cold, we got a good look at some, as well as some who got away. When threatened (their opinion), they were able to move very quickly! Only a few baby alligators were seen, but many plants, some indigenous to the low country making it interesting for those of us from farther upstate. A colony of Green-fly Orchid was found thanks to Steve Katzberg, a new member from Orangeburg. As usual we finally left as the gates would close in a few minutes!

We had all been invited to Mary's house (now Mary and Tom's), planned since 2004, for a party that turned into a wedding reception. Good food, good friends, and a great occasion to celebrate: what a great way to end 2005!

Annual meeting: This year we are going to emphasize fauna with wings. Irvin Pitts, biologist with the state parks, is going to bring us up to date on the interesting birds of South Carolina. Then Brian Scholtens of the College of Charleston will tell us about the moth and butterfly survey being done for great Smoky Mountains National Park. Some of you have probably have heard about Jan Ciegler's beetle forays as part of the park's overall program to find out what really lives there. Brian will tell us tell us the area he has been studying.

In the afternoon, we will focus on SCAN. Since it is our 30th anniversary, our 'founding father' Rudy Mancke, will lead a trip down memory lane, then Jerry Bright will show us a collection of photographs taken on this year's field trips. If there is time we will even have material from those of us who went to Dominica with Patrick McMillan. We will all get to comment on these photographs.

After the fun part we will have a less interesting but most necessary annual business meeting. This will include election of officers for the coming year, reports of our financial condition and other items as members see the need. We will adjourn no later than 4 p.m.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers to serve for the 2006 SCAN year. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual business meeting in January. However the nominee must give permission for his or her name to be placed in nomination:

President:	Jules Freytet
Vice-president:	Lynn Smith
Secretary & Historian:	Virginia Winn
Treasurer:	Greg Mancini
Database Managers:	Tom Jones and Mary Douglass;
Regional Directors:	North, Quentin Webber South, Claudia Houck East, Gordon Murphy West, Eva and Sam Pratt Central: Pat and Jerry Bright

After the meeting: We are invited to participate in a pot-luck supper at Jan Ciegler's . Jan will provide plates, utensils, etc and some beverages. If you come, bring something toward the meal to share. These get-togethers always seem to end up with good food and great conversation. Jan lives just west of I-26 off US 378. Directions will be available at the meeting. It is an easy 5-plus mile drive from the State Museum.

Before the meeting: If you have some items of interest to share, we will have table space set up for you to use, it could be natural history artifacts, collections, or books you want to share that you think would be of interest to fellow SCAN members. In past years we have traditionally had coffee, juice and goodies available when folks arrive. The museum no longer allows groups to bring their own food and drink. There is a café on site, which does not open until 10 a.m. They offer catering but I made an arbitrary decision that the price was too expensive.

Whatever the 'pre-meeting' conditions plan to come join us. The annual meeting may be indoors but it is always fun and educational. See you there!

Lynn Smith,
President

Dues for 2006: If you have not already paid your 2006 dues don't forget they are due in January. You can either mail them in or bring them to the Annual Meeting. It's \$12 for an individual membership and \$5.00 more for each additional membership sharing the same newsletter.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center, Charleston Co., SC, December 10, 2005

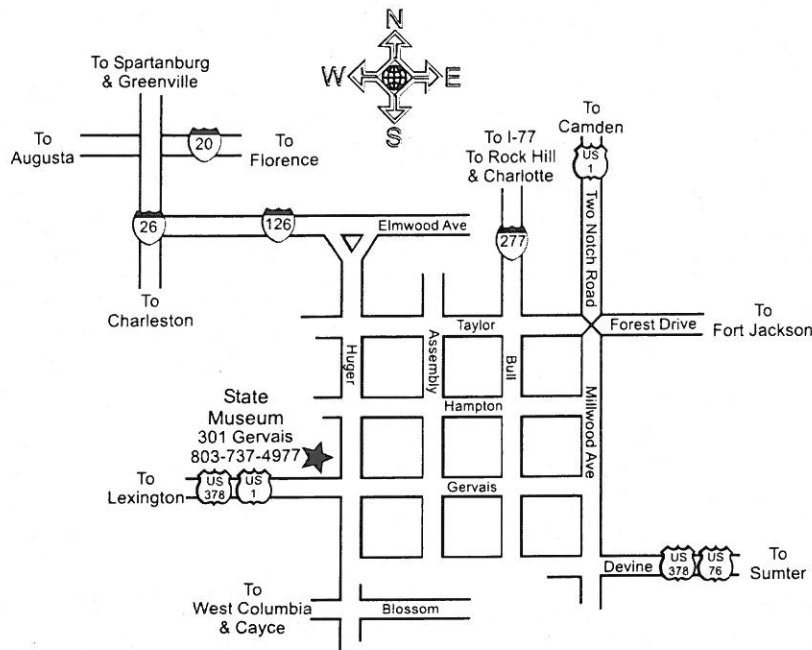
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<p>LICHENS</p> <p><i>Usnea sp.</i></p>	<p>Yellow Foxtail Grass <i>Setaria glauca</i></p> <p>Beard Grass; Plume Grass <i>Erianthus contortus</i></p> <p>Beard Grass; Plume Grass <i>Erianthus giganteus</i></p> <p>Bushy Bluestem <i>Andropogon glomeratus</i></p> <p>Slender Spikegrass <i>Chasmanthium laxum</i></p> <p>Bulrush <i>Scirpus robustus</i></p> <p>Wool-grass <i>Scirpus cyperinus</i></p> <p>Dwarf Palmetto <i>Sabal minor</i></p> <p>Cabbage Palmetto <i>Sabal palmetto</i></p> <p>Duckweed <i>Lemna sp.</i></p> <p>Bogmat <i>Wolffiella floridana</i></p> <p>Spanish-moss <i>Tillandsia usneoides</i></p> <p>Soft Rush <i>Juncus effusus</i></p> <p>Black Needle Rush <i>Juncus roemerianus</i></p> <p>Fringed Greenbrier; Bullbrier <i>Smilax bona-nox</i></p> <p>Sawbrier; Greenbrier <i>Smilax glauca</i></p> <p>Sarsaparilla-vine <i>Smilax pumila</i></p> <p>Crane-fly Orchid <i>Tipularia discolor</i></p> <p>Green-fly Orchid <i>Epidendrum conopseum</i></p>	<p>Black Willow <i>Salix nigra</i></p> <p>Common Wax-myrtle <i>Morella cerifera</i></p> <p>Beech <i>Fagus grandifolia</i></p> <p>White Oak <i>Quercus alba</i></p> <p>Post Oak <i>Quercus stellata</i></p> <p>Overcup Oak <i>Quercus lyrata</i></p> <p>Swamp Chestnut Oak <i>Quercus michauxii</i></p> <p>Live Oak <i>Quercus virginiana</i></p> <p>Cherrybark Oak <i>Quercus pagoda</i></p> <p>Water Oak <i>Quercus nigra</i></p> <p>Willow Oak <i>Quercus phellos</i></p> <p>Laurel Oak <i>Quercus laurifolia</i></p> <p>Laurel Oak; Darlington Oak <i>Quercus hemisphaerica</i></p> <p>Heartleaf <i>Hexastylis arifolia</i></p> <p>Common Chickweed <i>Stellaria media</i></p> <p>Southern Magnolia; Bull Bay <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i></p> <p>Swamp Bay <i>Persea palustris</i></p> <p>Sweet-gum <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i></p>	<p>Witch-hazel <i>Hamamelis virginiana</i></p> <p>Black Cherry; Wild Cherry <i>Prunus serotina</i></p> <p>Mimosa; Silk-tree <i>Albizia julibrissin</i></p> <p>Sicklepod <i>Cassia obtusifolia</i></p> <p>Sesbania <i>Sesbania exaltata</i></p> <p>Chinese Tallow-tree <i>Sapium sebiferum</i></p> <p>Poison-ivy <i>Rhus radicans</i></p> <p>American Holly <i>Ilex opaca</i></p> <p>Yaupon <i>Ilex vomitoria</i></p> <p>Red Maple <i>Acer rubrum</i></p> <p>Supple-jack; Rattan-vine <i>Berchemia scandens</i></p> <p>Muscadine; Bullace <i>Vitis rotundifolia</i></p> <p>Pepper-vine <i>Ampelopsis arborea</i></p> <p>Rose Mallow; Wild Cotton <i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i></p> <p>Tea * <i>Camellia sinensis</i></p> <p>St.-Andrew's-cross <i>Hypericum hypericoides</i></p> <p>Swamp Tupelo; Swamp Blackgum <i>Nyssa sylvatica biflora</i></p> <p>Flowering Dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i></p>
<p>FLORA</p> <p>Japanese Climbing Fern <i>Lygodium japonicum</i></p> <p>Ebony Spleenwort <i>Asplenium platyneuron</i></p> <p>Resurrection Fern <i>Pleopeltis polypodioides michauxiana</i></p> <p>Eastern Mosquito Fern <i>Azolla caroliniana</i></p> <p>Spruce Pine; Walter's Pine <i>Pinus glabra</i></p> <p>Loblolly Pine <i>Pinus taeda</i></p> <p>Southern Red Cedar <i>Juniperus virginiana silicicola</i></p> <p>Bald-cypress <i>Taxodium distichum</i></p> <p>Common Cat-tail <i>Typha latifolia</i></p> <p>Frog's-bit <i>Limnobium spongia</i></p> <p>Switch Cane; Cane <i>Arundinaria gigantea</i></p> <p>Smut Grass <i>Sporobolus poiretii</i></p> <p>Sweet Grass <i>Muhlenbergia sericea</i></p> <p>Smooth Cord Grass <i>Spartina alterniflora</i></p> <p>Cord Grass <i>Spartina cynosuroides</i></p> <p>Hydrochloa <i>Hydrochloa caroliniensis</i></p>			

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Swamp Blueberry <i>Vaccinium virgatum</i>	Salt-marsh Goldenrod <i>Solidago sempervirens</i>	American Alligator <i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	Ruby-crowned Kinglet <i>Regulus calendula</i>
Horse-sugar; Sweetleaf <i>Symplocos tinctoria</i>	Heterotheca <i>Heterotheca nervosa nervosa</i>	Carolina Anole; Green Anole <i>Anolis carolinensis</i>	Eastern Bluebird <i>Sialia sialis</i>
Yellow Jessamine <i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i>	Columned Stinkhorn <i>Clathrus columnatus</i>	Skink <i>Eumeces sp.</i>	Blue-headed Vireo <i>Vireo solitarius</i>
Gentian <i>Gentiana villosa</i>		Anhinga; Snakebird <i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Yellow-rumped Warbler <i>Dendroica coronata</i>
	FAUNA		
Dodder Vine; Love-vine <i>Cuscuta gronovii</i>	Brown Winter Grasshopper <i>Amblytropidia mysteca</i>	Double-crested Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax auritus</i>	Northern Cardinal <i>Cardinalis cardinalis</i>
Ground-ivy; Ponyfoot <i>Dichondra carolinensis</i>	Carolina Mantis (egg mass) <i>Stagmomantis carolina</i>	Black-crowned Night-Heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Song Sparrow <i>Melospiza melodia</i>
Wood Sage; Germander <i>Teucrium canadense</i>	Stink Bug * <i>Brochymena arborea</i>	Great Blue Heron <i>Ardea herodias</i>	Swamp Sparrow <i>Melospiza georgiana</i>
Cross Vine <i>Anisostichus capreolata</i>	Red Imported Fire Ant <i>Solenopsis invicta</i>	American Coot <i>Fulica americana</i>	Common Grackle <i>Quiscalus quiscula</i>
Trumpet Vine; Cow-itch Vine <i>Campsis radicans</i>	Pipe-organ Wasp (pipe) <i>Trypoxylon politum</i>	Turkey Vulture <i>Cathartes aura</i>	American Goldfinch <i>Carduelis tristis</i>
Partridge-berry <i>Mitchella repens</i>	Roseate Skimmer (dragonfly) <i>Orthemis ferruginea</i>	Wild Turkey (feathers) <i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>	Marsh Rabbit <i>Sylvilagus palustris</i>
Japanese Honeysuckle <i>Lonicera japonica</i>	Woodland Ground Beetle * <i>Lophoglossus gravis</i>	Red-bellied Woodpecker <i>Melanerpes carolinus</i>	Gray Squirrel <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
Wahlenbergia <i>Wahlenbergia marginata</i>	Multicolored Asian Lady Beetle <i>Harmonia axyridis</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (sign) <i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Raccoon (tracks) <i>Procyon lotor</i>
Elephant's-foot <i>Elephantopus tomentosus</i>	Cloudless Sulphur <i>Phoebis sennae eubule</i>	Pileated Woodpecker <i>Dryocopus pileatus</i>	River Otter (tracks) <i>Lutra canadensis</i>
Dog-fennel <i>Eupatorium capillifolium</i>	Zebra (butterfly) <i>Heliconius charitonius</i>	Eastern Phoebe <i>Sayornis phoebe</i>	White-tailed Deer <i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>
Marsh-fleabane <i>Pluchea foetida</i>	Red Admiral <i>Vanessa atalanta</i>	American Crow; Common Crow <i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	
Facelis <i>Facelis retusa</i>	Southern Flannel Moth (cocoon) <i>Megalopyge opercularis</i>	Tufted Titmouse <i>Parus bicolor</i>	
Groundsel-tree <i>Baccharis glomeruliflora</i>	Haploa Moth (caterpillar) * <i>Haploa sp.</i>	Carolina Chickadee <i>Parus carolinensis</i>	
Sea-myrtle; Groundsel-tree <i>Baccharis halimifolia</i>		Carolina Wren <i>Thryothorus ludovicianus</i>	



Directions to the State Museum:

From I-26 south (east), exit at US 1 and follow it into downtown over the Gervais Street Bridge. The museum will be on your left. Proceed to Huger Street, turn left at the traffic light and watch for the brown sign at a small side street to your left.

From I-26 north (west) or I-20 west follow I-26 to 126. Turn right onto Huger Street immediately after you cross the Broad River and watch for the small brown sign on your right.

From I-20 east and I-77 north follow SC 277 south to Elmwood, turn right then bear right to Huger Street, then watch for the small brown sign on your right.

**Things with Wings!
SCAN Annual Meeting Program
January 28, 2006
10:00 a.m.**

Vista Room, South Carolina State Museum

Note: We cannot serve our usual refreshments before the meeting anymore.

- 9:30 to 10** Get together for conversation and dues-paying
- 10:00 – 10:15** Introduction and welcome
- 10:15-11:05** Interesting Birding in South Carolina, Irvin Pitts, Resource Management Biologist, State Park Service
- 11:10 – 12:00** Great Smoky Mountains Butterfly and Moth Survey: Where we've been and where we're going. Dr. Brian Scholtens, College of Charleston Associate Professor, Biology
- 12:00 – 2:00** Lunch on your own.
- 2:00 – 2:20** SCAN's 30th Anniversary, Rudy Mancke, our founding father
- 2:20 – 3:20** 2005 in Review, Jerry Bright with the cooperation of SCAN photographers
- 3:30 – 4:00** Annual Business Meeting, including election of officers
- 4:00** Adjourn

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