



Alaska Native Plant Society

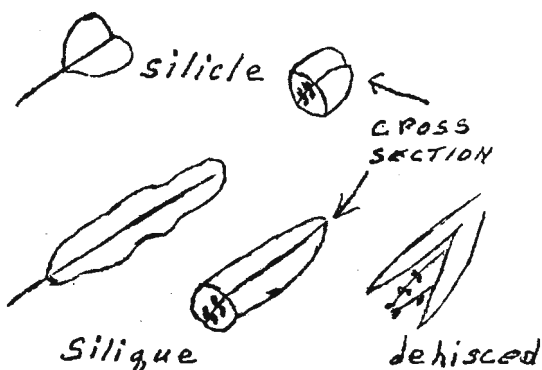
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**NOVEMBER MEETING--8 PM at the Pub
in the Sports Center Complex of the
ACC-UAA Campus.-----NOV 14th, the
SECOND MONDAY!!!**

MEETING INFO

Mary Core from The Alaska Center for The Environment will present "An Overview of Public Interest Lands and Upcoming Political Issues."

The Brassicaceae family will be discussed this month. Flowers are perfect; usually regular and arranged in racemes, spikes, or corymbs. Calyx has 4 parts; petals usually 4 (often clawed), stamens 6 (usually 4 long & 2 short); ovary superior, 1 or 2 loculed. Seed is useful in identification. If short and squat it is a silicle. If at least 3 times longer than wide it is a silique.



Vickie Wilbur, who is doing this month's presentation, has agreed to organize the plant family information for the newsletter each month, but needs volunteers for the meeting presentations. If you can give just one presentation or loan slides, please call Vickie at 349-8709. Next month's presentation will be the Evening Primrose family (Onagraceae), we need a volunteer!

PLANT QUIZ-M. Barker

I am a shrub. I typically grow from 1.5 to 6.5 feet tall, near the coast. The farther South you go, the taller I become. My stem is woody and I have yellow-brown bark which peels in thin layers. My branches may be weakly barbed. My stipulate leaves are made of 3 leaflets, each more or less lobed or coarsely toothed. My flowers are solitary with 5 bright rose-pink petals. If you haven't figured out who I am by now; you will, when I tell you about my fruit. I produce aggregates of drupelets which vary in color from yellow-orange to dark red. They are very juicy and rather sweet. My fruit is eaten raw or cooked into delicious jams or jellies. If you need more help, there is a nice drawing on the next page done by Andrea Thrums, who will be doing our illustrations for us each month.--Thank you, Andrea!--Quiz answer elsewhere in this issue.

ODE TO A BOTANIST

There should be no monotony
in studying your botany.

It helps to train
and spur the brain---
unless you haven't got any.

It teaches you, does botany
To know the plants
and spotany,
and learn just why
they live or die---
in case you plant or potany.

Author unknown

NEW 1983-84 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

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HELP WANTED !!!

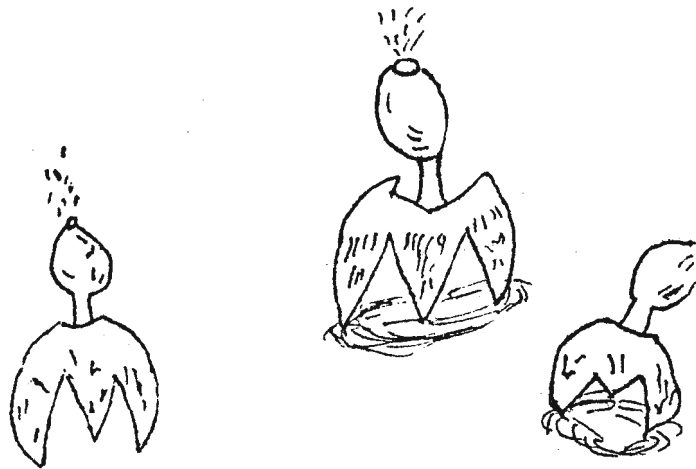
Programs and Field-Trips persons are looking for any help that you can give to make this a better year and easier on everyone. Please don't hesitate to come forth and volunteer.

We would also like volunteers to be: Chairman of Educational Programs for Schools; Publicity Chairman (send notices of meeting dates to newspapers, radio stations, etc.). We need someone for the one-time project of researching for ANPS Decals, patches, etc.

QUIZ DRAWING



STATE PARK NEWS
 Alaska State Parks is doing a study of the Kepler-Bradley Lake System State Recreation Area; which includes Matanuska Lake, Kepler Lake, Bradley Lake, and a part of Long Lake. Lisa Holzapfel would like to know if there are any special, rare or endangered plants in the area that need protection. She may be reached at



GEASTRUM CORONATUM Pers.

These small "Earth Stars" normally fruit in the Fall, but often remain over winter to be found in early Spring.

One of the outer walls splits into four to six acutely tipped rays which become recurved, but often remain joined at the tips to a cup-shaped membrane which is frequently underground and covered with dirt and debris. The recurved rays force the stalked subglobose spore sac into the air, where its spores can be disbursed through the round apical opening, much in the manner of a small "puffball."

This past May, these rare little mushrooms were found by Bill Yeagle when Marilyn Barker's Plant Taxonomy class was on a field trip down the Seward Highway near McHugh Creek. I have only found them before in the Eklutna area; once on April 18th of 1960, and again that Fall on Sept. 12th. So keep your eyes open, maybe you can add to the collections.

Phyllis Kempton

Ye Olde Miscellany Page

GETTING INVOLVED.....An Editorial

The ANPS has at least one thing in common with most other educational/social groups; and that is involvement, or the lack of same. Some of the members are much more involved than others. This is as it should be, since we all have other things to do that keep us from putting our all into this group. Some of us hesitate to get involved for various reasons; lack of experience, fear of not doing a good job, and the like. Not to worry. We all have to get our feet wet sometime. When you are asked to do something for the group; take on the project, if at all possible. It may seem, at first, as though you have taken on more than you can cope with; but there is always somebody to help. After the task is accomplished, you will find that you did it well, and were a benefit to the entire group. And you'll find that you had fun learning something new. Don't feel that you have to tackle a big project, either. We have plenty of little things that need doing. It takes a lot of "little" involvements to make the group successful. The Officers and Board Members join with me to take this opportunity to say "THANK YOU" to all of you who got involved in the past. Now how about everybody getting involved to some degree. Every effort you make benefits not only the club, but yourself, and the community....Get involved.

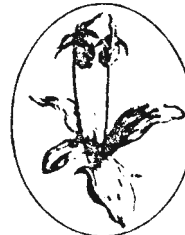
HI

I am interested in going on day trips to photograph and identify lichen, mosses, mushrooms, etc....Denise @

YEA, ANDREA !!!

ANPS member, Andrea Thrans, has designed a Fireweed Calendar for 1984 and a series of notecards illustrating native Alaskan plants. These items and her original drawings are available from her at Larkspur Graphics, P.O. Box 10-4680, Anchorage, AK 99510 or 'phone

NEWS FROM NEW ENGLAND



NEW ENGLAND WILD FLOWER SOCIETY, INC.

NATIVE PLANT SEED PROGRAM...The New England Wild Flower Society is offering freshly collected seeds and spores of over 100 native plants. This program an adjunct of the Society's world-wide botanical garden seed distribution, is intended to further the use of native plants in the home landscape. The program will continue on a year-to-year basis as long as demand for seed remains strong. Members of the N.E.W.F.S. will receive, in January 1984, a list of seeds available, and orders must be received by March 1, 1984. Non-members wishing to receive the Seed Sales List should mail a stamped, self-addressed business (#10 size) envelope by February 1, 1984 to SEED SALES, New England Wild Flower Society, Garden in the Woods, Hemenway Road, Framingham, MA 01701. NO requests honored without the stamped envelope.

QUIZ ANSWER

Rubus spectabilis, Pursh.-----Common Name-Salmonberry