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# ABSTRACT PAGE

The vascular flora of the lower Totuskey Creek watershed in Richmond County, Virginia was surveyed from 2005 to 2007. Richmond County is one of five which form the Northern Neck Peninsula, the northernmost peninsula on the coastal plain of Virginia. Forty-eight trips were made to the study site encompassing 50 square miles in the eastern portion of Richmond County. Differences in physiography, vegetation, topography, and other elements suggested 14 apparently distinct habitats which comprised lowland habitats (sandy river banks, brackish and freshwater marshes, ponds, stream banks and floodplains, and ravines); upland habitats (mixed hardwood and pine/mixed hardwood forests, and successional pine stands); and disturbed habitats (roadsides, fields and field margins, cut-over areas, powerline cuts, and flooded tire ruts).

A total of 675 species representing 676 taxa, 125 families, and 400 genera were collected during the course of this study. One hundred fifty-four taxa are new records to Richmond County while 16 of these are new records to the Northern Neck. A phytogeographic analysis indicates nearly half (47.9%) of the flora is native to North America ranging west beyond the Mississippi River but not to the Pacific Coast. Another 21.2% of the flora is non-native. Voucher specimens were collected for nearly all species and are held by the herbarium of the College of William and Mary (WILLI).

A regional floristic analysis incorporating all floristic information to date from the Virginia Peninsulas and the coastal plain of Maryland is also discussed. Sørensen's similarity indicates that the Northern Neck is the most distinct among the three Virginia peninsulas, and Maryland is the most distinct among all areas analyzed. The results of a phytogeographic analysis suggest that the element of the southern flora may not play as large a role in the gradual change in floristic similarity across the region as suggested by data in a previous study. In addition, a significant change in the southern flora between the peninsulas of Virginia and the coastal plain of Maryland suggests that Maryland may be a better northern boundary for the southern flora than any of the Virginia Peninsulas.

"A practical botanist will distinguish at the first glance the plants of the different quarters of the globe and yet will be at a loss to tell you by which marks he detects them."

- Carl von Linné

To my family who has always encouraged me to follow my heart

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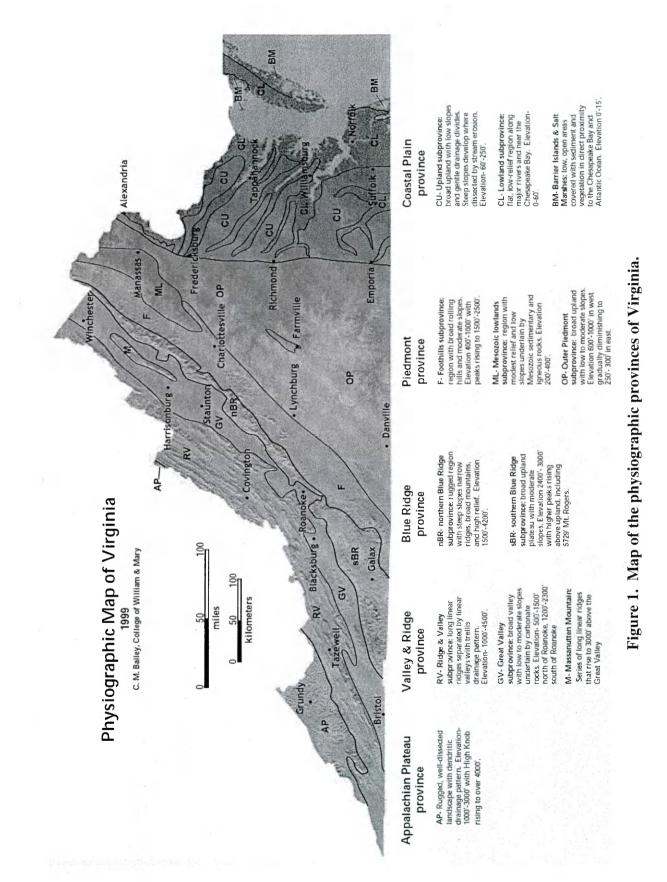
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#### **INTRODUCTION**

#### History of Botanical Collection on the Northern Neck Peninsula

On the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay, the land of Virginia has been shaped into three large peninsulas, or necks. The northernmost peninsula lies between the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers. This stretch of land was referred to as "ye Northerne Neck" by the first English settlers traveling the Chesapeake Bay from Jamestown (Haynie, 1959). The Northern Neck is 25 miles across at its widest point along the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The peninsula extends inward about 100 miles and gradually narrows as the two rivers begin to converge near Fredericksburg. The peninsula is located entirely within the Coastal Plain province of Virginia (Fig. 1). The extent of the peninsula is largely defined by King George, Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland, and Lancaster counties (Fig 2).

Exploration in Virginia and scientific documentation of its native plants have histories dating back to colonial times although there are surprisingly few historical accounts of studies conducted on the Northern Neck. For example, colonial botanist John Clayton collected many plant specimens in Virginia while serving as Clerk to the County Court of Gloucester County from 1723 until his death in 1773. Most of his specimens were shipped to Europe and later ended up in the hands of Swedish naturalist Carolus Linnaeus. Although Clayton's specimens likely served as the principal source of knowledge for the plants of North America in Linnaeus' *Species Plantarum* (1753) (Harvill *et al.*, 1992), Clayton left no published records of his own findings. Therefore, it



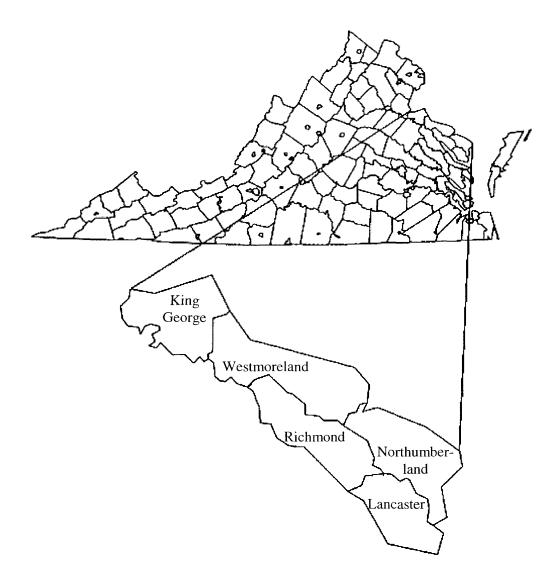


Figure 2. Map of Virginia indicating counties of the Northern Neck peninsula.

is unclear whether he visited the Northern Neck of Virginia (Harvill *et al.*, 1992). During the 1800's, botanists such as William Canby, Frederick Pursh, and Nathaniel Britton explored many areas of Virginia, but most of their work was focused in the southwestern mountain region and southeastern tidewater region (Harvill *et al.*, 1992). Starting in 1933, M. L. Fernald of the Gray Herbarium at Harvard spent 14 years botanizing in Virginia, mainly in areas south of the James River (Rollins, 1951). As with Clayton, it is unclear if these later botanists ever explored northward to the Northern Neck (Harvill *et al.*, 1992). The only account of the flora of this region that was found published prior to the 1970's is a checklist of ferns and fern allies collected by Clyde F. Reed. Reed collected 20 species and varieties of ferns and five species of fern allies throughout all five counties of the Northern Neck (Reed, 1959).

In modern times, more attention has been devoted to the Northern Neck. Researchers from the College of William and Mary and George Mason University began to focus attention on the flora of the Northern Neck starting in the late 1970's. Since then, knowledge of the floristic composition of areas of the peninsula has accrued at a regular rate. Ted Bradley and others from George Mason University contributed many records to the flora of Lancaster County (Bradley *et al.*, 1976). The flora of Caledon State Park (currently known as Caledon Natural Area) in King George County was surveyed by Donna Ware of the College of William and Mary (Ware, 1984). Later, researchers from the University of Richmond conducted a floristic study of an area adjacent to Caledon State Park (Simmons *et al.* 1995). In 1995, Troy Weldy, a graduate student from the College of William and Mary, added copious records to the flora of Lancaster County while collecting and analyzing the flora of the Corrotoman River

watershed (Weldy, 1995). In 2000, John Dodge of George Mason University conducted a floristic study of a portion of the Potomac River watershed in Westmoreland County (Dodge, 2000). A total of 918 species were collected during the studies in King George County (Ware, 1984; Simmons et al., 1995) and Weldy (1995) documented 824 species in the Corrotoman River Watershed. Weldy's study revealed 204 species previously unrecorded from Lancaster County, 62 species that were new records for the Northern Neck, two coastal plain records, and Cypripedium kentuckiense Reed (species' authorities will be omitted from the text from this point forward for ease of reading but can be found in the Annotated Checklist), a species never before documented in Virginia and considerably out of its natural range (Weldy et al., 1996). Although the Westmoreland survey (Dodge, 2000) included collections from only a 25 square mile area (less than a third of that included in the study by Weldy, 1995), an impressive 628 species were identified, including 96 county records, and an additional 14 Northern Neck records. These studies contributed to the floras of three of the five counties on the Northern Neck, leaving both Richmond and Northumberland counties without comprehensive floristic studies conducted anywhere in their respective counties.

Research prior to the start of collections for the current study revealed that some information on the flora of Richmond County was available from surveys conducted by amateur botanists and members of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Ellis Squires, amateur botanist and resident of Richmond County, has been active in collecting and identifying specimens while walking, biking, and kayaking in the county since the 1970's (Ellis Squires, pers. comm.). In addition to Mr. Squires, several small tracts of land belonging to or managed by the Rappahannock River National Wildlife Refuge (RRVNWR) are surveyed at least annually (Rebecka Wilson, pers. comm.). These surveys are conducted by refuge staff, often with the help of local amateur botanists, many of whom belong to the Northern Neck Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. The efforts by the RRVNWR, however, rarely include collection of voucher specimens and are often primarily focused on rare species or rare plant communities known from their own tracts.

### Previous Study of Phytogeography and Floristic Similarity

The peninsular regions on the Coastal Plain of Virginia provide a unique geographical and perhaps climatic condition with implications for the geographic distribution of the flora of this region. Of particular interest in previous studies has been the element of the southern flora among the Lower, Middle, and Upper peninsulas as well as the overall floristic similarity among these areas (the term Upper Peninsula will be used here in place of Northern Neck for easy reference to previous studies). These previous studies and observations have revealed that a large number of species are at or near their northern range limit on the coastal plain peninsulas of Virginia (Harvill, 1966; North, 1983). Many of these characteristically southern species are not found north of the York River, with a subset of the remainder not reaching north of the Rappahannock, and still a smaller number not extending beyond the Potomac River. It is clear that large bodies of water such as the rivers may be significant barriers to the dispersal and range expansion of species, especially since these plants have likely moved northward or are moving northward along the coast due to the relatively mild climate caused in large part by the effects of the waters of the Chesapeake Bay (North, 1983). There is also convincing evidence that the decrease in the representation of southern species as one

moves northward is not independent of other climatic shifts across the three peninsulas (e.g., number of frost free growing days) (North, 1983).

North (1983) provided an analysis of the floristic similarities among the Virginia peninsulas. The results revealed that while the three peninsulas shared nearly threequarters of the same taxa, the Lower and Middle Peninsulas appeared most alike in floristic composition (Sørensen's Coefficient of Similarity (CS) = 0.845). The Upper Peninsula shared fewer taxa with both the Lower Peninsula (CS = 0.722), and the Middle Peninsula (CS = 0.778). North (1983) concluded from a subsequent range analysis that most of the difference in the floras could be attributed to an assemblage of southern species that the Lower and Middle peninsulas shared between one another and not with the Upper Peninsula. These results suggest that the Upper Peninsula is distinct from the other two peninsulas in its floristic composition; however, due to the relative lack of collection efforts in areas on the Upper Peninsula preceding the analysis, North advised that the results should be considered with caution.

### **Research Objectives**

This study has three primary objectives: (1) conduct the first detailed floristic analysis of a watershed in Richmond County on the Northern Neck, (2) provide observations on each habitat sampled in the study area by describing the plant communities and physical attributes of those habitats and (3) use updated floristic information for an analysis of the floristic patterns across the geographic areas of the Virginia Peninsulas and coastal plain of Maryland. A central question to be addressed is whether the incorporation of new floristic information, particularly from studies on the Northern Neck peninsula, will support the regional floristic and phytogeographic patterns identified by North (1983).

#### METHODS

#### **Study Site Selection**

Prior to the year 2000, Drs. Donna Ware and Martha Case evaluated areas on the Northern Neck that were in need of floristic study. Richmond County was chosen because no comprehensive documentation of the county's flora existed and it still contained many undeveloped forested areas. During 2000, two undergraduate students from the College of William and Mary (Adrian Duehl and Nicholas Hollingshead) were recruited to evaluate aerial photographs and USGS topographic maps for potential study sites. The watershed of Totuskey Creek was identified as a possible site for this study because of the presence of a diversity of lowland and upland habitats, relatively low incidence of anthropogenic disturbance, and areas of geologic diversity. Dr. Ware, A. Duehl, and N. Hollingshead confirmed these assessments during field trips to the watershed in 2000. Plant specimens collected during these trips were identified and compared to records in the Atlas of the Virginia Flora III (Harvill et al., 1992). Six of the eighteen species were, at the time of collection, previously unrecorded from Richmond County. These results reflected the lack of botanical research in Richmond County. As a result of these findings, an area totaling 50 square miles encompassing the watershed of the Totuskey Creek (in the eastern half of Richmond County) was selected as the study site. Field work commenced during the summer of 2005.

### **Study Site Description**

Richmond County lies on the southern side of the Northern Neck, bordering the Rappahannock River. The county is roughly 191 square miles in area, with a population of approximately 9100 (a 30% increase from 6,000 in 1970) (US Census Bureau, 2005). A large portion of the residents live in or nearby the town of Warsaw, the geographic, political, and commercial center for the county. Farming dominates the economy in Richmond County and the harvesting and sale of crabs and fish are also important.

The county is dissected by many creeks and streams. The largest as well as the most historically and economically important, are the waterways of Farnham Creek, Cat Pointe Creek, and Totuskey Creek. The areas surrounding the Totuskey Creek were centers for Native American communities, and the waterways were used in colonial times for transportation of cut timber and other goods. They also provided waterpower to grain and lumber mills (Hammack, 1976; Richmond County Board of Supervisors, 1976).

The Totuskey Creek watershed is located southeast of present-day Warsaw and the land from which water runoff enters the creek encompasses roughly one-quarter of the county's area. The main branch of Totuskey Creek includes the drainage from the areas south of Route 360 and north of Route 3 (Fig. 3). The Little Totuskey branch flows from areas northeast of Warsaw, continues south under Route 360, and converges with the main branch at the Route 3 Bridge. The creek flows south from the bridge where it can reach as much as 300 meters wide, and finally flows into the Rappahannock River. Tidal fluctuations are visible in all but the smallest streams in the uppermost reaches of the creek, but the wetland flora along the creek indicates that portions upstream from the Route 3 Bridge are mostly void of salt water (pers. obs.).

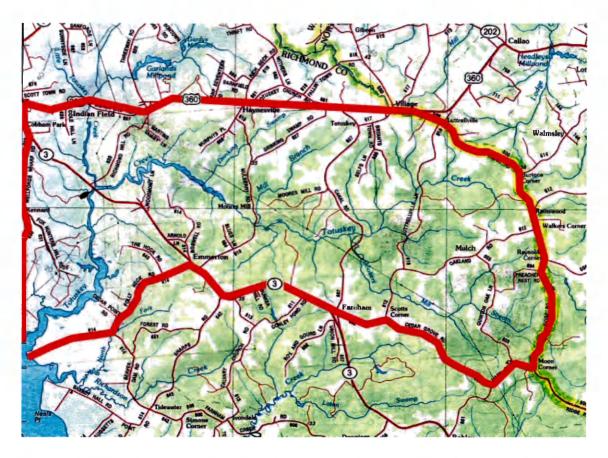


Figure 3. Map of principle towns, roads, and waterways of the Totuskey Creek watershed. Floristic study boundaries shown in red.

A variety of developed and natural areas can be found within the watershed. The majority of land near the town of Warsaw at the intersection of Route 360 and Route 3 is commercial, residential, or otherwise developed. A large portion of the level, upland areas in the watershed, especially near roads, is under cultivation. The dominant crops are wheat, corn, and soybean. Forested areas of pine and mixed hardwoods, or areas consisting entirely of mixed hardwoods are found throughout the study area. Aerial photographs show that the majority of forested areas can be found along the slopes and wet floodplains near Totuskey Creek and its drainage streams. This is understandable

since most of these sloping and wet areas are unsuitable for development or farming. Areas recently cut for timber are scattered throughout the study area; however, active logging efforts during the course of this study were observed at only a single location along the northeast boundary of the study site along Ridge Road. Wetlands occur intermittently between free-flowing portions of the smaller streams and offer a refuge for a diversity of wildlife. Avian species are particularly noticeable and include blue heron, osprey, and bald eagle. Wetland areas are also found immediately adjacent to the wider, main branches of the creek.

The land surrounding the creek below Route 360 is the area that was chosen for this floristic study. Although technically not including the entire watershed, the study site will be referred to as the Totuskey Creek watershed. Public 2- and 4-lane paved roads are situated on upland ridges separating the majority of the Totuskey Creek watershed from other watersheds. The following roads were chosen as official boundaries for the study area: Wellford's Wharf Road from the mouth of Totuskey Creek north to the Route 3, Route 3 north to Route 360, Route 360 east to Route 600 (Ridge Road), Ridge Road south to Moan Road, Moan Road south to Cedar Grove Road, Cedar Grove Road west to Route 3, Route 3 north to Folly Neck Road, and finally Folly Neck Road south to the mouth of the Creek (Fig. 3).

A USGS survey indicates geologic formations of most recent origin found within the study site include those typical of the Inner Coastal Plain. These formations include strata of alluvial sands, terrace gravels, and marine clay and silt (Mixon *et al.*, 1989). The survey also indicates the presence of the older Chesapeake Group formations, recognized most readily by deposits of fossilized shells made visible following soil

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erosion along stream banks and ravines. Fossilized shells were not observed in the Totuskey Creek watershed during the current study, despite visits to many ravine sites.

Soils in the watershed can be divided into two main categories, upland and lowland soils. The upland soils consist of moderately to excessively well-drained loam with varying amounts of sand, silt, and clay. The lowland soils along creek and stream floodplains and in wetlands are comprised of fine sandy loam, silt loam, and often a layer of "muck" made of recent alluvial sediment and organic material. Portions of lowland loamy areas exhibiting moderate drainage are often exploited for crop cultivation (Soil Conservation Service, 1982).

The climate on the Northern Neck is not unlike the majority of Tidewater Virginia. The region's climate is officially classified as humid and subtropical (Hayden and Michaels in UVA Climatology Office [website], 2007). Hot, humid summers with moderate rainfall are followed by mild winters with relatively less precipitation, regular frosts, and occasional snowfall. Temperature and precipitation data are available through August 2007 from the National Climatic Data Station 'Warsaw 2N', located approximately two miles from the study site. Long term data averages are also available and include data sampled between 1951 and 2005. The average temperature for the field season of 2006, 60.2 °F, was only 2.4° above the long-term average; however, sharp departures from the normals can be seen in January 2006 (+8.8 °F), and an extended heat wave in August 2006 (+3.3 °F). The running average temperature through August 2007 (60.8 °F) is also higher than the long-term average for the same time period (59.4 °F). The study area experienced a wetter-than-normal year in 2006 (+7.44 inches). In contrast, the area experienced a considerable drought during the 2007 season (-6.96 inches precipitation, through August 2007).

### **Floristic Collection and Analysis**

Collecting trips were made on forty-eight days during the periods of March 20 to November 4, 2006, and February 17 to August 1, 2007. A cumulative total of 195 hours were spent in the field during these periods, with daily trips lasting between two and eight hours. The trips were conducted at an average frequency of twice per week during the first season, and once every two weeks during the second season. Topographic maps served to locate various habitats and access routes. As different habitats or distinct plant communities were encountered, a conscious effort was made to revisit the areas several times during the growing season. An effort was also made to visit representatives of these habitat types in several locations throughout the range of the study area. Access to nearly all areas was by foot, with the exception of several wetlands along the watercourse of the creek which were accessed by kayak.

In order to identify habitats (and associated species) that may have been overlooked during the 2006 collecting season, the <u>Atlas of Virginia Flora III</u> (Harvill *et al.*, 1992) was consulted to produce a list of species that were likely to be present in the study site but were not yet collected in the present study. Species whose occurrences were assumed likely were those that fit one or more of the following criteria: (1) they had previously been collected from Richmond County, (2) they had been collected from at least one of the neighboring counties on the Northern Neck, or (3) they had been collected from the majority of counties on the Coastal Plain. This investigation was performed only for the *Poaceae* and *Cyperaceae*, two of the largest families represented in the flora and consisting of species found in a variety of habitats. After the identification of species not yet collected in the Totuskey Creek flora, their associated habitats, as described in Radford et al. (1968), were recorded. The predominant habitats of the uncollected species included wetlands (both fresh and brackish) and a variety of disturbed areas (roadsides, field margins, etc.). Accordingly, these particular habitats were emphasized during the field season of 2007.

Voucher specimens were collected in triplicate when local abundance was suitable; otherwise fewer were collected. Photographs were used to document specimens out of normal reach (e.g., *Phoradendron leucarpum*), when an extremely low population size was present at a locality, or when only one individual was found. These photographs are included in Appendix B. Collections normally included flowering or fruiting material suitable for identification purposes; however, specimens lacking these structures, but for which a primary identification in the field was possible, were also collected. Notes made in the field included descriptions of the specific location (including GPS coordinates when available), habitat, and conspicuous morphological features for each set of voucher specimens. Each specimen and its duplicates were also assigned a unique collection number. All specimens were transported to the College of William and Mary and properly pressed and dried. Identification of unknowns generally commenced with dried specimens except for particularly delicate specimens which were often identified at least to the level of genus before pressing. A number of pressed voucher specimens were also donated from Ellis Squires and verified prior to inclusion with this study.

Manuals used to identify most specimens included: <u>Manual of the Vascular Flora</u> of the Carolinas (Radford *et al.*, 1968), <u>Manual of Vascular Plants of Northeastern United</u> States (Gleason and Cronquist, 1991), Flora of the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, and surrounding areas (Weakley, working draft 2006), and select volumes of Flora North America (Flora of North America Editorial Committee, 1993+). In addition, Hitchcock (1950) and Smith (1975) were used to supplement the above manuals for identification of *Poaceae*, Sullivan (2004) was used for *Physalis*, and Holmgren *et al.* (1998) was used as a supplement for a variety of taxa. Occasionally, field guides such as Newcomb (1977) and Clemants and Gracie (2006) were consulted. Most specimens were compared with those held in the William and Mary Herbarium, especially those for which identification with the manuals alone was particularly difficult. Donna M.E. Ware, curator emeritus of the William and Mary Herbarium, was employed to verify the identification of specimens included in this study. Identification reassignments are indicated in the checklist and Dr. Ware's annotations accompany the specimen label.

Nomenclature of the flora checklist follows that of the Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora [website] (Virginia Botanical Assoc., 2007). The digital atlas incorporates much of the nomenclature found in Flora North America (Flora North America Editorial Committee, 1993+) as well as that of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG2) (The Angiosperm Phylogeny Group, 2003). The digital atlas differs from many other sources in that it retains a small number of species names no longer in current use by some organizations due to discrepancies in morphology or habitat specificity within Virginia (e.g., *Viola affinis* of the *V. palmatum* complex). The digital atlas also retains more traditional names of taxa for which nomenclatural changes are in a state of flux (i.e., *Myrica*).

An analysis of the geographic distribution, or phytogeography, of the plants of the Totuskey Creek watershed was conducted by assigning each species to one of several predetermined geographic range categories. The proportions of species in each category were compared between the flora of the Totuskey Creek watershed and the flora of the Corrotoman River watershed in neighboring Lancaster County (Weldy, 1995). Each species was assigned to a single phytogeographic category that best described its natural geographic range. The range categories follow those used by North (1983) and Weldy (1995) for similar analyses and are outlined in Table 1. Sources for the phytogeographic information included Gleason and Cronquist (1991), Flora North America Editorial Committee (1993+), and USDA, NRCS (2007). The broadest range given by all sources combined was used for the analysis. It is important to note that the range assignments of species of the Corrotoman River watershed were taken directly from the dataset provided by Weldy (1995), and that due to updated phytogeographic information, several species documented in the Totuskey Creek watershed were assigned to categories that differ slightly from those assigned to the same species in the flora of the Corrotoman River watershed (Weldy, 1995). Adjustments to the data provided in the previous study were not completed before the current analysis because it was the opinion of the author that the comparisons would not be significantly compromised because of the low number of adjustments.

# Table 1. Range categories for phytogeographic analysis.

Range 1:	Circumboreal
Range 2:	Native to North America and eastern Asia
Range 3:	Ranging west to the Pacific Coast
Range 3a:	Uninterrupted distribution from eastern North America to the Pacific Coast
Range 3b:	Interrupted distribution from eastern North America west beyond the Mississippi to the Pacific Coast
Range 4:	Ranging south beyond the United States to the New World Tropics
Range <u>5</u> :	Ranges extending from eastern North America west beyond the Mississippi River, but not to the Pacific Coast
Range 5a:	Generally distributed north and south
Range 5b:	Generally northern in distribution
Range 5c:	Generally southern in distribution
<u>Range 5d</u> :	Generally distributed along the Coastal Plain and Mississippi Valley, extending west beyond the Mississippi in the north
<u>Range 5e</u> :	Generally distributed along the Coastal Plain and Mississippi Valley, extending west beyond the Mississippi in the south
Range 6:	Ranges limited to North America east of the Mississippi River
<u>Range 6a</u> :	Generally distributed north and south
Range 6a1:	Extending widely beyond the Coastal Plain
Range 6a2:	Mostly limited to the Coastal Plain
Range 6b:	Generally northern in distribution
Range 6c:	Generally southern in distribution
Range 7:	Introduced species
Range 8:	Cosmopolitan and nearly cosmopolitan species

#### Habitat and Plant Community Descriptions

The habitat descriptions are a synthesis of cumulative observations in each habitat throughout the course of this study. Habitats are grouped by local physiography (e.g., lowlands and uplands), and are described in terms of vegetation type (e.g., hardwood forest, pine forest), general topography (e.g., sloping forest, flat-ground forest), and additional a-biotic factors (e.g., fresh/brackish water). Generally, the most conspicuous and abundant species are indicated for the plant communities found in the habitats. Occasionally the community description will include other species that were only found in a single habitat or are otherwise noteworthy as county or peninsula records.

# **Regional Floristic Comparisons**

This analysis incorporates the floras of the Lower Peninsula, Middle Peninsula, and Upper Peninsula of Virginia, as well as the flora of the coastal plain of Maryland. All species published in the <u>Atlas of the Virginia Flora III</u> (Harvill *et al.*, 1992) for these regions were used in the analysis; however, updates to the analysis were required. These comprised numerous new records of plant species added to the flora of the Upper Peninsula (Northern Neck) since the publication of the third edition of the <u>Atlas</u>. These records were found in the floras completed by Simmons et al. (1995), Weldy (1995), and Dodge (2000), as well as those taxa newly recorded in the current study. It is also important to mention that records for the Lower and Middle peninsula floras obtained after the analysis by North (1983) were already included in the third edition of the <u>Atlas</u>, and are also incorporated in the current analysis. Although floristic research is a

continuous effort to some extent on all three peninsulas, the <u>Atlas</u> provides the most concise and comprehensive treatment of ranges in Virginia.

The geographical areas comprising the Virginia peninsulas incorporate all land east of the Fall Line, excluding the Delmarva Peninsula. Specific counties and cities included are as follows:

Lower Peninsula (LP):	Charles City, New Kent, James City, and York counties, and the cities of Williamsburg, Newport News, Poquoson, and Hampton.
Middle Peninsula (MP):	Essex, King and Queen, King William, Middlesex, Gloucester, and Mathews counties.
Upper Peninsula (UP):	King George, Westmoreland, Richmond, Northumberland, and Lancaster counties.

Taxa of the Maryland coastal plain flora were found available in floristic studies conducted in the areas of Calvert County (Steury, 2002), Anne Arundel County (Stieber, 1967), Prince Georges County, and Charles County (Steury and Davis, 2003). The former two counties border the Potomac River, while the latter two border the northern stem of the Chesapeake Bay. All four of these counties are located north of the Upper Peninsula of Virginia, entirely within the Atlantic Coastal Plain geographic province, and combined they constitute a convenient entity for floristic comparison with areas of the Virginia coastal plain. To avoid inadvertent comparison of the same taxon twice, efforts were made to eliminate the inclusion of plant synonyms. Synonyms would be especially problematic while incorporating nomenclature of significant age (*e.g.*, Stieber, 1967). The plant names follow that of the <u>Atlas of the Virginia Flora III</u> (Harvill *et al.*, 1992) for consistency among data sets. Flora checklists for each Virginia peninsula and the Maryland coastal plain were assembled into a spreadsheet including all taxa documented from any of the areas of interest. The execution of specific data filters allowed for the generation of lists of taxa held in common between any two floras.

Many introduced taxa commonly used as ornamentals or persisting from gardens and homesites (e.g., *Acer palmatum*, *Ginko biloba*, *Gladiolus* spp.) were omitted from both the Virginia and Maryland checklists because of one or more of the following reasons: (1) there was sufficient evidence from the separate annotated checklists that they were present because of localized human introduction, (2) there was insufficient evidence of satisfactory naturalization in the region of interest, and (3) the <u>Atlas of the Virginia</u> Flora III lacked adequate distributional information (the most common reason).

The floras were analyzed in pairwise fashion using Sørensen's Coefficient of Similarity, defined as: CS = 2a / (b+c), where 'a' is the number of taxa in common between the two floras of the pairwise comparison, 'b' is the total number of taxa in flora number one, and 'c' is the total number of taxa in flora number two. The statistic ranges from zero, when no species are in common, to one when all species are in common. To summarize similarities, the resulting similarity values were clustered using Unweighted Pairgroup Methods Analysis using Arithmetic Averages (UPGMA).

Following the similarity analysis, an analysis of the phytogeography of the regional floras was conducted by following the same methods utilized for the phytogeographic analysis of the flora of the Totuskey Creek watershed. The numbers of taxa in each phytogeographic category were tallied for the Lower, Middle, and Upper peninsulas of Virginia as well as the Maryland coastal plain. For each phytogeographic

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category, 4 x 2 G-tests (Sokal and Rohlf, 1994) evaluated the independence of the geographic region with the frequency of taxa in the category. Some phytogeographic categories were also combined and analyzed following the protocol from a previous study by North (1983). Cateogories 5c and 6c were combined in order to form a new category encompassing the majority of the "southern flora." Similarly, a category encompassing the majority of the "northern flora" was created by combining range categories 5b and 6b. Categories where independence was rejected (P < 0.05), were subjected to further G-tests evaluating pairwise combinations of geographic areas in 2 x 2 tests. Significance values were adjusted to compensate for all multiple comparisons in a 4 x 2 table (Sokal & Rohlf, 1994).

# RESULTS

# **Floristic Composition**

During the course of two growing seasons, a total of 675 vascular plant species in 399 genera and 125 families were collected and identified from the Totuskey Creek watershed (Table 2). Two varieties of one species were also determined, bringing the total number of taxa to 676. All documented taxa, including those for which photographs replaced pressed specimens, are listed in the Annotated Checklist (Appendix A). The collections contributed 154 taxa (22.7%) that are new records from Richmond County, sixteen of which (2.4%) are new records to the Northern Neck peninsula. The new records are marked as such in the Annotated Checklist.

Division	Families	Genera	Species	var./ssp.
Lycopodiophyta	1	3	3	
Pteridophyta	9	13	16	
Pinophyta	3	4	5	
Magnoliophyta				
Monocotyledons	17	94	167	
Magnoliid Dicotyledons	6	10	10	
Eudicotyledons	89	275	475	1
TOTALS	125	400	675	1

Table 2. Taxonomic summary of collected taxa.

The frequency of taxa in each phytogeographic category for the floras of the Totuskey Creek watershed and Corrotoman River watershed are illustrated in Figure 4 (a complete list of the taxa of the Totuskey Creek watershed flora in each phytogeographic range can be found in Appendix C). The phytogeographic categories for each flora follow essentially the same trend. The range category with the largest frequency of taxa from the Totuskey Creek watershed is Range 5a, ranging beyond the Mississippi River, generally north and south (40.0%). The second largest range category is Range 7, introduced plants (21.2%). These categories also contain the largest proportions of taxa from the Corrotoman River watershed. The two categories also exhibit the largest differences in same-category comparisons between the Totuskey Creek watershed flora and the Corrotoman River watershed flora (3.1% and 3.3% difference respectively); however, G-tests indicate these differences are not significant.

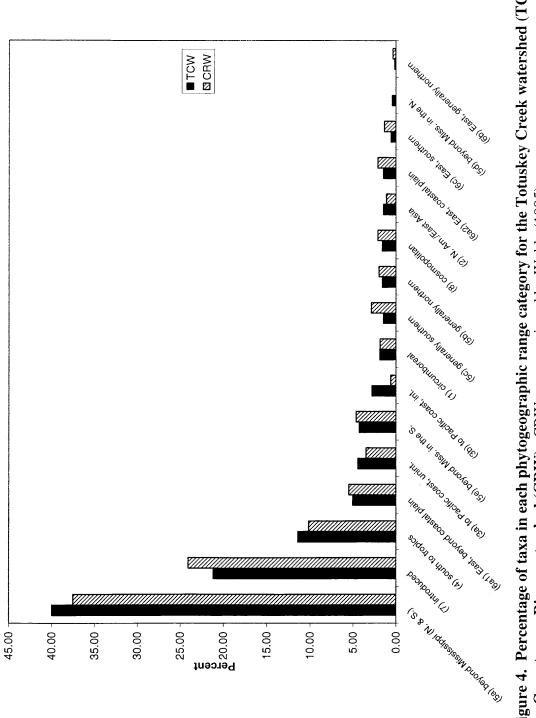


Figure 4. Percentage of taxa in each phytogeographic range category for the Totuskey Creek watershed (TCW) and the Corrotoman River watershed (CRW). CRW ranges assigned by Weldy (1995).

### Habitat and Community Descriptions

Differences in physiography, vegetation, topography, and other elements suggested 14 apparently distinct habitats in all. Three main groups of habitats were evident: lowlands, uplands, and disturbed habitats. The descriptions of the habitats and plant communities are presented in the Discussion section.

# **Regional Floristic Comparisons**

The collection of floras from the Lower Peninsula to the Maryland Coastal Plain resulted in sample sizes ranging from 1,157 taxa (in Maryland) to 1,609 taxa (on the Lower Peninsula) for analysis (Table 3). Sample sizes on each peninsula are greater than those used by North (1983), who did not analyze any floristic data from Maryland. The data generated in the similarity analysis are shown in Table 4. The overall floristic patterns depicted by the similarity analysis are the same as those indicated in the analysis by North (1983). The Lower and Middle peninsulas are the most similar (CS = 0.854), while the similarities between both the Lower and Upper peninsulas and the Middle and Upper peninsulas are relatively lower (0.829 and 0.845 respectively). The least similar in all comparisons is the flora of the coastal plain of Maryland. The relationships of similarity among the floras are illustrated in the UPGMA cluster diagram (Fig. 5). While the floristic patterns are the same to those previously identified by North (1983), it is important to note that all coefficients among the comparisons of the Virginia floras in the current analysis are relatively higher than those generated in the previous analysis. This is particularly noticeable in the similarity comparisons with the Upper Peninsula.

	Total Number of Taxa	Total Number of Taxa (North, 1983)
Lower Peninsula	1609	1508
Middle Peninsula	1367	1274
Upper Peninsula	1331	946
Maryland Coastal Plain	1157	n/a

# Table 3. Numbers of taxa in flora checklists.

# Table 4. Numbers of shared taxa and coefficients of similarity.

Comparison	Shared Taxa	Coefficient of Similarity (this study)	Coefficient of Similarity (North, 1983)
Lower to:			
Middle	1271	0.854	0.845
Upper	1218	0.829	0.722
Maryland CP	978	0.707	n/a
Middle to:			
Upper	1140	0.845	0.778
Maryland CP	904	0.716	n/a
Upper to:			
Maryland CP	943	0.758	n/a

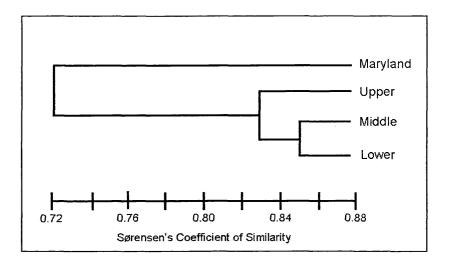


Figure 5. Cluster analysis (UPGMA) of floristic similarities among floras.

The phytogeographic similarity identified between the Corrotoman River watershed flora and the Totuskey Creek watershed flora is also consistent across the floras of the Virginia Peninsulas and coastal plain of Maryland (Table 5), with only two of the 16 range categories exhibiting significant heterogeneity. Only the categories representing the majority of the southern flora (categories 5c and 6c) showed significant heterogeneity across the regions (P < 0.001, Table 5). Subsequent analysis of pairwise geographic comparisons of the southern flora element indicate significant heterogeneity in all comparisons with the Maryland flora (Table 6) but no significant heterogeneity between any pairs of the Virginia peninsulas (Table 6). **Table 5.** Number and percentage of taxa (out of total species) in each phytogeographic range category. G-tests report the overall independence of geographic region and phytogeographic composition. Each row was a 4 x 2 test of independence.

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(1) circumboreal	Su	26	1.62	26	1.90	25	1.88	22	1.90
(2) N. Am./East Asia	su	11	0.68	11	0.80	11	0.83	11	0.95
(3a) to Pacific coast, uninterrupted	ns	91	5.66	84	6.14	75	5.63	86	7.43
(3b) to Pacific coast, interrupted	Su	69	4.29	53	3.88	56	4.21	54	4.67
(4) south to tropics	Su	106	6.59	103	7.53	101	7.59	81	7.00
(5a) beyond Mississippi (N. & S.)	ns	644	40.02	536	39.21	517	38.84	489	42.26
(5b) generally northern	ns	29	1.80	21	1.54	25	1.88	27	2.33
(5c) generally southern	P < 0.001	62	3.85	48	3.51	35	2.63	14	1.21
(5d) beyond Miss. in the North	su	3	0.19	ю	0.22	Э	0.23	ю	0.26
(5e) beyond Miss. in the South	Su	83	5.16	73	5.34	67	5.03	43	3.72
(6a1) East, beyond coastal plain	su	69	4.29	60	4.39	60	4.51	46	3.98
(6a2) East, coastal plain	su	38	2.36	29	2.12	26	1.95	17	1.47
(6b) East, generally northern	su	8	0.50	4	0.29	9	0.45	4	0.35
(6c) East, generally southern	P < 0.001	30	1.86	21	1.54	13	0.98	7	0.17
(7) introduced	su	317	19.70	273	19.97	287	21.56	238	20.57
(8) cosmopolitan	ns	21	1.31	22	1.61	22	1.65	19	1.64
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5b + 6b (northern)	SU	37	2.30	25	1.82	31	2.33	31	2.68
5c + 6c (southern)	P < 0.001	92	5.71	69	5.05	48	3.61	16	1.38

Table 6. Comparison of southern taxa (ranges 5c + 6c) between pairs of floras. Gtests report the overall independence of geographic region and phytogeographic composition. Each row was a 2 x 2 test of independence.

Comparison	G-value	Significance
Lower to:		
Middle	0.66	ns
Upper	7.3	ns
Maryland	38.3	<i>P</i> < 0.01
Middle to:		
Upper	3.4	ns
Maryland	28.2	<i>P</i> < 0.01
Upper to:		
Maryland	12.9	<i>P</i> < 0.05

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### DISCUSSION

### **Floristic Collection**

Given the time allotted for collection efforts and the area of the study site, the collection of 676 taxa (Table 2) is consistent with the totals from floristic studies of other areas on the Northern Neck conducted in similar time frames. Weldy (1995) collected 824 taxa in his study area in Lancaster County and Simmons et al. (1995) collected 918 taxa in their study area in King George County; however, these collection efforts took place over larger land areas, 85 and 160 square miles respectively. Along the same trend, Dodge (2000) collected fewer taxa (629) in Westmoreland County from a smaller land area than surveyed for the current study. Regardless of this trend, the number of taxa collected in floristic studies cannot be solely attributed to the time spent collecting nor the area of the study site. The prowess and biases of the collector also affect the number of taxa collected. Perhaps the most important factor in comparing numbers of taxa between two study areas is the diversity of habitats found in each area. While accounts of the habitats in each of the studies mentioned above overlap considerably with the current study of the Totuskey Creek watershed, there are a few habitats that are described from one or two of the studies and not from the study of the Totuskey Creek watershed [e.g., steep river bluffs (Weldy, 1995; Dodge, 2000) and salt meadows, pocket marshes, and sphagnous headwaters (Weldy, 1995)]. The Atlas of the Virginia Flora III (Harvill et al., 1992), following updates from this and relatively recent studies, indicates at least 1331 taxa grow on the Northern Neck. If the distribution of these plants on the Northern Neck

is assumed to be relatively even across the whole peninsula, then the current study has documented roughly 50% of species theoretically growing in the Totuskey Creek watershed.

It is clear from the number of county records (154) and peninsula records (16) that the previous knowledge of the flora of Richmond County was inadequate, lacking many records of the vascular plant species, including some considered to be quite common (*e.g., Phragmites australis, Aralia spinosa,* and *Quercus velutina*). No records of state or federally listed rare species were collected in the Totuskey Creek watershed. This is in contrast to collections by Weldy (1995) in the Corrotoman River watershed which included 12 plant species listed as rare by the Virginia Natural Heritage (Townsend, 2007). This is interesting since the habitats similar to those from which Weldy documented some of these rare species in the Corrotoman River watershed (*e.g.*, ravine bottoms and wet "swamps") were also surveyed in the Totuskey Creek watershed. Habitats harboring additional rare species in the Corrotoman River watershed include salt meadows and pocket marshes. According Weldy's descriptions, these wetlands are distinct from the brackish marsh habitats of the Totuskey Creek watershed due to their relatively higher salinity.

A considerable number of species collected in the Totuskey Creek watershed (143 spp., 21.2% of the flora) are introduced (phytogeographic Range 7). This is a slightly lower, but comparable figure to study areas in other counties on the Northern Neck: King George County (21.7%), Westmoreland County (26.3%), and Lancaster County (24.1%). This data indicates that at least one of every five species growing on the Northern Neck is not native to this region.

Two exotic species (Ranunculus ficaria L. and Pseudognaphalium stramineum (Kunth) W.A. Weber) are documented from the Northern Neck for the first time and are uncommon-to-rare among exotics known from Virginia. The lesser celandine, *Ranunculus ficaria*, is a European introduction and is most common to cool, swampy areas and gardens of the northern United States (Flora North America Editorial Committee, 1993+). Ranunculus ficaria is documented from the Totuskey Creek watershed persisting in a compost pile and spreading to a nearby forest margin in the vicinity of a residence alongside the north end of Canal Road. It is known only from three other Virginia counties (Fairfax Co., Albermarle Co., and Chesapeake Co.) (Harvill et al., 1992). Pseudognaphalium stramineum is native to South America and western North America, and is documented in this study from a dry, sandy clear-cut area east of Luttrellville Lane. Previously, this species was only documented from Suffolk, Northampton, and Accomack counties (Harvill et al., 1992). The introduction of both of these exotics appears extremely localized. Each was only found in one area and in low numbers. Only two plants of P. stramineum were found. There was no evidence at either site that these plants pose an immediate threat to surrounding plant communities.

Among the native species of the Totuskey Creek watershed, the dominant affinity is in phytogeographic Range 5. That is, 47.9% of the flora has a distribution in North America ranging from the Atlantic coast west beyond the Mississippi River, but not to the Pacific Coast. The majority of these species (40.0% of the flora) can be found in range 5a; generally distributed north and south (Fig. 5). There are nearly equal numbers of species in Range 5b, generally northern in distribution (11 spp.), and Range 5c, generally southern in distribution (10 spp.). Even though many more species fit Range 5e, ranging beyond the Mississippi in the South (29 spp.), than in Range 5d (3 spp.), ranging beyond the Mississippi in the North, the collective implication of the numbers in Range 5 illustrate that the flora of the Totuskey Creek watershed is neither decidedly northern nor decidedly southern, but rather includes species with broader distributions.

The next largest proportion of taxa (11.4%) belong to Range 4, ranging south beyond the United States to the New World tropics. Groups of these species have ranges that extend into the Caribbean Islands, Mexico, and in a few cases Central and South America. Some of these species can also be found in northern North America (*e.g.*, *Potamogeton foliosus*, *Eclipta prostrata*, and *Bidens laevis*) providing some of the longest and most continuous ranges among all species in the flora.

Forty-nine species fit into Range 6 (7.3% of the flora), and have ranges restricted to eastern North America, east of the Mississippi River. Forty-four of these species are distributed north and south (Range 6a), providing further evidence that the flora is not chiefly comprised of characteristically northern or characteristically southern plants. While the study site is contained within the Atlantic Coastal Plain, many species in the flora have eastern ranges that extend widely outside the coastal plain (subrange 6a1, 34 spp.). The remaining species in Range 6a are exclusive inhabitants of the Coastal Plain (subrange 6a2, 10 spp.). Only one species, *Carex platyphylla*, is generally northern in distribution east of the Mississippi (Range 6b). This species on the coastal plain is disjunct from its more regular range in the mountains of Virginia. Finally, four species fit most accurately into Range 6c, generally southern in distribution: *Hexastylis virginica*, *Helianthus atrorubens*, *Hibiscus moscheutos*, and *Yucca filamentosa*.

Forty-nine species have either interrupted or uninterruped ranges across North America including the Pacific Coast (Range 3). Thirty of these species (4.4% of the flora) have an uninterrupted distribution (Range 3a), and include many grasses, while 19 species (2.8% of the flora) have various interrupted distributions (Range 3b), and include only one species of grass.

Thirteen plants (1.9% of the flora) have circumboreal ranges (Range 1). These plant with large ranges are distributed about the high latitudes of the northern hemisphere. Interestingly, with the exclusion of *Osmunda regalis* and *Ophioglossum vulgatum*, all of the species in this range are among the most common and abundant of those species occurring in their respective typical habitats. Several of these plants are common to a number of habitats (e.g., *Galium aparine*, *Eleocharis obtusa*, *Calystegia sepium*, and *Prunella vulgaris*).

The nine species native to both North America and Eastern Asia (Range 2, 1.5% of the flora) are among the most interesting species, phytogeographically. The similarities between North American and East Asian floras have been studied by many scientists such as Soviet-Armenian botanist Armen Takhtajan (Takhtajan, 1986) and Chinese botanist Hui-Lin Li (Li, 1977). The assemblage of plants currently shared by the two continents may be the remainder of what was once a much larger group of shared taxa due to continental land bridges and the wide extent of the northern temperate forests during the Tertiary Period (Wen, 1999). The majority of the species from the Totuskey Creek watershed that fit in this range category include several that are typical of mesic woodlands: *Adiantum pedatum, Dendrolycopodium obscurum, Huperzia lucidula, Liparis lilijolia, Monotropa uniflora*, and *Phryma leptostachya*. The remaining species in this

category grow in more wet, lowland woods and streambanks: Symplocarpus foetidus, Persicaria virginiana, Onoclea sensibilis, and Penthorum sedoides.

The final range, Range 8, includes 11 cosmopolitan species (1.6% of the flora). These species can be found in areas all over the world, or nearly so. Seven of these are restricted to wetland habitats and include the conspicuous and familiar reed (*Phragmites australis*) and cattails (*Typha* spp.). A few exhibit considerable morphological variation across large distances (*Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani and Cyperus esculentus*) or regular infrageneric hybridization (*Typha* spp.) (Flora North America Editorial Committee, 1993+). Due to this hybridization and variation among specimens, systematists around the world support various classifications of these of taxa.

The taxa in the range categories from the Totuskey Creek watershed and the Corrotoman River watershed (Weldy, 1995) follow a strikingly similar pattern. The differences in proportions of taxa in pairwise comparisons of the range categories are not statistically significant. This similarity is understandable since the two study sites are less than 25 miles apart and are related in many aspects including elevation, physiography, and habitat composition.

# Habitat and Plant Community Descriptions

The physiography of the study area can be easily divided into two zones: lowlands and uplands. The lowlands literally encompass habitats found in the lowest elevations, to and below sea-level. Naturally, water drains to these areas forming small streams, flood plains, and other wetlands that eventually drain into Totuskey Creek. Lowland habitats such as pools and ponds can also be found surrounded by upland areas. The uplands consist of areas at relatively higher elevations and include the land along the higher slopes and ridges of the watershed.

Disturbed habitats can be found in both lowlands and uplands, but are described in a separate group. Generally, it is easy to predict the plant communities associated with these human-altered habitats; however, a few of these habitats harbor plant communities that can be highly variable. Presented below are the fourteen natural and disturbed habitats encountered in the Totuskey Creek watershed and their associated plant communities.

### **Lowland Habitats:**

### Sandy River Bank

Narrow bands of sandy soil and pure sand can be found along the edge of Totuskey Creek and adjacent Rappahannock River. This xeric habitat supports a depauperate flora. Nonetheless, a few species were found here and nowhere else during this study. These uncommon species include *Cenchrus tribuloides* often growing in the pure sand, and *Portulaca oleracea*, *Opuntia humifusa* and *Quercus stellata* found growing further from the water's edge. Other, more common plants growing here include *Pinus virginiana*, *Atriplex patula*, *Eragrostis curvula*, *Hordeum pusillum*, and *Smilax bona-nox*.

# **Brackish Marsh**

Aerial photographs and maps of the region indicated that marshes occupy nearly all non-developed margins of Totuskey Creek. This habitat forms at the boundary of the deep water and transitions gradually to surrounding uplands. Dense wetland vegetation is dissected by meandering, shallow, tidal streams, some of which form part of the upland drainage. The waters of the Rappahannock at the mouth of the Totuskey Creek are partly saline, and this brackish water has an influence on the marsh vegetation as far inland as the Route 3 bridge. *Spartina alterniflora, S. cynosuroides*, and *Typha angustifolia* dominate these wetlands. *Schoenoplectus robustus* and *S. americanus* are also abundant as emergents and on tussocks along the margin of the water. *Phragmites australis* is uncommon, but when present, often forms dense patches. Other conspicuous species include *Kosteletzkya virginica, Hibiscus moscheutos*, and *Iva frutescens*. In moist soil or still, shallow water along the margin near surrounding uplands are less conspicuous species such as *Pluchea odorata, Hydrocotyle verticillata*, and *Symphyotrichum subulataum. Baccharis halimifolia, Quercus phellos*, and *Ilex opaca* are found on the uplands adjacent to the marshes. A single individual of *Quercus laurifolia* was found at the margin of a brackish marsh at the end of Wellford's Wharf Road. This is the only specimen found during the study, and is the only known location of this tree species on the Northern Neck.

### **Freshwater Marsh**

Freshwater marshes are located further upstream from the brackish marshes; however, a small tidal fluctuation is still visible. Freshwater fish such as longnose gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*) and carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) are often visible in the clear shallow water. One of the largest and most accessible examples of a freshwater marsh is located on the Little Totuskey Creek branch just south of Indianfield Road in Warsaw. The first conspicuous change from brackish to freshwater marsh is the presence of *Nuphar advena* which can form large masses that often span the width of the creek or stream. *Spartina*  *cynosuroides* and *Peltandra virginica* are also often abundant. In midsummer, an array of showy flowers is regularly visible including the blooms of *Pontederia cordata*, *Lilium superbum*, *Thalictrum pubescens*, *Cephalanthus occidentalis*, *Mimulus ringens*, and *Rosa palustris*. *Alnus serrulata*, *Carex comosa* and *C. lurida* are common in the transition zone to the surrounding uplands. These marshes are often flanked by mixed hardwood slopes, so a variety of trees grow at the margins; *Fraxinus pennsylvanica*, *Acer rubrum*, and *Nyssa sylvatica* are the most common. The ash and maple are often hosts to *Phoradendron leucarpum*, which is only clearly visible in the leafless branches in late autumn.

### Ponds

There are several millponds along the northern reaches of the Totuskey Creek above VA Route 360; however, the area defined for this study included only two manmade ponds along Wellford's Wharf Road and the occasional pool at the headwaters of small streams. The man-made ponds retain a relatively constant water level throughout the growing season; however, headwater ponds exhibit a significant drop in water level towards the end of the summer. Even with the differences in hydrology, these two types of ponds have a considerable overlap in species composition. The calm pond waters support large colonies of *Nuphar advena* and a white form of *Nymphaea odorata ssp. odorata*. Also present are smaller aquatics such as *Lemna valdiviana*, *Callitriche heterophylla*, and *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*. *Utricularia gibba* is found on the water surface near the pond margin and on floating masses of organic material. *Potomogenton foliosus* was found in an algae-infested stormwater pool. The muddy edges of ponds support a variety of *Carex* spp. as well as *Gratiola virginiana*, *Ludwigia palustris*, *L*. decurrens, Lobelia cardinalis, and Dulichium arundinaceum. On the sloping banks of the ponds are Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis, Osmunda cinnamomea, Woodwardia areolata, Juncus effusus, Gaylussacia frondosa, G. baccata, Clethra alnifolia, and Rosa multiflora. The bank of one of the man-made ponds is the only known location of Taxodium distichum in the watershed.

### Streambanks

The banks of the largest tributaries of Totuskey Creek support canopy trees such as *Fraxinius pennsylvanica*, *Quercus michauxii*, and occasionally *Q. alba*. Other trees such as *Liquidambar styraciflua*, *Carpinus caroliniana*, and *Acer rubrum* can also be found along the streambanks. Thickets of *Viburnum dentatum* and *V. nudum* can be found along most stream corridors. Growing amongst the *Viburnum* are twining and climbing species such as *Mikania skandens*, *Smilax rotundifolia*, *Amphicarpa bracteata*, *Apios americana*, and *Cuscuta* spp. Many showy wildflowers grow here and include *Impatiens capensis*, *Bidens laevis*, *Eupatorium fistulosum*, *Decodon verticillatus*, and *Mimulus alata*. *Persicaria* spp. and *Toxicodendron radicans* are common along disturbed parts of the streambanks.

Smaller streams often found in the upper reaches of the watershed form at the bases of ravines of various sizes and often meander through flood plains of widths several times that of the streams. These are some of the first areas to "spring to life" in the earliest part of the growing season. The narrow streambanks support numerous *Carex* spp., *Luzula echinata*, *Glyceria striata*, *Cardamine pennsylvanica*, *C. bulbosa*, *Ranunculus abortivus*, *Viola cucullata*, and *V. primulifolia*.

## **Stream Floodplains**

Stream floodplains remain moist through all but the latest part of the season. Dense stands of Athyrium filix-femina, Saururus cernuus, and Smilax rotundifolia are the most constant and abundant constituents of the herbaceous flora on the flood plain. Also nearly ubiquitous is Claytonia virginica. Symplocarpus foetidus, Caltha palustris, Chelone glabra, Collinsonia canadensis, and Erythronium americanum are rare but locally abundant. Orchids such as Galearis spectabilis, Platanthera clavellata, and P. lacera are also occasionally found here. Some of the shrubs include Alnus serrulata, Lindera benzoin, Cornus amomum, and Viburnum nudum. Euonymus americana is regularly found along the margin of the floodplain as it meets the surrounding forested upland slopes. Canopy trees in the wet flood plain are Acer rubrum, Liriodendron tulipifera, Quercus michauxii, and occasionally Platanus occidentalis. Other regular tree members include Fraxinus pennsylvanica, and Carpinus caroliniana. Asimina triloba and *Magnolia virginiana* are found only occasionally, but often form dense stands. Betula nigra and Itea virginica are only present in floodplains and on streambanks with relatively open canopies. In more disturbed floodplains, a waist-high thicket formed by late-summer die-off of *Persicaria* spp. and various sedges and grasses, and the proliferation of *Smilax* make many of these areas nearly impassable on foot during the second half of the growing season.

# Ravines

Ravines of various sizes provide small-scale topographic relief in the watershed. Steep wooded banks often lead to a wet ravine bottom or flowing stream. *Fagus grandifolia* is often the most abundant canopy tree at the top of the ravine slope and surrounding forest. *Liriodendron tulipifera* is also present, but grows lower on the slopes and is often less abundant. Near the ravine bottom, *Carpinus caroliniana*, *Kalmia latifolia*, and *Asimina triloba* are the most abundant woody species. The shady conditions and moist humus found on the ravine slopes provide a preferable habitat for many ferns and other species amenable to such conditions. *Polystichium acrostichoides* is common, while *Adiantum pedatum* is rare, but locally abundant. Other ferns such as *Thelypteris novaboracensis*, *Osmunda cinnamomea*, and *Athyrium filix-femina* are plentiful on the ravine bottom. Ravine slopes support graminoids such as *Poa cuspidata*, *Carex platyphylla*, and *C. atlantica*, while *C. intumescens* and *C. rosea* can occasionally be found on the ravine bottom. Additional herbs such as *Hydrangea arborescens*, *Actaea pachypoda*, *Viola cucullata*, *Aristolochia serpentaria*, and *Galearis spectabilis* are present in low numbers, while *Medeola virginica* is often very abundant.

### **Upland Habitats:**

# **Mixed Hardwood Forest**

There is a considerable amount of forest in the watershed that is entirely mixed hardwoods, or with few pines restricted to the edges. Sloping mixed hardwoods, like those found along the lower reaches of Fox Hunter's Hill Road and the lowlands bordering the Mulberry Road bridge, are dominated by *Fagus grandifolia*, with lower, but significant proportions of *Acer rubrum* and *Liriodendron tulipifera*. Flat-ground or gradually sloping hardwood areas, such those bordering Route 603, appear to contain *Quercus alba* and *Carya pallida* in highest proportions. Additional trees such as *Quercus rubra* and other *Carya* spp. make up most of the remainder of the hardwood canopy. *Ilex* 

opaca, Cornus florida, and Kalmia latifolia are the most common and abundant members of the understory. Leaf litter and soil humus are often thick in these areas and the herbaceous diversity is highly variable, but generally low. Ferns such as *Polystichium acrostichoides* and *Botrychium virginianum* can be quite abundant. *Uvularia perfoliata*, *Hexastylis virginica*, *Dioscorea villosa*, and *Tipularia discolor* are regular elements of the herb flora, while *Huperzia lucidula*, *Sphenopholis pensylvanica*, *Monotropa uniflora*, *Aristolachia serpentaria*, *Anemone virginiana*, and *Aplectrum hyemale* are more infrequent. *Carex* species such as *C. platyphylla*, *C. laxiculmis*, and *C. amphibola* can also be found in this habitat.

#### **Pine/Mixed Hardwood Forest**

The pine/mixed hardwood habitat is likely the most common forest habitat in the watershed. *Pinus taeda* occupies a significant portion of the canopy, and *Quercus alba*, *Carya pallida*, and *Acer rubrum* are important hardwoods in this habitat. *Quercus montana* is rare to uncommon, and occupies open or "gap" areas in the forest. *Myrica cerifera* joins *Ilex opaca* and *Oxydendron arboreum* in the understory while *Gaylussacia frondosa* and *Vaccinium stamineum* are common and often very abundant on the forest floor. The type of herbaceous community appears to depend mostly on the degree of disturbance present in the forest. In relatively less disturbed areas, herbs such as *Dendrolycopodium obscurum*, *Diphasiastrum digitatum*, *Chimaphila maculata*, and *C. umbellata* can be expected. In more disturbed areas, vines are abundant and include *Toxicodendron radicans*, *Smilax spp.*, and *Rubus* spp. Three orchid species were occasionally observed in this habitat. While *Liparis liliifolia* and *Malaxis unifolia* seem to be sensitive to forest disturbance, *Cypripedium acaule* appeared to persist quite well

even with considerable disturbance, and seemed to be most abundant closest to the forest margin, roadside, or other source of disturbance.

# **Successional Pine Stands**

Although this habitat in modern times is almost always created as a result of disturbance by human activity, it is not maintained by these disturbances, and will be considered here with other wooded habitats instead of the regularly disturbed habitats in the following section. These nearly pure pine stands are rare in the Totuskey Creek watershed and those encountered did not appear to be old cultivated land, but rather areas formerly clear-cut for logging. Young individuals of *Pinus taeda* are most prevalent and grow in such high density that traversing these areas on foot is troublesome. *Pinus virginiana* is common but seems to be restricted to the forest margin, along with *Quercus falcata*, *Kalmia latifolia*, and *Toxicodendron radicans*. *Chimaphila maculata* is the most common and abundant herb in these successional pine areas. Other vegetation on the interior includes occasional groupings of *Gaylussacia frondosa* and sparse thickets of *Smilax*. *Cypripedium acuale* was rarely seen and only as small seedlings.

# **Disturbed Habitats**

## Roadsides

Immediately adjacent to roadside pavement are bands of gravel and gravelly soil. Further from the pavement, all roadsides are bordered by a shallow roadside ditch, margin of a cultivated field, or disturbed forest margin, and most roadsides are mowed at least once during the growing season. There exist a multitude of environmental conditions along roadsides, and likewise, the flora of this habitat exhibits tremendous

variation. Roadsides are a haven for introduced species, especially grasses. *Festuca* arundinacea, Dactylis glomerata, Anthoxanthum odoratum, Eragrostis spectabilis, and Bromus racemosus are very common and abundant. A more careful examination of dry roadsides would reveal more diminutive grasses such as Aira caryophyllea, and A. praecox. Moist roadsides support additional graminoids such as Juncus tenuis, Cyperus esculentus, C. lupulina, C. retrorsus, and occasionally Kyllinga gracillima. Introduced wildflowers such as Echium vulgare, Trifolium incarnatum, Coronilla varia, and Vicia spp. are scattered along roadsides. Showy native species include Viola pedata, Penstemon laevigatus, Polygala mariana, P. curtissii, Lobelia puberula, Rhexia mariana, Asclepias tuberosa, Rosa carolina, Symphyotrichum spp., and Solidago spp. Moist, roadside ditches appear to support a unique group of plants found nowhere else in the survey. This group includes Ruellia caroliniensis, Conoclinum coelestinum, Hypericum perforatum, Anoda cristata, and Euphorbia cyathophora. Shrub species regularly occurring along roadsides include Sambucus canadensis, Rhododendron periclymenoides, and R. atlanticum. Small trees such as Amelanchier obovata, Pyrus communis, Malus pumila, and Prunus persica can also be found here.

## **Fields and Field Margins**

Most fields of appreciable size are used for crop cultivation at least part of the year. The fields not cultivated fall into two general groups, those recently cultivated and fallow for less than 12 months and those fields appearing uncultivated for a year or more. Recently fallow fields can occasionally contain persisting crop plants such as *Triticum aestivum* (wheat) and *Avena sativa* (oats). Additional grasses such as *Vulpia octoflora* and *Lolium perrene* are quick to colonize the bare soil. Members of the *Brassicaceae* 

also colonize quickly and are perhaps the most diverse group in recently fallow fields. Barbarea vulgaris, Arabidopsis thaliana, Lepidium spp., Teesdalia nudcaulis, and Cardamine hirsuta are most common.

The presence of perennial and biennial plants is an indication that a field may be uncultivated for a year or more. The earliest flowering perennials include *Asclepias* spp., *Oenothera laciniata*, and *O. biennis* (biennial). Other perennials such as *Solidago* spp. and *Eupatorium* spp. persist into the late autumn if the field is left unmown. Annuals are not absent from these aged fields, however. Colorful displays of *Centaurea cyanus*, *Lamium* spp., *Viccia* spp., *Ipomoea* spp. and *Lathryus hirsutus* are common in the spring and summer months.

The flora of the field margin mostly mimics that of the adjacent field; however there seem to be many species that prefer the conditions of this edge habitat to the occasionally cultivated soil. Regularly at the margins are *Viola* spp., *Desmodium* spp., *Cuscuta campsestris*, *Asparagus officinalis*, *Sida spinosa*, *Datura stramonium*, *Daucus carota*, and *Xanthium strumarium*. Rare, but notable species found here include *Physalis longifolia* var. *subglabrata*, *Hordeum vulgare*, *Persicaria lapathifolia*, and *Helianthus tuberosus*. Woody species are also usually confined to the margins of fields, and regularly include *Rhus glabra*, *Juniperus virginiana*, and *Celtis occidentalis*.

### **Cut-over Areas**

This habitat is created when a tract of land is cleared of trees for logging or development. Usually, both pine and hardwood species are cut, leaving only coarse tree stumps, piles of limbs, stripped bark, and the infrequent heap of discarded timber. Oddly, sizable individuals of *Ilex opaca* and *Oxydendrum arboreum* are often left standing. Stump sprouts of many cut species allow for the reconstruction of what the tree composition and likely herbaceous community may have looked like. This disturbed habitat provides many open areas for pioneer species such as *Erechtites hieracifolia*, *Verbascum thapsis*, *Solanum* spp., *Solidago* spp., and *Eupatorium* spp; however, the many of the species here appear to be native remnants of the previous woodland community that persist for a short time after logging. Woodland graminoids such as *Chasmanthium laxum*, *Luzula bulbosa*, *Carex pensylvanica*, and *C. albicans* var. *emmonsii* persist even without the dense tree canopy previously present. Ericaceous shrubs such as *Rhododendron periclymenoides*, *Gaylussacia baccata*, and *G. frondosa* are also common. Non-native trees such as *Paulownia tomentosa* and *Albizia julibrissin* can be observed in areas aged several years since logging.

#### **Powerline Cuts**

Powerline cuts are corridors created for the unobstructed passage of a variety of utility lines. These cleared strips, up to 50 meters in width, can be several miles long and usually connect with other powerline cuts or terminate at regional utility stations. Much like cut-over areas, powerline cuts are disturbed habitats formed by the removal of all woody vegetation, and usually occur adjacent to natural habitat with which the disturbed area was once continuous. The powerline cuts are maintained by utility personnel and are mown up to twice a year in some places (pers. obs) to inhibit the re-growth of woody species. Because of this regular disturbance, the floras of powerline cuts are often a mix between that of other regularly disturbed areas and the nearby natural habitat. In the spring, violets such as *Viola sagittata*, *V. primulifolia*, and *V. pedata* are scattered amongst additional early-blooming species such as *Rubus* spp., *Potentilla canadensis*,

*Houstonia caerulea*, and *Packera anonyma*. A few woodland species in refuge under persisting shrubs and the woodland border are also blooming at this time including *Hexastylis virginica* and *Hepatica americana*. Grasses and *Carex* species occur in great profusion throughout the season; the most common in dry areas are *Anthoxanthum odoratum*, *Danthonia spicata*, *Andropogon* spp., *Dichanthelium* spp., *Carex umbellata*, *C. nigromarginata*, and *C. albicans* var. *emmonsii*. Alongside the occasional stream flowing across the powerline cut and other moist areas are *Cinna arundinacea*, *Sphenopholis obtusata*, *Carex lurida*, *C. crinta*, and *C. vulpinoidea*. Legumes are another plentiful group in this habitat. Often present are *Desmodium* spp., *Lespedeza* spp., *Galactia volubilis*, and *Stylosanthes biflora*. Some woody species do persist, especially on slopes where mowing is problematic. *Kalmia latifolia* and *Elaeagnus umbellata* are common.

# **Flooded Tire Ruts**

Large, motorized equipment used for the clearing of trails for hunting, logging, or the maintenance of powerline cuts can sometimes leave deep tire ruts in the soil. These tire ruts can be 12 inches or more in depth, several feet long, and often retain storm water for extended periods of time. The flooded tire ruts support many obligate and facultative wetland species, even though they are often far removed from any natural wetland habitat. In fact, some of the wetland species were observed exclusively in this disturbed habitat and never at other suitable, natural wetland sites. These species include *Alisma subcordatum*, *Heteranthera reniformis*, *Fimbristylis autumnalis*, and *Rotala ramosior*. Other, more widespread species such as *Scirpus atrovirens*, *Juncus effusus*, *Persicaria*  sagittata, Bidens polylepis, Hypericum mutilum, Utricularia gibba, Lindernia dubia, and Eleocharis spp. are also found in this disturbed habitat.

# **Regional Floristic Comparisons**

When taxa newly recorded from the Upper Peninsula were added to the <u>Atlas of</u> <u>the Virginia Flora III</u> (Harvill *et al.*, 1992) it became apparent from simple inspection of records in the <u>Atlas</u> that the Upper Peninsula shares many more taxa with the Lower and Middle peninsulas than previously described by North (1983). The relatively higher similarity values in the comparative similarity analysis were, therefore, not completely unexpected. However, it is difficult to identify the exact cause of the difference in the similarity values from the previous analysis to the current analysis since new floristic information in the current analysis includes not only higher numbers of shared taxa between peninsula floras, but also higher numbers of taxa in each flora checklist. The Sørensen's Coefficient of Similarity is affected by both of these values.

Perhaps more important than the discrepancy in raw numbers from one study to the next is the similarity in the pattern of floristic similarity across this region that the data from both studies illustrate. The results obtained by North (1983) and those of the current analysis both indicate that the floras of the Lower and Middle peninsulas are the most similar among the Virginia peninsulas (current study, CS = 0.854; Table 4). Furthermore, there is a progression of decreasing similarity of adjacent peninsulas in a northern direction (Fig. 4). For example, the Middle and Upper Peninsula's similarity drops to 0.845, and the Upper Peninsula's similarity to Maryland drops to 0.758. Consistent with this pattern is the observation that the most dissimilar comparison is the Lower Peninsula and Maryland (CS = 0.707). Although the values are very close to each other in all comparisons, they are consistent with the hypothesis proposed by North (1983) that flora gradually changes its composition in a northern/southern fashion.

Most intriguing are the noticeably lower similarity coefficients in all pairwise comparisons with the Maryland coastal plain flora (Table 4). These results make it appear that the Maryland flora is remarkably distinct from the other floras analyzed. Although this could be explained as the result of comparing floras containing very different habitats, this does not appear to be the case. The floristic studies used to populate the Maryland flora checklist indicate sampling an array of habitats that are strikingly similar to those encountered on the Northern Neck. For example, in Calvert County, Steury (2002) sampled an area including uplands comprised of, "...mixed deciduous and coniferous forest..." dominated by chestnut oak (*Quercus montana*), black oak (Quercus velutina), scarlet oak (Quercus coccinea), Carya spp., Virginia Pine (Pinus virginiana) and loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*). The study area also borders the Chesapeake Bay and likely included fresh and brackish marsh habitats. Other wetland sites such as, "...ponds, creeks, and seeps" are also indicated as sampling sites (Steury, 2002). In Prince Georges and Charles counties along the Potomac River, Steury et al. (2003) sampled habitat types including, "...cultivated fields, deciduous forest, streams shores, marshes, swamps, wet thickets,...ponds, meadows, and a sand spit...". The habitats sampled in these studies are not unlike those encountered during the study of the Totuskey Creek watershed and other studies on the Northern Neck (Simmons et al., 1995; Weldy, 1985; and Dodge, 2000).

Finally, another factor influencing the apparent dissimilarity of Maryland to the Virginia peninsulas may be the sample size of taxa for the analysis. The <u>Atlas of the Virginia Flora III</u> (Harvill *et al.*, 1992) is a synthesis of many floristic studies, published and unpublished, and well-documented records from professional and amateur collections over a time span exceeding 30 years. The Maryland checklist used for the current analysis was synthesized only from two available published works and a single graduate student thesis. Even though the county sizes (the map unit for <u>The Atlas of the Virginia Flora</u>) may be comparable, the Maryland studies together doubtfully cover a comparable land area to that of the <u>Atlas</u>, and without the multitude of unpublished information, is bound to be less complete. Additional floristic study or perhaps a more exhaustive search for unpublished records would make for a more complete checklist of Maryland plants. A more complete list in the future may uncover a large number of additional species shared with the peninsulas of Virginia, and therefore produce similarity coefficients more like those among the Virginia peninsulas.

While the results of the similarity analysis indicate the floras of this region gradually change and become less similar in a northern direction, the phytogeographic analysis indicates that the proportion of southern species in each flora may not play as large a role in this change as previously indicated by North (1983). Most phytogeographical categories show no heterogeneity across the region (Table 5). Only categories 5c and 6c, the categories representing the southern flora element, show a significant decrease toward the north across the whole region (P < 0.01). Also significant are all differences in the proportions of the southern flora in pairwise comparisons with the Maryland flora (Lower-Maryland: P < 0.01, Middle-Maryland: P < 0.01, UpperMaryland: P < 0.05, Table 6). Surprisingly, there is no significant difference in the proportion of the southern flora between any two of the Virginia peninsulas. This is in contrast to the results obtained by North (1983) which indicated a significant change in these range categories between the Lower and Upper peninsulas as well as the Middle and Upper peninsulas.

The significant change in proportion of southern species in a northern direction found in the previous study appeared to correlate with the decrease in floristic similarity also found in the previous study. The significant difference in the proportion of southern species in the Maryland flora found in the current study also appears to correlate with the relatively low similarity values when comparing the Maryland flora to the Virginia floras. The results of the comparisons of just the Virginia peninsulas in the current study are less congruent. While the proportion of southern species do actually decrease somewhat in a northern direction [5.7% (Lower Peninsula), 5.0% (Middle Peninsula), 3.6% (Upper Peninsula), and 1.4% (Maryland coastal plain)], this change is not statistically significant. This result indicates that the proportion of southern species may not play a large role in the gradual change in floristic similarity across the peninsulas. The collective results of the phytogeographic analysis indicate that the drop-out of a significant proportion of southern species in a northern direction may not begin to occur before crossing the Potomac River into Maryland.

After analyzing the southern flora, it became of interest to analyze the range categories that comprise the northern flora (ranges 5b & 6b). The proportions of the northern flora element do not differ significantly across these same floras or between any two them. This is a curious result since it would seem logical to infer that the conditions

causing the southern flora to decrease in proportion in a northerly direction from the Lower Peninsula to Maryland would also cause the northern flora to decrease in proportion in a southerly direction. These contrasting patterns are likely due to the different areas of the eastern US in which these plants find a limit to their range and the direction in which these plants "drop out" of the flora in Virginia. Plants considered strictly southern, those that are those normally confined to the lower two-thirds of the eastern US, persist in the mild, maritime climate of the Atlantic Coastal Plain, but drop out relatively quickly in a northern direction across a region including Virginia. Plants normally confined to the northern two-thirds of the eastern US, and so called northern species, find refuge in the higher altitudes of the Appalachian range in western Virginia. The true southern limit of these northern species is likely in the mountain areas, but in areas further south than Virginia. These northern plants found in Virginia have ranges that spread eastward in the state, and just as the southern species drop out in the northern direction, the northern species drop out in an eastern direction. Because of this, the northern plants found on the coastal plain are a subset of a larger group of northern plants found in the western part of the state. They are likely widely adapted and may persist in many areas of the state, and so the proportion of these species does not change in a northsouth direction like their southern counterparts (Stewart Ware, pers. comm.).

In addition to analyzing the proportions of southern species, North (1983) provides a list of species known at the time to have ranges terminating south of the Northern Neck. Of these 63 species, 10 are now known from the Northern Neck according the <u>Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora</u> (Virginia Bot. Associates, 2007). These species include *Symphyotrichum grandiflora*, *Cyperus haspan*, *Carex oxylepis*, *C. viridis*,

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Decumaria barbara, Desmodium fernaldii, Drosera capillaris, Eupatorium saltuense, Penstemon australis, and Rhyncospora inexpansa (Weldy, 1995). One of these species, Eupatorium saltuense, is known only from the Totuskey Creek watershed in Richmond County. The current study also includes the collection of Quercus laurifolia Michx., the first known location of this species on the Northern Neck. This oak is an occasional constituent among tree species on sandy flood plains and river banks from Virginia and the Carolinas south to Florida and west to Louisiana (Flora North America Editorial Committee, 1993+). On the southern boundary of Richmond County, a single tree was found growing in a wet, sandy depression at the margin of a brackish marsh near the mouth of the Totuskey Creek at the Rappahannock River. Previous to this study, the northernmost occurrence of Q. laurifolia was known from King William County on the Middle Peninsula (Virginia Botanical Associates, 2007). The occurrence of this decidedly southern species in Richmond County on the Northern Neck is a range extension in Virginia of approximately 25 miles northward. The documentation of species previously thought not to occur on the Northern Neck is another valuable result of this floristic study in Richmond County.

# CONCLUSIONS

Without any previous floristic information specific to the Totuskey Creek watershed, it is difficult to assess how close the number of 676 taxa is to the true number of taxa in the flora of the area. It is almost a certainty that many taxa went unnoticed and undocumented in the current study; however, the collection efforts were sufficient to uncover numerous new species' records for Richmond County. These records will be submitted to the editors of the <u>Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora</u> (Virginia Bot. Associates, 2007), and will provide for a more accurate account of the flora of the county for those seeking in the future. Also, new records for the Northern Neck in conjunction with results of other studies on the peninsula will provide a more accurate understanding of the flora of the peninsula as a whole as demonstrated by the comparative similarity and phytogeographic analyses included in this study.

The phytogeographic analysis of the flora of the Totuskey Creek watershed indicates that the majority of the species of the flora are not exclusive inhabitants of the coastal plain or the eastern United States, but rather have ranges that extend west beyond the Mississippi River. This trend in Richmond County is consistent with the flora of the neighboring county to the east, Lancaster County.

The analysis of regional floristic similarity provides the same characterization of the pattern of floristic similarity among the Virginia peninsulas as the analysis conducted years ago without the new records from the Northern Neck. The Northern Neck still appears the most distinct among the peninsulas; however, the similarity coefficients generated in the current study indicate the flora may actually be more similar to the peninsulas to its south than indicated in the previous study (82% or more similar). In addition, the data illustrates that the Northern Neck flora is strikingly less similar to the nearby areas north on the coastal plain of Maryland than it is to the flora on its neighboring peninsula to the south. As mentioned previously, the relatively low similarity value may be due to inadequate records of the Maryland flora or it may be due to the significantly lower proportion of southern plant species occurring on the Maryland coastal plain when compared to the Virginia peninsulas. The lack of significant difference in proportion of southern species among the Virginia peninsulas provides little support for the hypothesis proposed by North (1983) that the southern flora steadily decreases in proportion in a northern direction across the Virginia peninsulas. A better hypothesis may be that the southern flora begins to decrease across the Virginia peninsulas, but only significantly impacts the composition of the flora in areas north of the Northern Neck.

While studies on the Northern Neck over the last 20 years have helped form a more accurate understanding of the flora, the characterization of the Northern Neck flora is not complete. Additional floristic study is highly recommended, especially within Northumberland County. This would result in detailed floras from each of the five Northern Neck counties, and as in all previous studies, would likely yield many new distributional records. An additional study of western Richmond County many also be worthwhile. The watershed of Cat Pointe Creek would be a convenient location, with a diversity of plant habitats equal to or greater than that of the Totuskey Creek watershed (pers. obs.). Also, amateur collections and observations in the areas surrounding Cat

Pointe Creek include at least one state listed rare species (*Monotropsis odorata* Schwein ex. Ell., collected by Ellis Squires). Perhaps additional rare species also occur in this large watershed.

The importance of floristic collection efforts is evident in the results of this study. Accurate information regarding plant species is available because of the continual effort of botanists surveying, contributing specimens, and documenting species' locations with the assistance of regional herbaria and public resources such as the <u>Digital Atlas of the</u> <u>Virginia Flora</u> (Virginia Bot. Associates, 2007). A checklist of the flora of an area of appreciable size is never complete. Besides likely omission of rare or uncommon species not encountered, changes in floristic composition due to natural processes, development, and the introduction of exotic species and pests necessitate ongoing analysis.

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### **APPENDIX** A

### Annotated checklist of vascular plants

The checklist of vascular plants collected in the Totuskey Creek watershed includes brief notes on each species. These notes include (in order as they appear): Latin name and authority, common name (if applicable), abundance within typical habitats, most frequent or notable habitats, and the author's collection number. Taxa printed in bold type are native to North America, while those printed in normal type are introduced. The relative abundances are estimates gathered through cumulative observations in the field. The abundance categories are Very Common, Common, Occasional, Uncommon, and Rare. Taxa occurring at nearly every site of suitable habitat, and oftentimes growing in considerable numbers in other less-typical habitats are Very Common. Taxa noted as Common occur at suitable habitat sites roughly between 75% and 100% of the time, while Those noted as Occasional can be found in suitable habitats approximately 50% of the time. Uncommon taxa occur in suitable habitats less than 10% of the time, and Rare taxa occur much less frequently, oftentimes found as single individuals at a single sites in the study area. If a relatively large population of a rare taxon was observed in at least one site, the abundance is accompanied by the abbreviation 'LA' for locally abundant.

Collection numbers preceded by 'E. Squires' are those collected by Mr. Ellis Squires of Richmond County, while numbers with no prefix are those of the author. Names of taxa newly recorded from Richmond County during the course of the study are preceded by a single asterisk (\*), while those newly recorded from the Northern Neck are preceded by two asterisks (\*\*). Specimens identified or annotated by Donna Ware have collection numbers followed by "†." Some specimens that received a change in identification by Donna Ware may have been mistaken in the field for similar species also included in the checklist. Due to the fact that these re-assignments were made after the conclusion of field work, proper estimates of the relative abundance and typical habitats of these misidentified species are not available. Therefore, this information is not included in their respective entry in the checklist.

# ANNOTATED CHECKLIST Vascular Flora of the Totuskey Creek Watershed, Richmond County, Virginia

\* Richmond County Record, \*\* Northern Neck Record

# LYCOPODIOPHYTA - LYCOPHYTES

# LYCOPODIACEAE

\* **Dendrolycopodium obscurum** (L.) A. Haines, ground-pine. Occasional: hardwood and mixed pine-hardwood forest. 34

*Diphasiastrum digitatum* (Dill. ex A. Braun) Holub., southern ground-cedar. Occasional: hardwood and mixed pine-hardwood forests. 67

Huperzia lucidula (Michx.) Trevisan, shining clubmoss. Uncommon: moist ravine, hardwood forest slope. 147

# PTERIDOPHYTA – FERNS

### ASPLENIACEAE

Asplenium platyneuron (L.) B.S.P., spleenwort. Occasional: mixed pine-hardwood forest and forest margins. 293

# BLECHNACEAE

Woodwardia aereolata (L.) T. Moore., netted chain-fern. Occasional: ravines and floodplains of small streams. 162

# DENNSTAEDTIACEAE

Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn, bracken fern. Uncommon: mixed pine-hardwood forest. 189

# DRYOPTERIDACEAE

Athyrium filix-femina (L.) Roth ex Mert. var. asplenioides (Michx.) Farw., southern lady fern. Common: forest slopes, freshwater marsh margins, wet ditches. 258, 473

**Onoclea sensibilis** L., sensitive fern. Occasional: stream margins, pond margin, and moist hardwood forest. 332

Polystichum acrostichoides (Michx.) Schott, Christmas fern. Very Common: moist hardwood forest. 301

#### **OPHIOGLOSSACEAE**

\* Botrychium biternatum (Sav.) Underwood, sparse-lobed grape fern. 569

*Botrychium virginianum* (L.) Sw., rattlesnake fern. Occasional: floodplains of small streams, stream margins, and moist hardwood forest. 165

*Ophioglossum vulgatum* L., adder's tongue fern. Rare: hunting trail through pine/mixed hardwood forest and wet ravine. 446, 755

# **OSMUNDACEAE**

*Osmunda cinnamomea* L. var. *cinnamomea*, cinnamon fern. Occasional: ravine slopes, ravine bottoms, and wet ditches. 132

*O. regalis* L. var. *spectabilis* (Willd.) Gray, royal fern. Occasional: wet ditches and pond margin. 254

# POLYPODIACEAE

*Polypodium virginianum* L., common polypody. Rare: one population on north-facing, forested bank of Totuskey Creek. 46

# PTERIDACEAE

Adiantum pedatum L. northern maidenhair fern. Rare (LA): single, large population on northfacing ravine slope. 206

# THELYPTERIDACEAE

*Phegopteris hexagonoptera* (Michx.) Fee, southern beech fern. Occasional: ravine slopes, moist hardwood forest. 444

*Thelypteris noveboracensis* (L.) Nieuwl., New York fern. Occasional: ravine bottoms and flood plains of small streams. 665

T. palustris Schott, marsh fern. Occasional: margins of freshwater marsh. 813

# <u>PINOPHYTA</u> - CONIFERS

# CUPPRESSACEAE

Juniperus virginiana L., eastern red cedar. Common: forest margins, powerline cuts, cut-over areas. 310, 311

Taxodium distichum (L.) Richard, bald cypress. Rare: pond margin. 260, 262

## PINACEAE

*Pinus taeda* L., loblolly pine. Very common: pine/mixed hardwood forest, roadsides, powerline cuts, cut-over areas.

*P. virginiana*, Virginia pine. Common: pine/mixed hardwood forest, hunting/logging trails, pond margin. 729

# TAXACEAE

Taxus baccata L., yew. Rare: escaped to wooded creek bank. E. Squires 4

# <u>MAGNOLIOPHYTA</u> – FLOWERING PLANTS

# MAGNOLIID DICOTYLEDONS

# ANNONACEAE

Asimina triloba (L.) Dunal, paw paw. Common: moist mixed hardwoods, ravine bottoms, stream banks. 781

#### ARISTOLOCHIACEAE

\* Aristolachia serpentaria L., Virginia snakeroot. Rare: moist mixed hardwood forest. 568

*Hexastylis virginica* (L.) Small, Virginia heart leaf. Common: mixed hardwood forest slopes, roadside slopes. 33

# LAURACEAE

*Lindera benzoin* (L.) Blume, spicebush. Occasional: moist, hardwood forest slopes and stream flood plains. 26

Sassafrass albidum (Nutt.) Nees, sassafrass tree. Common: pine/mixed hardwood forest, roadsides, and field margins. 141

# MAGNOLIACEAE

*Liriodendron tulipifera* L., tulip poplar. Very common: mixed hardwood forest slopes, ravines, stream flood plains, and roadsides. 786

*Magnolia virginiana* L., sweet bay. Occasional: stream flood plains and moist mixed hardwood slopes.403

# NYMPHACEAE

*Nuphar advena* (Aiton) W.T. Aiton, spadderdock, yellow pond lily. Common: freshwater marshes and ponds. 140

Nymphaea odorata Aiton, fragrant water lily. Occasional: ponds. 253

## **SAURURACEAE**

Saururus cernuus L., lizard's tail. Common: stream flood plains and ravine bottoms. 265

# **EUDICOTYLEDONS**

# ACANTHACEAE

*Ruellia caroliniensis* (Gmelin) Steudel, wild petunia. Occasional: forested roadside slopes, roadside ditches. 331

## ACERACEAE

Acer platanoides L., Norway maple. Rare: single tree on margin of residential property and road. 596

A. rubrum L., red maple. Very common: mixed hardwoods, margins of ponds and wetlands. 24, 155

A. saccharinum L. silver maple. Rare: mixed hardwoods, forested roadsides. 181

## ADOXACEAE

Sambucus canadensis L., common elder. Common: forested roadsides, stream margins. 184, 237

Viburnum acerifolium L., maple-leaved viburnum. Uncommon: mixed hardwood slopes. 168

V. prunifolium L. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forest margins, wetland margins. 69

V. nudum L., Common: stream margins, floodplains of streams, and pond margins. 60, 268

V. dentatum L., arrow-wood. Uncommon: wetland and pond margins, floodplains of streams. 169

## AMARANTHACEAE

Amaranthus cannabinus (L.) J.D. Sauer, water hemp. Occasional: freshwater marshes. 541

A. hybridus L., smooth pigweed. Occasional: roadsides, cultivated field margins. 547

## ANACARDIACEAE

Rhus copallinum L., dwarf sumac. Common: forest margins, powerline cuts, clearcuts. 467

R. glabra L., smooth sumac. Common: forest margins, clearcuts. 292

*Toxicodendron radicans* (L.) Kuntze, poison ivy. Common: open forest, trails, powerline cuts, roadside ditches. 211

## APIACEAE

Angelica venenosa (Greenw.) Fern., Uncommon: hardwood forest slope above marsh. E. Squires 35

\* **Chaerophyllum tainturieri Hooker**, southern chervil. Occasional: gravelly roadsides, field margins. 96

Cicuta maculata L., common water-hemlock. Uncommon: freshwater marsh, wet ditches. 474

Cryptotaenia canadensis (L.) DC., honewort. Uncommon: stream banks. 333

*Daucus carota* L., Queen Anne's lace. Occasional: open woods, hunting/logging trails, fields, roadsides. 304, 627

*Hydrocotyle ranunculoides* L. f., water pennywort. Occasional: slow-moving, shallow freshwater of open swamps and streams. 186

H. umbellata L., water pennywort. Rare: shallow pond water. 406, 578

*H. verticillata* Thunb., water pennywort. Common: margins of brackish marshes, wet ditches.
 489

Sanicula canadensis L. var. canadensis, Canada snakeroot. Common: mixed hardwood forest and trails through mixed hardwood forest. 295

\* S. smallii Bicknell, southern snakeroot. Rare: trail through mixed hardwood forest. 207

#### **APOCYNACEAE**

Apocynum cannabinum L., Indian hemp. Occasional: roadsides. 278

#### AQUIFOLIACEAE

Ilex opaca Aiton, American holly. Common: mixed hardwoods. 508

I. verticillata (L.) Gray, winterberry. Occasional: stream banks. 660

#### ARALIACEAE

\* Aralia spinosa L., devil's walking stick. Common: forest margins, forested trails, and powerline cuts. 534

Hedera helix L., English ivy. Occasional: roadsides and home sites. 613

#### ASCLEPIDACAE

Ascelpias amplexicaulis Smith, blunt-leaved milkweed. Rare: single population in roadside ditch. E. Squires 21

A. incarnata L. spp. pulchra (Erhart ex. Willd.) Pers., swamp milkweed. Uncommon: high ground in freshwater and brackish marshes. 426, 499

A. syriaca L. common milkweed. Common: roadsides and field margins. 302

A. tuberosa L., butterfly weed. Occasional: roadsides and field margins. 276

\* A. variegata L., white milkweed. Uncommon: powerline cut, roadsides, and forested trails. 234

### ASTERACEAE

Achillea millefolium L., yarrow. Common: roadsides, field margins, and powerline cuts. 170

\* Ageratina altissima (L.) K. & R. Uncommon: open trails through forest. 666

Ambrosia artemisiifolia L. ragweed. Common: roadside ditches, weedy forest margins. 607

\* Antennaria parlinii Fern. ssp. fallax (Greene) Bayer & Stebb., pussytoes. Common: forested roadside slopes and open pine/mixed hardwood forest. 65

A. solitaria Rydb. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forest slopes. 742

Anthemis arvensis L., field chamomile. Occasional: Roadsides and field margins. 95, 172

Artemisia vulgaris L., common mugwort. Common: roadsides and field margins. 654

*Baccharis halimifolia* L., groundsel tree. Common: margins of brackish marsh, roadside ditch. 685, 688

*Bidens aristosa* (Michx.) Britton, tickseed sunflower. Common: wet ditches, pond margins, and other moist sites. 11, 602

B. bipinnata L., Spanish needles. Occasional: forest margins. 570

B. frondosa L., beggar's ticks. Common: wet ditches, water-filled tire ruts in forest trail. 621

B. laevis L. BSP. Uncommon: stream banks. 693

Centaurea cyanus L., cornflower. Common: fallow fields and field margins. 101

\* *C. stoebe* L. ssp. *micranthos* (Gugler) Hayek, spotted knapweed. Rare: only a few plants on cultivated field margin. 524

*Chrysopsis mariana* (L.) Ell., shaggy golden aster. Common: powerline cuts, clearcuts, and forest margins. 13, 618, 634

- \* Cichorium intybus L., chicory. Occasional: roadsides, highway median, and field margins. 339
- \* *Cirsium arvense* (L.) Scop. var. *horridum* Wimmer & Brobner, Canada thistle. Rare (LA): cultivated field and field margin. 318

*C. discolor* (Muhl. ex Willd.) Spreng., field thistle. Occasional: forest margins and dry, open forest trails. 606

Conoclinium coelestinum (L.) DC., blue mistflower. Occasional: roadsides. 661

*Conyza canadensis* (L.) Cronq. var. *canadensis*, horseweed. Uncommon: margin of brackish marsh and roadsides. 495

- \* Coreopsis lanceolata L., tickseed. Uncommon: roadsides. 824
- \* *Eclipta prostrata* (L.) L., Yerba-de-tajo. Rare (LA): wet meadow on margin of brackish marsh. 504

*Elephantopus carolinianus* Willd., elephant's foot. Uncommon: roadsides and powerline cuts. 531

\* *E. tomentosus* L., Common: roadsides, forest margins, forested trails, and powerline cut. 676

*Erichtites hieracifolia* (L.) Raf. fireweed. Common: roadsides, powerline cuts, and clear-cuts. 561, 622

Erigeron annuus (L.) Pers., annual fleabane. Occasional: roadsides and forest margins. 413, 576

*E. philadelphicus* L., Philadelphia daisy. Uncommon: forest margins, and open forested trails. 180, 708

- \*\* *E. pulchellus* Michx., robin plantain. Rare: single population in maple-beech woods at Strawberry Bottom. E. Squires 11
- *E. strigosus* Muhl. ex. Willd., rough fleabane. Occasional: roadsides, forest margins. 208, 321, 322, 623

*Eupatorium capillifolium* (Lam.) Small, dogfennel. Common: roadsides, forest margins, and open forest trails. 697

*E. dubium* Willd, ex. Poir., three-nerved joe-pye weed. Occasional: open forest trails and clearcuts. 564

*E. fistulosum* Barratt, hollow-stemmed joe-pye weed. Occasional: forest margins and stream banks. 511

E. hyssopifolium L., hyssop-leaved joe-pye weed. Uncommon: dry, open areas, clear-cuts. 592

E. pilosum Walter. Occasional: powerline cuts and forest margins. 699

\* *E. purpureum* L. 630†

E. rotundifolium L., Common: pond margins, roadsides, and forest margins. 455

\*\* E. saltuense Fern. Rare: single population on sandy edge of creek at Indianfield. 649

Eurybia compacta Nesom. slender aster. Uncommon: dry roadsides. 565

*Euthamia graminifolia* (L.) Nutt., flat-topped goldenrod. Common: margins of brackish marshes, roadsides, field margins. 625, 687, 698

Gamochaeta purpurea (L.) Cabrera, cudweed. Common: dry roadsides, powerline cuts, clearcuts. 214, 572

Helenium autumnale L. Rare: single population along stream at trail crossing near Indianfield Road. 646

Helianthus atrorubens L. Uncommon: clear-cut areas, forest margins. 637

- \* *H. divaricatus* L. Uncommon: moist hardwood slope above creek. E. Squires 30
- \* H. tuberosus L., Jerusalem artichoke. Occasional: field margins and roadsides. 652

Hieracium gronovii L., hawkweed. Common: powerline cuts and dry forest margins. 458, 519

H. venosum L., rattlesnake weed. Common: dry, sandy woodland, and sandy creek bank. 125

Hypochoeris radicata L., cat's ear. Common: dry roadsides. 149, 257

Iva frutescens L., marsh elder. Common: brackish marshes. 690

Krigia virginica (L.) Willd., dwarf dandelion. Common: powerline cuts and dry roadsides. 86

Lactuca canadensis L., wild lettuce. Occasional: clearcuts and dry roadsides. 350

Leucanthemum vulgare Lam., oxeye daisy. Common: fields, field margins, and roadsides. 279

Liatris graminifolia Willd., blazing star. Common: dry roadsides. 566, 709

*Mikania skandens* (L.) Willd., climbing hempweed. Common: stream banks and wet roadside ditches. 527

*Packera anonyma* (Wood) W.A. Weber & A. Love, ragwort. Occasional: clearcuts, powerline cuts, and roadsides. 160

*Pityopsis graminifolia* (L.) Nutt. var. *latifolia* (Fern.) Semple & Bowers, grass-leaved golden aster. Occasional: powerline cuts, clearcuts, and dry roadsides. 422

*Pluchea odorata* (L.) Cass var. *odorata*, salt-marsh fleabane. Uncommon: brackish marshes. 691

\* Prenanthes serpentaria Pursh., lion's foot. Occasional: forest trails and forest margins. 657, 704

*Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium* (L.) Hilliard & Burtt, sweet everlasting. Common: roadsides, field margins, and clearcuts. 558

- \*\* *P. stramineum* (Kunth) W.A. Weber. Rare: dry, open trail on ridgetop of clearcut. 414
- \* Pyrrhopappus carolinianus (Walt.) DC., Uncommon: clearcuts and roadsides. 294

Rudbeckia hirta L., black-eyed Susan. Uncommon: field margins, roadsides, and fencerows. 277

\*\* Senecio vulgaris L., groundsel. Uncommon: clearcut and roadside. 127

*Sericocarpus asteroides* (L.) Britton, Stearns, & Poggenburg, white-topped aster. Occasional: forest margins, forested trails, and dry roadside. 303, 365, 835

S. linifolius (L.) BSP, narrow-leaved white-topped aster. Occasional: forest margins and dry roadside. 378, 567

- \*\* Silphium asteriscus L., Southern rosin weed. Rare: moist roadside ditch. 338
- \* Solidago altissima L., late goldenrod. Uncommon: field margins. 705

S. bicolor L., white goldenrod. Occasional: forested trails, forest margins, and wooded roadsides. 616a<sup>+</sup>, 656

S. caesia L. Uncommon: pine/mixed hardwood forest slopes. 667

S. erecta Pursh., slender goldenrod. Uncommon: forest margins and roadsides. 2, 616<sup>+</sup>, 679

S. juncea Aiton, early goldenrod. Common: roadsides, powerline cuts, and clearcuts. 291, 340, 460, 549<sup>†</sup>

S. nemoralis Aiton, gray goldenrod. Occasional: powerline cuts. 675, 696, 710

*S. odora* Aiton. Uncommon: clearcuts and powerline cuts (perhaps more common and often mistaken for other *Solidago* spp.) 638

*S. pinetorum* Small, Small's goldenrod. Rare: observed at a single powerline cut across Canal Rd. 594

\*\* S. puberula Nutt., downy goldenrod. 710†

S. rugosa Miller, rough-stemmed goldenrod. Occasional: roadsides and powerline cuts. 10, 619, 635, 636

S. rugosa Mill. ssp. aspera (Aiton) Cronq. 700†

\* Symphyotrichum cordifolium (L.) Nesom. Rare: moist ravine bottom. 668

S. dumosum (L.) Nesom., long-stalked aster. Common: powerline cuts, field margins, and roadsides. 590

- \* S. lanceolatum (Willd.) Nesom. Uncommon: roadsides. 706
- \* S. lateriflorum (L.) A.& D. Love. Common: moist roadside ditches. 7, 8

S. pilosum (Willd.) Nesom. Uncommon: roadside ditches. 653, 694

- \* S. puniceum (L.) A.& D. Love. Occasional: open woods and roadsides. 9, 717
- \* S. racemosum (Ell.) Nesom. Occasional: marshes and roadsides. 686

S. subulatum (Ell.) Nesom. Rare: edge of brackish marsh. 689

S. undulatum (L.) Nesom. Occasional: wooded roadside slopes. 678

Verbesina occidentalis (L.) Walker, Southern flatseed sunflower. Uncommon: roadsides and field margins. 529

Vernonia glauca (L.) Willd., ironweed. Occasional: slopes and high ridges in poweline cuts. 442

V. novaboracensis (L.) Michx. Occasional: freshwater marsh, moist ditches. 471, 643

Xanthium strumarium L., cocklebur. Uncommon: field margins. 695

# BALSAMINACEAE

*Impatiens capensis* Meerb., jewelweed. Common: streambanks, wet roadside ditches, freshwater marsh margins. 392

## BERBERIDACEAE

*Podophyllum peltatum* L., mayapple. Common: mixed hardwoods forest slopes, forest margins, and streambanks.

# BETULACAE

Betula nigra L., river birch. Occasional: swamps. 185

*Carpinus carolinianus* Walter., ironwood. Common: streambanks, ravines, mixed hardwood forest, and forest margins. 224

*Corylus americana* Walter., American hazelnut. Common: forest margins and roadsides. 235, 390, 671

#### **BIGNONIACEAE**

\* Bignonia capreolata L., cross vine. Uncommon: roadsides and forest margins. 231

*Campsis radicans* (L.) Seeman., trumpet creeper. Common: roadsides, powerline cuts, clear-cuts, and forest margins. 275

#### BORAGINACEAE

Buglossoides arvense (L.) Johnston, corn gromwell. Common: roadsides and fields. 30

Cynoglossum virginianum L., wild comfrey. Occasional: moist mixed hardwood forest slopes. 183

Echium vulgare L,. Viper's bugloss. Rare: dry roadside slope. 238

\* Myosotis macrosperma Englem. Uncommon: disturbed hardwood forest slopes. 818

M. stricta Link ex Roemer & J.A.Schultes, forget-me-not. Uncommon: fields. 761

#### BRASSICACEAE

Arabidopsis thaliana (L.) Heynhold, mouse-ear cress. Occasional: cultivated fields and field margins. 42

Barbarea verna (Miller) Ascherson, early yellow rocket. Common: moist roadside ditches and floodplains of small streams. 55

*B. vulgaris* (L.) R. Br., yellow rocket. Common: roadsides, field margins, lawns, and powerline cuts, and forest margins. 39

\* Cardamine bulbosa (Schreber) BSP, spring cress. Uncommon: stream sides. 99

*C. concatenata* (Michaux) O. Schwarz, cutleaf toothwort. Rare: moist hardwood forest slope and flood plain of small stream. 746

C. hirsuta L., hairy bittecress. Very common: fields, field margins, lawns, roadsides, powerline cuts, and forest margins. 19

*C. pennsylvanica* Muhl., Pennsylvania bittercress. Common: stream sides, floodplains of small streams. 61

Lepidium campestre (L.) R. Br., field pepperweed. Very common: fields, field margins, lawns, roadsides, and powerline cuts. 75

L. virginicum L., Virginia pepperweed. Very common: fields, field margins, lawns, roadsides, and powerline cuts. 216

Lunaria annua L., money plant. Rare: apparent dump site at forest margin. 401

Raphanus raphanistrum L. wild radish. Uncommon: cultivated fields, field margins, roadsides. 102

Teesdalia nudicaulis (L.) R. Br. Very common: roadsides, field margins, and lawns. 37, 82

#### BUDDLEJACEAE

Polypremum procumbens L. Common: roadsides, lawns, and powerline cuts. 346

#### CACTACEAE

Opuntia humifusa (Raf.) Raf., eastern prickly pear. Occasional: roadsides and sandy beach. 250

# CALLITRICHACEAE

Callitriche heterophylla Pursh., water star-wort. Occasional: slow-moving water and ponds. 228

## CAMPANULACEAE

Lobelia cardinalis L., cardinal flower. Common: streamsides, wet ditches, and freshwater marsh. 436

*L. inflata* L., Indian tobacco. Common: wooded trails, forest margins, and powerline cuts. 391, 431

L. nuttallii R. & S., Nuttall's lobelia. Rare: unmown roadside and forest margin. 381

\* *L. puberula* Michx., downy lobelia. Common: roadsides, open woods, and powerline cuts. 1, 461, 559

Triodanis perfoliata (L.) Nieuwl. var. perfoliata, Venus' looking-glass. Common: fields and roadsides. 144

# CAPRIFOLIACEAE

Lonicera japonica Thunb., Japanese honeysuckle. Very common: pine/mixed hardwood forest, forest margins, moist thickets, fence rows, wooded roadsides. 139.

*L. sempervirens* L., trumpet honeysuckle. Uncommon: pine/mixed hardwood forest, forest trails. 174

#### CARYOPHYLLACEAE

*Cerastium glomeratum* Thuillier., chickweed. Very common: Very common: fields, field margins, lawns, roadsides, and powerline cuts. 71

Dianthus armeria L., Depford pink. Occasional: fields, roadsides, fence rows. 201

Sagina decumbens (EL) T.&G., pearlwort. Occasional: dry, gravelly roadsides. 733, 777

Saponaria officinalis L., bouncing bet. Rare (LA): roadside field margin. 577

Scleranthus annuus L., knawel. Occasional: roadsides, field margins, sandy/gravelly sites. 314

S. latifolia Poir., bladder campion. Occasional: roadsides, field margins. 145, 319

S. stellata L. Aiton f., starry campion. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forest slopes. 574

Stellaria graminea L., lesser stitchwort. Uncommon: fields, powerline cuts. 199

S. media (L.) Vill., chickweed. Very common: lawns, roadsides, field margins, forest margins. 22, 164, 229

#### CELASTRACEAE

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*Euonymus americanus* L., hearts abustin'. Occasinal: pine/mixed hardwood forest, forest margins, forested trails. 4, 178

### CHENOPODIACEAE

Atriplex patula L., orach. Occasional: sandy river beach, margin of brackish marsh. 684

Chenopodium album L., lamb's quarters. Occasional: sandy creek bank, sandy roadsides. 650

## CISTACEAE

Lechea racemulosa Michx., pinweed. Common: powerline cuts, cut-over areas, and roadsides.

#### CLETHRACEAE

*Clethra alnifolia* L., sweet pepperbush. Common: pond margins, stream margins, swamps, and moist thickets.

#### CLUSIACEAE

*Hypericum crux-andreae* (L.) Crantz., St. Peterswort. Rare: moist depression in cut-over area.
 560

H. gentianoides (L.) BSP., orange grass. Occasional: dry cut-over areas. 412

*H. hypericoides* (L.) Crantz., St. Andrew's cross. Occasional: forest margins (mostly pine), forested trails, and sandy roadsides. 420, 423

H. mutilum L. Occasional: pond margin, wet ditches, pools in forested trails. 364, 411

H. perforatum L., common St. John's wort. Uncommon: field margins, roadside ditches. 452

\* H. punctatum Lam., spotted St. John's wort. Common: forest margins and powerline cuts. 306

#### **CONVOLVULACEAE**

Calystegia sepium (L.) R. Br., hedge bindweed. Uncommon: freshwater marsh margin. 282

Ipomoea coccinea L., red morning glory. Common: roadsides and field margins. 15

I. hederacea Jacq., ivey-leaved morning glory. Common: roadsides and field margins. 526

I. lacunosa L. small white morning glory. Occasional: cultivated fields and field margins. 571

I. pandurata (L.) Meyer, wild potato vine. Occasional: cut-over areas and roadsides. 424

*I. purpurea* (L.) Roth, common morning glory. Occasional: cultivated fields, field margins, and roadside ditches. 305

## CORNACEAE

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Cornus amomum Mill., silky dogwood. Uncommon: swamps and stream banks. 633, 841

Cornus florida L., flowering dogwood. Common: mixed hardwood forest, forest margins. 72

## CRASSULACEAE

\* Sedum sarmentosum Bunge., stringy stonecrop. Rare: mown lawn of cemetery. 597

#### CUSCUTACEAE

*Cuscuta compacta* Jussieu., compact dodder. Uncommon: twining on various vegetation on creek banks. 648

C. campestris Yunker, field dodder. Common: twining on various vegetation at field margins, roadside ditches, and stream banks. 286, 410

# DIPSACACEAE

Dipsacus fullonum L., Fuller's teasel. Uncommon: dry roadside banks. 483

# **EBENACEAE**

Diospyros virginiana L., persimmon. Occasional: swamps and stream margins. 230

#### ELEAGNACEAE

\* *Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunb., Russian olive. Occasional: fence rows, forest margins, and powerline cuts. 466

## **ERICACEAE**

*Epigaea repens* L., trailing arbutus. Occasional: shaded roadside banks and margins of pine/mixed hardwood forest. 212

Eubotrys racemosa (L.) Nutt., fetterbush. Occasional: stream margins and moist forest. 124, 135

*Gaylussacia baccata* (Wang.) K. Koch, black huckleberry. Common: pine/mixed hardwood forest, forest margins, dry roadside banks, powerline cuts, and cut-over areas. 94, 382

G. frondosa (L.) T.&G., blue huckleberry. Common: pine/mixed hardwood forest, forest margins, and cut-over areas. 138, 255, 383

*Kalmia latifolia* L., mountain laurel. Common: pine/mixed hardwood forest slopes, especially Beech-dominated forest, forest margins and powerline cuts. 157

Lyonia mariana (L.) D. Don, staggerbush. Uncommon: wooded roadsides and powerline cut. 213

\* *Monotropa uniflora* L., Indian pipe. Uncommon: pine/mixed hardwood forest, edges of forested trails. 3

Oxydendrum arboretum (L.) DC., sourwood. Occasional: forest margins, powerline cuts, and cut-over areas. 417

\* **Rhododendron atlanticum** (Ashe) Rehder, dwarf azalea. Uncommon: margins of pine/mixed hardwood forest and dry, shaded roadsides. 806

*R. periclymenoides* (Michx.) Shinn., pinkster. Common: roadside margins of pine/mixed hardwood forest and forest margin at powerline cuts. 91

\* Vaccinium formosum Andr., southern blueberry. Uncommon: moist mixed hardwood slope and pond margin. 25

V. fuscatum Aiton, black highbush blueberry. Occasional: roadside ditches and pond margin. 256

V. stamineum L., deerberry. Common: pine/mixed hardwood forest, forested trails, and powerline cuts. 88, 259

## EUPHORBIACEAE

Acalypha gracilens Gray, three-seeded mercury. Common: roadsides, field margins, and hunting and logging trails through mixed woods. 409

*A. rhomboidea* **Raf**. Occasional: roadsides and hunting and logging trails through mixed woods. 544b

*Chamaesyce maculata* (L.) Small, small milk purslane. Occasional: roadsides, edge of parking lot, gravelly areas. 601

Croton gladulosus L. var. septentrianalis Muell.-Arg., croton. Occasional: roadsides and field margins. 583

*Euphorbia corollata* L., flowering spurge. Common: roadsides, field margins, and forest margins. 342, 450

\*\* **E.** cyathophora Murr., fire on the mountain. Rare: roadside ditch and margin of cultivated field. 608

E. cyparissias L., cypress spurge. Uncommon: yards and roadside ditches. 719

### FABACEAE

Albizia julibrissin Durazzini, mimosa tree. Occasional: forest margins and disturbed stream banks. 312

\* **Amphicarpa bracteata** (L.) Fern., hog peanut. Uncommon: stream banks and wet ditches in forested trails. 644

Apios americana Medic., wild bean. Uncommon: stream banks. 546

Baptisia tinctoria (L.) R. Br., wild indigo. Uncommon: roadsides and forest margins. 624

Centrosema virginiana (L.) Bentham, spurred butterfly pea. Rare: forested roadside slope. 459

Cercis canadensis L., red bud. Uncommon: moist hardwood forest slopes and forest margins. 78

*Chamaecrista fasciculata* (Michx.) Greene var. *fasciculata*, partridge pea. Common: roadsides, disturbed sunny stream banks, and powerline cuts. 6

C. nictitans (L.) Moench, wild sensitive plant. Common: roadsides and cut-over areas. 407

- \* Clitoria mariana L., butterfly pea. Uncommon: sloping pond margin and forest margins. 395
- \*\* Coronilla varia L., queen vetch. Uncommon: roadsides. 239

Cytisus scoparius (L.) Link, scotch broom. Uncommon: roadsides. 98

- *Desmodium canescens* (L.) DC., hairy tick trefoil. Common: roadsides and forest margins. 396, 478
- \* **D.** *ciliare* (Muhl. ex Willd.) DC., hairy small-leaved tick trefoil. Uncommon: dry pine/mixed hardwood forest and forested hunting trails. 628

D. laevigatum., smooth tick trefoil. Uncommon: powerline cuts and cut-over areas. 640

**D.** nudiflorum (L.) DC., naked-flower tick trefoil. Uncommon: hunting trails through pine/mixed hardwood forest and forest margins. 428

D. paniculatum (L.) DC. var. paniculatum, panicled tick trefoil. Common: roadsides, field margins, and forest margins. 605

- \* D. pauciflorum (Nutt.) DC., few-flowered tick trefoil. Rare: moist ravine bottom. 433
- \* **D. rotundifolium** DC. Rare: mixed hardwood forest slopes. E. Squires 29

Galactia volubilis (L.) Britt., downy milk pea. Occasional: powerline cuts and field margins. 481, 512

Kummerowia striata (Thunb.) Schindl., Japanese clover. Very common: lawns and mown roadsides. 523

Lathyrus hirsutus L. Occasional: field margins and roadsides. 227

L. latifolius L., everlasting pea. Rare: old homesite. 215

Lespedeza cuneata (Dum.-Coors.) G. Don, Very common: roadsides, powerline cuts, and cut-over areas. 547b

L. repens (L.) Barton, creeping bushclover. Common: roadsides, forest margins, and forested trails. 349<sup>+</sup>, 414, 626

L. virginica (L.) Britt., slender bushclover. Common: roadsides and powerline cuts. 593

- \*\* Lotus corniculatus L., bird's-foot trefoil. Rare: fields. 763
- \* Lupinus perennis L., wild lupine. Uncommon: steep roadside banks. 76

Melilotus albus Medic., sweet clover. Occasional: powerline cuts and forest margins.

*M. officinalis* (L.) Lam., yellow sweet clover. Uncommon: freshwater marsh and moist roadsides. 107b

*Pueraria montana* (Lour.) Merr. var. *lobata* Maesen & S. Almeida, kudzu. Common: roadsides and forest margins. 479

Robinia pseudoacacia L., black locust. Common: roadsides and forest margins. 115

Stylosanthes biflora (L.) BSP., pencil flower. Common: roadsides and powerline cuts. 243

Tephrosia virginiana (L.) Pers., goat's rue. Uncommon: forest margin and powerline cut. 220

Trifolium arvense L., rabbit's foot clover. Occasional: roadsides and field margins. 251

T. campestre Schreb., large hop clover. Very common: roadsides and yards. 110

T. dubium Sibthorp, little hop clover. Common: roadsides and yards.

T. incarnatum L., crimson clover. Occasional: fields. 161

T. pratense L., red clover. Common: roadsides and field margins. 142

T. repens L., white clover. Common: roadsides, field margins, and yards. 116

V. hirsuta (L.) SF. Gray. Occasional: roadsides and margin of parking lot. 105

V. sativa L., spring vetch. Common: roadsides and field margins. 50, 111

\*\* V. villosa Roth ssp. villosa, cow vetch. Uncommon: fields and field margins. 17†

#### FAGACEAE

*Castanea dentata* (Marsh.) Borkh., American chestnut. Rare: hunting trail through pine/mixed hardwoods. 629

C. pumila (L.) Mill., chinquapin. Occasional: margins of pine/mixed hardwood forest. 247, 307

Fagus grandifolia Ehrhart, American beech. Common: flat and sloping hardwood forest. ?

Quercus alba L., white oak. Common: flat to gently sloping mixed hardwood forest. 632

Q. coccinea Muenchh., scarlet oak. Uncommon: dry mixed hardwood forest slopes and forest margin. 465

*Q. falcata* Michx., southern red oak. Common: dry mixed hardwood forest and pine/mixed hardwood forest, powerline cuts, and cut-over areas. 159

\*\* *Q. laurifolia* Michx., swamp laurel oak. Rare: wet, sandy depression at margin of brackish marsh. 662

Q. marilandica Muenchh., blackjack oak. Uncommon: roadsides and forest margins. 221

*Q. michauxii* Nutt., basket oak. Common: swamps and margins of stream flood plains. 659, 682<sup>†</sup>

Q. montana L., chestnut oak. Rare: gaps in upland pine/mixed hardwood forest. 123

Q. phellos L., willow oak. Occasional: forested margin of brackish marsh and Rappahannock River beach. 507

Q. rubra L., northern red oak. Common: mixed hardwood forest slopes. 681

Q. stellata Wang., post oak. Rare: forested margin of brackish marsh and Rappahannock River beach. 506

\* *Q. velutina* Lam., black oak. Common: mixed hardwood forest, forest margins, and powerline cuts. 154, E. Squires 10

## GENTIANACEAE

Sabatia angularis (L.) Pursh., rose pink. Uncommon: forest margins and powerline cuts. 435

#### GERANIACEAE

Geranium carolinianum L., Carolina cranesbill. Common: roadsides and field margins. 106

Geranium molle L., dovesfoot cranesbill. Common: roadsides, field margins, and yards. 73, 732

# HAMAMELIDACEAE

\* Hamamelis virginiana L., witch hazel. Occasional: pine/mixed hardwood forest slopes, forest margins, and margins of freshwater marsh. 437

*Liquidambar styraciflua* L., sweet gum. Very common: moist, mixed hardwood forest slopes and forest margins. 790

## HYDRANGACEAE

Hydrangea arborescens L., wild hydrangea. Rare (LA): steep, north-facing, forested creek bank. 296

\*\* Philadelphus inodorus L., mock orange. Rare: roadside forest margin. 187

# ITEACEAE

Itea virginica L., sweetspire. Occasional: swamp margins and stream margins. 193

### JUGLANDACEAE

*Carya alba* (L.) Nutt. ex Ell., mockernut hickory. Common: mixed hardwood forest slopes and forest margins. 394, 462<sup>†</sup>

\* *C. pallida* (Ashe) Engl. & Graebn., sand hickory. Occasional: pine/mixed hardwood forest, forest margins, powerline cuts. 463<sup>+</sup>, 548<sup>+</sup>

C. glabra (Mill.) Sweet, pignut hickory. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forest. 269

\* C. illinoinensis (Wang.) K. Koch, pecan. Rare: sandy beach of Rappahannock River. 502

Juglans nigra L., black walnut. Occasional: moist forested slopes, forest margins, margins of freshwater marsh, and public park. 480

### LAMIACEAE

- \* *Clinopodium vulgare* L., wild basil. Occasional: open areas and trails though mixed hardwoods and powerline cuts. 324
- \* Collinsonia canadensis L., horse balm. Rare (LA): ravine bottom. 669

\* **Cunila origanoides (L.) Britt.**, dittany. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forests slopes.

Glechoma hederacea L., ground ivy. Common: lawns, field margins, and roadside ditches. 56

Lamium amplexicaule L., henbit. Very common: fields, field margins, and lawns. 43

L. purpureum L., purple dead nettle. Very common: fields, field margins, and lawns. 29

Lycopus virginicus L., bugleweed. Occasional: margins of pine/mixed hardwood forest.

\* Mentha spicata L., spearmint. Rare (LA): creek bank near homesite. 530

Perilla frutescens (L.) Britt., beefsteak plant. Common: moist forested trails and wet ditches. 647

*Prunella vulgaris* L., selfheal. Common: roadsides, fields, and field margins and cut-over areas. 377

Salvia lyrata L., lyre-leaved sage. Common: roadsides, fields, field margins, and powerline cuts. 121

\* Scutellaria elliptica Muhl. ex Spreng., hairy skullcap. Occasional: mixed hardwood slopes and forest margins. 249

S. integrifolia L., hyssop skullcap. Common: roadsides, fields, and powerline cuts. 252, 366

\* S. lateriflora L., mad-dog skullcap. Occasional: stream banks and margin of freshwater marsh.
 475

Teucrium canadense L., American germander. Uncommon: freshwater marsh. 427

## LENTIBULARIACEAE

\* Utricularia gibba L., humped bladderwort. Occasional: floating in water or growing in mud of ponds and flooded tire ruts of wooded trails. 261, 516

# LINACEAE

\* *Linum medium* (Planch.) Fern. var. *texanum* (Planch.) Fern., stiff yellow flax. Uncommon: powerline cut. 274, 379<sup>†</sup>

# LYTHRACEAE

Decodon verticillatus (L.) Ell., swamp loosestrife. Uncommon: swamps and stream banks. 510

Lythrum lineare L., Uncommon: margin of brackish marsh. 500

\* Rotala ramosior (L.) Koehne. Rare: flooded tire rut in powerline cut. 587

### MALVACEAE

Anoda cristata (L.) Schlecht. Rare: roadside ditch. 651

Hibiscus moscheutos L., rose-mallow. Common: fresh and brackish marshes. 490

\* *H. syriacus* L., rose of Sharon. Uncommon: persisting and spreading at old homesites and roadsides. 532

*Kosteletzkya virginica* (L.) K. Presl. ex A. Gray var. *aquilonia* Fern., seashore mallow. Occasional: brackish marshes.

\* Sida spinosa L., prickly mallow. Occasional: roadsides and field margins. 522

# MELASTOMATAMCEAE

Rhexia mariana L, meadow beauty. Common: moist roadsides and field margins. 368

R. virginica L., meadow beauty. Occasional: pond margins and moist pine woods. 405, 453

## MENISPERMACEAE

\* Menispermum canadense L., moonseed. Rare: moist Paw-paw thicket. 595

# MOLLUGINACEAE

*Mollugo verticillata* L., carpetweed. Common: roadsides, field margins, and edge of parking lot. 316

# MORACEAE

Broussonetia papyrifera (L.) Vent., paper mulberry. Uncommon: forest margins and field margins. 579

Morus alba L., white mulberry. Occasional: forest margins, fence rows, and old homesites. 182

M. rubra L., red mulberry. Uncommon: forest margins, fence rows, and old homesites. 642

#### **MYRICACEAE**

Myrica cerifera (L.) Small, wax myrtle. Common: forest margins, marsh margins, pond margins, and roadsides. 270

#### NYSSACEAE

Nyssa sylvatica Marsh., black gum. Common: moist pine/mixed hardwood forest and stream banks. 309, 513

#### OLEACEAE

Chionanthus virginicus L., fringe tree. Rare: mixed hardwood forest margins. 795

Forsythia suspensa (Thunb.) Vahl, forsythia. Persisting at dump sites and old homesites and appearing to spread to forest margins. 730

*Fraxinus pennsylvanica* Marsh., green ash. Common: swamps, stream flood plains. 658 *Ligustrum sinense* Loureiro, privet. Occasional: persisting from cultivation at old homesites. 196

#### **ONAGRACEAE**

*Circaea lutetiana* L. ssp. *canadensis* (L.) A.&M., enchanter's nightshade. Common: moist mixed hardwood forest, stream flood plain, moist thickets. 296, 389

*Ludwigia alternifolia* L., seedbox. Common: freshwater marshes, moist ditches, pond margins, stream banks. 380, 408, 470

L. decurrens Walter. Uncommon: pond margins. 539

L. palustris (L.) Ell., marsh seedbox. Occasional: pond margins and stream banks. 521

Oenothera biennis L., evening primrose. Occasional: roadsides and fields. 447

O. fruticosa L., sundrops. Rare: roadside. 707

O. laciniata Hill, cut-leaved evening primrose. Common: roadsides and fields. 219

## OROBANCHACEAE

*Epifagus virginiana* (L.) Barton, beech drops. Common: mixed hardwood slopes with large beech trees. 16

## **OXALIDACEAE**

Oxalis dillenii Jacq. 114<sup>†</sup>, 323<sup>†</sup>

*Oxalis stricta* L., yellow wood sorrel. Very common: roadsides, field margins, powerline cuts, and disturbed woodlands. 90, 108, 120, 300

\* **O. violacea** L., violet wood sorrel. Uncommon: moist, mixed hardwood forest slopes, forest margins, and grassy powerline cut. 119

## PAPAVERACEAE

Sanguinaria canadensis L., bloodroot. Occasional: mixed hardwood forest slopes. 31

Papaver dubium L. Uncommon: cultivated field margins. 810

# PASSIFLORACEAE

Passsiflora lutea L., passionflower. Occasional: forest margins. 388

# PAULOWNIACEAE

Paulownia tomentosa (Thunb.) Sieb. & Zucc. ex Steud., princesstree. Uncommon: homesites and forest margins. 359, 639<sup>†</sup>

## PENTHORACEAE

Penthorum sedoides L. Rare: streambank. 645

## PHRYMACEAE

*Phryma leptostachya* L., lopseed. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forest slopes and edges of forested trails. 430

# PHYTOLACACEAE

*Phytolacca americana* L., pokeweed. Occasional: roadsides, fields, cut-over areas, and powerline cuts. 240

# PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago aristata Michx. Common: roadsides. 288

P. lanceolata L., English plantain. Common: roadsides. 151

## \* P. major L., common plantain. Uncommon: lawns. 486

P. rugelii DCNE., pale plantain. Very common: roadsides, field margins, and lawns. 326

P. virginica L. Occasional: roadsides and cultivated fields. 70

## PLATANACEAE

*Platanus occidentalis* L., sycamore. Occasional: forested roadsides, forest margins, and flood plains of streams. 789

# POLEMONIACEAE

\* Phlox paniculata L., perennial phlox. Rare: roadside ditch. 575

#### POLYGALACEAE

Polygala curtissii Gray. Occasional: roadsides, field margins, and powerline cuts. 369

\* P. lutea L., orange milkwort. Rare: pine woods bordering headwater pond. 404

*P. mariana* Mill., Maryland milkwort. Common: roadsides, field margins, and powerline cuts. 273

#### POLYGONACEAE

*Fallopia japonica* (Houtt.) Ronse Decr., Japanese knotweed. Common: roadsides and ditches. 360

F. scandens (L.) Holub, climbing false buckwheat. Uncommon: creekside banks. E. Squires 32

- \* *Persicaria arifolia* (L.) Haraldson, halberd-leaved tearthumb. Common: swamps, marsh margins, many moist disturbed sites. 351
- \*\* *P. lapathifolia* L., curlytop knotweed. Rare: roadside ditch. 641
- \* *P. longiseta* (Bruijn) Kitag., oriental ladysthumb. Common: swamps, roadside ditches, and other moist disturbed sites. 14, 192, 308, 357

*P. maculosa* S.F. Gray, common ladysthumb. Common: roadside ditches, moist forest margins. 334, 399

P. pennsylvanica (L.) Gomez, Pennsylvania smartweed. Uncommon: roadside ditches. 515

*P. punctata* (Ell.) Small, water smartweed. Common: swamps, and wet areas in fields, forested trails, and powerline cuts. 12, 418, 505

*P. sagittata* (L.) H. Gross, arrow-leaved tearthumb. Common: swamps, marsh margins, stream flood plains, and many moist disturbed sites. 363

*P. virginiana* (L.) Gaertn., Virginia knotweed. Occasional: stream flood plains, and many moist disturbed sites. 544

Polygonum aviculare L., common knotweed. Occasional: lawns, ditches, and gravelly sites. 354

Rumex acetosella L., common sheep sorrel. Very common: lawns, roadsides, field margins, and powerline cuts. 74, 217

*R. crispus* L., dock. Occasional: edge of parking lot, unmown roadsides, and many other disturbed sites. 104<sup>†</sup>

# PORTULACACEAE

*Claytonia virginica* L., spring beauty. Common: stream flood plains and moist mixed hardwoods slopes. 36

*Portulaca grandiflora* Hook., rose moss. Rare: persisting at edge of field and concrete sidewalk. 598

P. oleracea L., common purslane. Rare: gravel driveway at residence. 528

### PRIMULACEAE

Anagallis arvensis L., scarlet pimpernel. Rare: field margins. 315

- *Lysimachia ciliata* L., fringed loosestrife. Rare: moist, grassy margin of mixed hardwoods. 325
  *L. quadrifolia* L., whorled loosestrife. Occasional: forest margins and forested trails. 233
- \* Samolus valerandi L. ssp. parviflorus (Raf.) Hulten, water pimpernel. Uncommon: margins of fresh and brackish marshes. 285, 488

# PYROLACEAE

*Chimaphila maculata* (L.) Pursh, spotted wintergreen. Common: mixed hardwood forest slopes. 18

\* C. umbellata (L.) W. Bart., pipsissewa. Uncommon: pine/mixed hardwood forest slopes. 552

### RANANCULACEAE

Actaea pachypoda Ell., white baneberry. Uncommon: ravine slopes. 204, 205

Anemone virginiana L., thimbleweed. Uncommon: sunny gaps on mixed hardwood forest slopes. 434

Aquilegia canadensis L., wild columbine. Uncommon: roadside ditches. 97

\* Caltha palustris L., marsh marigold. Rare: single location on floodplain of small stream. 100

*Clematis virginiana* L., virgin's bower. Uncommon: wet, disturbed thickets, marsh margins, forest margins. 712

Hepatica americana (DC.) Ker, var. americana, hepatica. Occasional: mixed hardwood slopes, ravine slopes. 32

*Ranunculus abortivus* L., kidneyleaf buttercup. Common: stream banks, stream flood plains, moist mixed hardwoods, and various moist disturbed sites. 68

R. bulbosus L., bulbous buttercup. Very common: roadsides, fields, field margins, and lawns. 47

\*\* **R. ficaria L.**, lesser celandine. Rare: dump site and forest margin. E. Squires 5

R. hispidus Michx., bristly buttercup. Rare: bottom of ravine slope. 745

R. parviflorus L., small flower buttercup. Occasional: lawns and gravelly sites. 756

R. recurvatus Poiret. Occasional: stream banks and moist hardwood forest. 117

R. sardous Crantz, buttercup. Occasionl: field margins and lawns. 107

*Thalictrum pubescens* **Pursh**, tall meadow rue. Occasional: margin of freshwater marsh and sunny stream banks. 329

#### ROSACEAE

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- \* Agrimonia pubescens Wallroth, agrimony. Uncommon: pine/mixed hardwood forest slopes and forest trails. 429
- \* Amelanchier spicata (Lam.) K. Kock., serviceberry. 735<sup>+</sup>

Aronia arbutifolia (L.) Ell., chokeberry. Uncommon: forest margins and cut-over areas. 557, 749

\* **A.** *melanocarpa* (Michx.) Ell., black chokeberry. Rare: roadside. 807 Duchesnea indica (Andrs.) Focke, Indian strawberry. Common: roadsides and field margins. 52

*Fragaria virginiana* Duchesne, wild strawberry. Occasional: roadsides and field margins. 92, 158, 740b

- \* *Geum canadense* Jacq., avens. Occasional: streambanks, powerline cuts, and moist forested trails. 298, 327, 432
- \* Malus pumila Miller, common apple. Rare: forest margin. 64

Potentilla canadensis L. var. canadensis, dwarf cinquefoil. Common: roadsides, field margins, and lawns. 53, 93

P. recta L., sulpher cinquefoil. Occasional: roadsides, fields, fencerows, and powerline cuts. 210

P. simplex Michx., common cinquefoil. Occasional: disturbed woods and moist thickets. 148

Prunus persica (L.) Batsch, peach. Rare: roadside forest margin. 754

*Prunus serotina* Ehrhart, wild black cherry. Common: forest margins, roadsides, field margins. 218, 737

Pyrus calleryana Decne., Bradford pear. 404<sup>†</sup>

P. communis L., pear. Uncommon: forest margins and powerline cuts. 728

Rosa. multiflora Thunb. ex Murr., multiflora rose. Common: pond margins, moist thickets, and forest margins. 197

R. palustris Marsh., swamp rose. Occasional: freshwater marsh. 330

R. virginiana Mill., pasture rose. Common: roadside ditches and field margins. 247†

*Rubus argutus* Link, sawtooth blackberry. Common: roadsides, powerline cuts, and forested trails. 131, 198, 341, 833

*R. bifrons* Vest. Himalayaberry. Rare: planted or escaped to grassy hillside near Totuskey Creek public boat launch. 839

*R. flagellaris* **Willd.**, northern dewberry. Occasional: pine forest, powerline cuts and roadsides. 85

*R. hispidus* L., bristly dewberry. Common: mixed hardwood forest slopes and powerline cuts. 246

R. phoenicolasius Maxim., wineberry. Uncommon: forest margins and forested trails. 202

RUBIACEAE

Cephalanthus occidentalis L., buttonbush. Occasional: freshwater marshes and creek banks. 477

Diodia teres Walt., buttonweed. Common: roadsides, field margins, and powerline cuts. 317

D. virginiana L., buttonweed. Occasional: roadsides and field margins. 313

Galium aparine L., cleavers. Common: disturbed hardwood forest margins and moist thickets. 89, 163

G. circaezans Michx., wild licorice. Occasional: mixed hardwood forest and forested trails. 188

G. obtusum Biglelow var. obtusum, bedstraw. Occasional: streambanks and stream flood plains. 190, 440

G. pilosum Aiton, hairy bedstraw. Uncommon: mown grassy roadsides. 348

\* G. tinctorium L. Scop. var. tinctorium. Uncommon: streambanks. 472

G. triflorum Michx., fragrant bedstraw. Mixed hardwood forest and forest margins. 299, 337

Houstonia caerulea L., bluet. Common: roadsides, forest margins, and powerline cuts. 77

H. purpurea L. Occasional: forested trails. 122

*H. pusilla* Schoepf., tiny bluet. Rare: mown lawn. 731

*Mitchella repens* L., partridge berry. Common: pine/mixed hardwood forest and pond margin. 57, 137

Sherardia arvensis L., field madder. Occasional: roadsides, field margins, and lawns. 48

# **SALICACEAE**

Populus alba L., white poplar. Uncommon: roadsides, cut-over areas, and yards. 580

\* *P. grandidentata* Michx., big-toothed aspen. Occasional: roadsides and cut-over areas. 343

*Salix nigra* Marsh., black willow. Occasional: wet roadside ditches and margin of freshwater marsh. 223

# SANTALACEAE

Comandra umbellata (L.) Nutt., bastard toad-flax. Rare: margin of pine/mixed hardwood forest. 774

#### SAXIFRAGACEAE

*Chrysosplenium americanum* Schwein., golden saxifrage. Occasional: springy ravine bottoms and stream banks. 724

\* Heuchera americana L., alumroot. Rare: shady, lichen-covered slope in powerline cut. 241

### **S**CROPHULARIACEAE

Agalinis purpurea (L.) Pennell., false foxglove. Uncommon: powerline cuts. 703

- \* *Aureolaria virginica* (L.) Pennell., false foxglove. Occasional: forest margins and forested roadside slopes. 384
- \* Chelone glabra L., turtlehead. Rare: stream flood plain. 5

Gratiola virginica L., hedge hyssop. Occasional: disturbed stream margins and wet ditches. 179

- \* *Lindernia dubia* (L.) Pennell. var. *anagallidea* (Michx.) Cooper. Rare: margin of stream flowing through powerline cut. 456
- \* L. dubia (L.) Pennell. var. dubia. Occasional: water filled tire tracks in wooded trails. 535

Mimulus alatus Aiton. Rare: streambank. 545

M. ringens L., monkey flower. Occasional: disturbed wet areas and marsh margins. 469, 501

*Nuttallanthus canadensis* (L.) D.A. Sutton, old field toad-flax. Common: roadsides, field margins, and powerline cuts. 83, 126

\* Pedicularis canadensis L., wood betony. Rare: mixed hardwood forest slope. E. Squires 7

Penstemon laevigatus (L.) Aiton. Eastern smooth beardtongue. Uncommon: roadsides and forest margins. 236

Verbascum blattaria L., moth mullein. Uncommon: grassy roadsides. 347

V. thapsis L., common mullein. Common: roadsides and powerline cuts. 272

Veronica arvensis L., corn speedwell. Very common: roadsides, field margins, and lawns. 112, 113

V. hederifolia L., ivy-leaved speedwell. Occasional: field margins and disturbed wooded slopes. 21

V. peregrina L., purslane speedwell. Uncommon: dry roadsides. 734

V. persica Poiret, bird's eye. Common: roadsides, field margins, and lawns. 23

### SOLANACEAE

Datura stramonium L., jimsonweed. Occasional: roadsides, field margins, and highly disturbed woodland margins. 525

*Physalis longifolia* Nutt. var. *subglabrata* (Mackenzie & Bush) Cronq., groundcherry. Rare: roadside ditch. 609

Solanum carolinense L., horse nettle. Common: roadsides, field margins, cut-over areas, and dump sites. 242

S. ptycanthum Dunal., black nightshade. Occasional: roadsides, field margins, and powerline cuts. 419, 718

#### ULMACEAE

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Celtis laevigata Willd., hackberry. Uncommon: roadsides. 582

*Ulmus rubra* **Muhl**., slippery elm. Occasional: pine/mixed hardwood forest and forest margins. 441

# URTICACEAE

*Boehmeria cylindrica* (L.) Swartz, false nettle. Common: stream flood plains, margin of freshwater marsh, and moist mixed hardwood forest. 445, 476

Pilea pumila (L.) Gray, clearweed. Common: pond margin and marsh margins. 850

#### VALERIANACEAE

Valerianella locusta (L.) Latterade, cornsalad. Common: roadside ditches, fields, and powerline cuts. 51

V. radiata (L.) Dufr., cornsalad. Occasional: roadside ditches, fields, and powerline cuts. 753

#### VERBENACEAE

Verbena urticifolia L., white vervain. Uncommon: trail through mixed hardwood forest. 335

#### VIOLACEAE

\*\* Viola affinis Le Conte. Rare: pine/mixed hardwood forest slope near Mulberry Road bridge.

V. arvensis Murr., wild pansy. Occasional: cultivated fields and field margins. 143

V. bicolor Pursh, field pansy. Common: roadsides, fields, field margins and lawns. 20, 736

- \* V. cucullata Aiton. Marsh blue violet. Occasional: moist ravine bottoms. 49, 130
- \* V. palmata L., early wood violet. Occasional: mixed hardwood forest and forest margins. 87
- \* V. pedata L., bird's foot violet. Occasional: roadsides banks and powerline cuts. 38

V. primulifolia L., primrose-leaved violet. Common: stream flood plains, ravines, mixed hardwood forest, and powerline cuts. 79, 129

V. sagittata Aiton, arrow-leaved violet. Uncommon: powerline cuts. 84, 711

\* *V. sororia* Willd., common blue violet. Common: roadsides, field margins, powerline cuts, and disturbed streambanks. 44

# VISCACEAE

*Phoradendron leucarpum* (Raf.) Reveal & M.C. Johnston, eastern mistletoe. Uncommon: parasitic on upper branches of trees near freshwater marsh and on creek banks. 844

# VITACEAE

*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* (L.) Planchon, Virginia creeper. Very common: pine/mixed hardwood forests, forest margins, powerline cuts, and roadsides. 416

Vitis aestivalis Michx, summer grape. Common: forest margins and cut-over areas. 345

\* V. riparia Michx. 573†

V. rotundifolia Michx. Occasional: forest margins and cut-over areas. 344

# **MONOCOTYLEDONS**

# AGAVACEAE

Yucca filamentosa L. Spanish bayonet, yucca. Occasional: extensive colony found in flat, dry pine/mixed hardwood forest, also found along roadsides. 612

#### ALISMATACEAE

\* Alisma subcordatum Raf., southern water plantain. Uncommon: muddy pools in logging and hunting trails through pine/mixed hardwood forest. 362

Sagittaria graminea Michx., grass-leaved arrow-head. Occasional: margins of freshwater marsh. 355

S. latifolia Willd., common arrow-head. Occasional: wet roadside ditches. 514

### ARACEAE

Arisaema triphyllum (L.) Schott, jack-in-the-pulpit. Common: moist mixed hardwoods, ravine slopes, floodplains of small streams. 66

\* **Orontium aquaticum** L., golden club. Rare: single population along muddy stream running parallel to northern end of Canal Road. E. Squires 2

*Peltandra virginica* (L.) Schott & Endlicher, arrow arum. Common: freshwater marsh and floodplains of small streams. 284

Symplocarpus foetidus (L.) Nutt., skunk cabbage. Rare (LA): floodplain of small tributary of Totuskey Creek at intersection with Luttrellville Lane. 721

## COMMELINACEAE

*Commelina communis* L., Asiatic dayflower. Common: moist roadside ditches and stream margins. 289

*Murdannia keisak* (Hasskarl) Had.-Mazz. Uncommon (LA): wet ditches and pools in hunting and logging trails. 620

#### CYPERACEAE

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Bulbostylis capillaris (L.) Clarke. Rare: dry, cutover area. 553

Carex albicans Willd. ex Sprengl, var. emmonsii (Dewey ex Torr.) J. Rettig,

C. albolutescens Schwien. Occasional: pond margins and moist lawn. 652<sup>+</sup>, 792

C. amphibola Steudel. Uncommon: moist hardwood forest slopes. 820

\* C. annectens Bicknell. Uncommon: moist disturbed sites. 105b

*C. atlantica* Baily ssp. *atlantica*. Uncommon: moist hardwood forest slopes, pond margins, and flood plains of streams. 81, 133<sup>†</sup>, 799, 793

\* C. blanda Dewey. Uncommon: pine/mixed hardwood forest and flood plain of stream. 195, 785

C. cephalophora Muhl. ex Schkuhr. Occasional: fields and forest margins. 765

C. comosa Boott. Occasional: margin of freshwater marsh, inundated sites. 328

C. crebiflora Wiegand. Uncommon: forest margins and hunting trails. 739

C. crinita Lam. Uncommon: hardwood forest slopes and forest margins. 197

C. debilis Michx. Common: marsh margins and moist hardwood slopes. 794, 830

C. intumescens Rudge. Uncommon: pond margins. 136

C. lavaevaginata (Kukenth.) Mackenzie. Uncommon: stream floodplains. 780†

C. laxiculmis Schwein. Occasional: moist mixed hardwood slopes and stream floodplains. 748

C. lurida Wahl. Common: marsh margins, wet ditches, and other moist, disturbed areas. 106b

C. nigromarginata Schwien. Uncommon: powerline cuts and forest margins. 725

\* C. pensylvanica Lam. Rare: moist hardwood forest slopes. 27

C. prasina Schwien. Rare: moist ravine bottom. 744<sup>+</sup>

C. platyphylla Carey. Uncommon: hardwood forest slopes. 804

C. rosea Schk. ex Willd. Occasional: streambanks, ravine bottoms. 747

*C. seorsa* Howe. Occasional: moist mixed hardwood slopes and stream floodplains. 63, 81<sup>†</sup>, 793<sup>†</sup>

*	C. squarrosa L. Uncommon: forest margins and trails. 194
	C. stricta Lam. Rare: margin of mixed hardwood slope and freshwater marsh. 821
*	C. swanii (Fern.) Mack. Rare: sandy bank of creek at base of hardwood forest slope. 828
	C. umbellata Schkuhr. Uncommon: powerline cuts and forest margins. 725b
	C. vulpinoidea Michx. Occasional: roadside ditches, disturbed moist sites. 400
*	Cyperus echinatus (L.) Wood. Uncommon: margin of brackish marshes. 494
*	C. esculentus L. Uncommon: dry fields and disturbed sites. 581
	C. filicinus Vahl., Uncommon: margin of brackish marshes. 492
	C. frankii Kunth. 762†
	C. iria L., Rare: clear-cut area. 554
	C. lancastriensis Porter, Uncommon: margin of brackish marshes. 496
	C. lupulinus (Sprengel) Marcks. Uncommon: roadside ditches. 386
*	C. retrorsus Chapman. Common: roadsides, disturbed sites, and forest margins. 271, 358
	Dulichium arundinaceum (L.) Britton. Uncommon: pond margins. 538
*	Eleocharis engelmannii Steudel. Rare: water-filled tire ruts at powerline cut. 586
	E. flavescens (Poiret) Urban. var. flavescens. Rare: muddy pond margin. 267†
	<i>E. obsusa</i> (Willd.) Schultz. Common: pools and moist tire ruts on open trails and powerline cuts 361
	E. palustris (L.) Roem. & Schult., common spikerush. 796†
	Fimbristylis autumnalis (L.) R&S. Uncommon: moist tire ruts on open forest trails. 585
*	Kyllinga gracillima Miquel. Uncommon: roadside margin near brackish marsh. 485
*	K. pumila Michx. Uncommon: low, moist areas of lawns. 540
	Rhynchospora capitellata (Michx.) Vahl. Uncommon: shaded forest margins. 370, 520
	Schoenoplectus americanus (Pers.) Volk ex Schinzius & Keller. Occasional: freshwater and slightly brackish marshes. 352, 542
	S. robustus (Pursh) M. T. Strong, bulrush. Common: freshwater and slightly brackish marshes. 438
	S. tabernaemontani (Gmelin) Palla, softstem bulrush. Common: freshwater and brackish marshes. 831
*	Scirpus atrovirens Willd. Rare: wet depressions in cut-over area. 376, 826 <sup>†</sup>

- \* **S.** cyperinus (L.) Kunth. Occasional: wet depressions in cut-over area and dry stream beds. 556
- \* **S. polyphyllus Vahl.** Uncommon: margins of streams through powerline cuts and open areas. 457

# DIOSCOREACEAE

*Dioscorea villosa* L. wild yam. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forest slopes and forest margins. 191

### **IRIDACEAE**

*Sisyrinchium angustifolium* P. Mill., blue-eyed grass. Common: open areas in pine/mixed hardwood forest and hunting and logging trails. 118

# JUNCACEAE

Juncus acuminatus Michx. 757†, 768†

J. bufonius L., toad rush. Uncommon: margin of brackish marsh and roadside ditches. 797, 838

*J. coriaceus* Mackenzie. Uncommon: wet depressions at cut-over areas and roadside ditches. 373

J. effusus L. soft rush. Common: moist ditches, pond and stream margins. 80

J. marginatus Rostk.. Uncommon: water-filled tire ruts and pools in shaded forest trails. 536

J. scirpoides Lam. Uncommon: moist depressions at cut-over areas. 372

Luzula bulbosa (Wood) Rydb., woodrush. Occasional: Moist, hardwood forest slopes. 28

*L. echinata* (Small) Herm., woodrush. Rare: edge of stream at Drinking Swamp near Mulberry Road. 59

## LEMNACEAE

\* *Lemna valdiviana* Philipii., duckweed. Occasional: surfaces of ponds and other still water. 225, 509

#### LILIACEAE

Allium vineale L., field garlic. Common: roadsides and field margins. 287

Asparagus officinalis L., wild asparagus. Occasional: roadsides, field margins, marsh margins. 226

\* *Erythronium americanum* Ker-Gawl. ssp. *americanum*, trout lily. Uncommon: flood plains of small streams. 751

*Hemerocallis fulva* (L.) L., orange daylily. Occasional: roadsides and persisting at old homesites. 320

\* *Hypoxis hirsuta* (L.) Coville, common star-grass. Rare: middle of cleared hunting trail through pine/mixed hardwood forest, and powerline cut. 173

*Maianthemum racemosum* (L.) Link ssp. *racemosum*, false Solomon's seal. Occasional: hardwood forest slopes, and forest margins along roadsides. 166

*Medeola virginiana* L., Indian cucumber root. Common: moist ravine slopes, ravine bottoms, mixed hardwood forest slopes. 128

Muscari sp., grape hyacinth. Uncommon: cultivated fields and field margins. 45

*Polygonatum biflorum* (Walt.) Ell., Solomon's seal. Uncommon: mixed hardwood forest slopes, and forested roadside ditches. 146

Uvularia perfoliata L., perfoliate-leaved bellwort. Occasional: moist mixed hardwood slopes, stream margins. 670

\* U. sessilifolia L., sessile-leaved bellwort. Uncommon: Mixed hardwood forest. E. Squires 12

# ORCHIDACEAE

Aplectrum hyemale (Muhl. ex Willd.) Torrey, putty root. Rare: base of moist hardwood forest slope. 722

\* **Corallorhiza odontorhiza** (Willd.) Nuttall var. odontorhiza, autumn coral root. Rare: a single stem on steep roadside slope on Richmond Hill Road. 680

*Cypripedium acaule* Aiton, pink lady's slipper, moccasin flower. Occasional: upland pine/mixed hardwood forest, forest margins, and persisting temporarily under shrubs in recent clear cut areas and powerline cuts. 152

Galearis spectabilis (L.) Raf., showy orchis. Uncommon: bottoms of moist, mixed hardwood forest slopes, and forested trail. 177

*Goodyera pubescens* (Willd.) R.Br. ex Aiton f., downy rattlesnake plantain. Occasional: flat and sloping pine/mixed hardwood, and mixed hardwood forest, and forest trails. 17

- \* *Liparis liliifolia* (L.) L.C.Rich. ex Ker-Gawl., lily-leaved twayblade. Rare: flat mixed hardwood forest, and side of hunting trail through pine/mixed hardwood forest. 393
- \* Malaxis unifolia Michaux, adder's mouth. Occasional: upland pine/mixed hardwood forest. 244
- \* **Platanthera clavellata** (Michx.) Luer, club-spur orchid. Uncommon: moist pine/mixed hardwood forest, floodplain of small stream and pond. 402
- P. lacera (Michx.) G. Don, ragged fringed orchid. Uncommon: stream floodplains and moist hardwood forest. 847

*Tipularia discolor* (Pursh) Nutt., crane fly orchid. Occasional: upland mixed hardwood forest. 58

# POACEAE

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Aira caryophyllea L., hairgrass. Occasional: gravelly roadsides. 776, 825

- \* A. praecox L., early hairgrass. Rare: single population on gravelly roadside. 775
- \* Alopercurus carolinianus Walt., foxtail. Rare: peaty (burned?) soil at margin of moist meadow.

Andropogon ternarius Michx., beardgrass. Occasional: roadsides and powerline cuts. 674

A virginicus L., broomsedge. Occasional: roadsides and powerline cuts. 674b

Anthoxanthum odoratum L., sweet vernalgrass. Very common: roadsides, field margins, forest margins. 40, 62

Arundinaria gigantea (Walt.) Muhl. ssp. tecta (Walt.) McClure., switchcane. Rare (LA): disturbed streambanks. 723

Avena sativa L., common oats. Uncommon: agricultural fields. 788

Bromus inermis Leysser., smooth brome. Uncommon: disturbed forest margin and field. 832

B. hordaceus L., soft brome. 798<sup>+</sup>

B. racemosus L., Common: roadsides and fields. 808, 814

Cenchrus tribuloides L., sand bur. Rare: single population on sandy river beach. 503

Chasmanthium laxum (L.) Yates. Occasional: cut-over areas and forest margins. 518, 563, 851†

Cinna arundinacea L., woodreed. Occasional: streambanks in powerline cuts. 588

Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers., burmuda grass. Common: roadsides and lawns. 263

Dactylis glomerata L., orchard grass. Very common: roadsides, field margins, and disturbed woodland. 760

Danthonia spicata (L.) Beauv. ex R.&S., june grass. Very common: roadsides and powerline cuts. 771, 811, 834

Dichanthelium acuminatum (Swartz) G. & C. Disturbed forest, forest margin, forested trail. 631

D. boscii (Poir.) G. & C. Uncommon: mixed hardwoods, trails, roadside ditches. 222

D. commutatum (Shultes.) Gould. Forest margins. 156

D. depauperatum (Muhl.) Gould. Uncommon: powerline cuts. 836

D. dichotomum (L.) Gould. Occasional: disturbed forest, forest margin. 551, 827, 829

D. scoparium (Lam.) Gould. Very common: powerline cuts, cut-over areas, roadsides. 375

D. sphaerocarpon (Ell.) Gould. Uncommon: Disturbed hardwood forest. 336

Digitaria sanguinalis (L.) Scop., crab grass. Occasional: roadsides and lawns. 611

*Echinochloa muricata* (Beauv.) Fern. *var. muricata*., barnyard grass. Uncommon: roadsides and disturbed forest trails. 546b, 655

*E. walteri* (Pursh.) Heller. Occasional: freshwater and brackish marsh margins, and creek banks. 543

Elusine indica (L.) Gaertn., goose grass. Common: roadsides and lawns. 517

Elymus virginicus L., wild rye. Occasional: roadsides and disturbed forest trails. 385

*Eragrostis curvula* (Schrader) Nees. Very common: roadsides, river beaches, and cut-over areas. 449, 800, 819

*Eragrostis spectabilis* (Pursh) Steudel, purple lovegrass. Common: roadsides and field margins. 584

Festuca arundinacea Schreb., tall fescue. Very common: roadsides and fields. 484†, 750

F. subverticillata (Pers.) Alexeev., nodding fescue. Occasional: moist forested trails. 803

Glyceria striata (Lam.) Hitchc., fowl-meadow grass. Occasional: streambanks. 782

Holcus lanatus L., velvet grass. Uncommon: roadsides. 822

Hordeum pusillum Nutt., little barley. Common: roadsides and field margins. 799

H. vulgare L., field barley. Rare: roadsides. 150

Leersia virginica Willd. Uncommon: wet depressions in disturbed forested trails. 550

Lolium perrene L., rye grass. Common: roadsides, field margins, and lawns. 773

*Microstegium vimineum* (Trin.) A. Camus, Japanese stiltgrass. Common: disturbed moist forest, moist roadside ditches. 843

\* Miscanthus sinensis Anders. Rare: escaped to powerline cut. 672

Panicum anceps Michx., beaked panicgrass. Occasional: roadsides and field margins. 423

P. dichotomiflorum Michx., Occasional: margin of freshwater marsh. 610

P. miliaceum L. ssp. miliaceum, millet. 702†

P. virgatum L., switchgrass. Occasional: brackish marsh. 491

Paspalum dilatatum Poir., dallisgrass. Common: roadsides and field margins. 487

P. floridanum Michx. Uncommon: disturbed woodland. 624

P. leave Michx., Rare (LA): roadside. 398

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P. setaceum Michx., thin paspalum. Occasional: fields and field margins. 468

*Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex. Steud., common reed. Occasional: forming relatively small, but dense patches in freshwater and brackish marshes. 663

Piptochaetium avenaceum (L.) Parodi, black oat grass. Rare: powerline cut. 837

Poa annua L., annual bluegrass. Common: roadsides and lawns. 41

P. autumnalis Muhl. ex Ell. Uncommon: streambanks. 783

P. cuspidata Nutt., early bluegrass. Uncommon: mixed hardwood slopes and ravines. 109, 741

*P. pratensis* L., Kentucky bluegrass. Very common: roadsides, field margins, and disturbed forest trails. 740

Saccharum brevibarbe (Michx.) Pers. var. contortum (L.) R. Web., plumegrass. Uncommon: powerline cuts. 715

Setaria parviflora (Poir.) Kerg., bristlegrass. Common: roadsides and fields. 451, 493

Sorghum halepense (L.) Pers., Johnsongrass. Occasional: field margins, roadsides. 842

Spartina alterniflora Loisel., salt-water cordgrass. Common: brackish marsh. 692

S. cynosuroides (L.) Roth, tall cordgrass. Common: freshwater and brackish marshes. 537

Sphenopholis obtusata (Michx.) Scribn. Occasional: roadsides and disturbed forest margins. 767, 816

\* S. pensylvanica (L.) Hitchc. Uncommon: stream floodplain. 787

Tridens flavus (L.) Hitchc., red-top. Common: roadsides and field margins. 448

Tripsacum dactyloides (L.) L., gamagrass. Common: roadsides. 290

Triticum aestivum L., wheat. Uncommon: roadsides and unmown lawns. 805

\* Urochloa platyphylla (Monroe ex. Wright) R. Web., signalgrass. Rare: roadside. 677

*Vulpia myuros* (L.) K.C. Gmel., rat-tail fescue. Occasional: gravelly roadsides and lawns. 770, 812

\* V. octoflora (Walt.) Rydb. var. octoflora, six-weeks fescue. Common: gravelly roadsides, open fields, and powerline cuts. 772, 815

Zizania aquatica L., wild rice. Occasional: freshwater marsh. 439

# PONTIDERIACEAE

\* *Heteranthera reniformis* **R. & P.**, mud plantain. Rare: single population in deep muddy pool along hunting trail. 482

Pontederia cordata L., pickerelweed. Common: freshwater marshes. 283

#### POTOMOGETONACEAE

*Potamogeton foliosus* Raf. ssp. *foliosus*, leafy pondweed. Rare: algae-infested stormwater pool.
 603

#### **SMILACACEAE**

Smilax bona-nox L. Occasional: clearcuts, grassy fields, and other disturbed sites. 356

S. glauca Walter. Common: forest margins, roadsides, fencerows. 589

\* S. herbacea L. Uncommon: moist hardwoods and thickets. 848

S. rotundifolia L., common greenbrier. Common: forest margins, roadsides, clear-cuts. 209

#### **SPARGANIACEAE**

Sparganium americanum Nutt., bur reed. Occasional: wet ditches, and emergent in streams and pools. 266

#### **TYPHACEAE**

Typha angustifolia L., narrow-leaved cattail. Common: Brackish marshes. 497, 593

*T. latifolia* L., common cattail. Occasional: freshwater marsh, stream margins, stormwater pools. 615

# **APPENDIX B**

# **Photographic Records**



Anagallis arvensis L. C. Johnstone #315



Ophioglossum vulgatum L. C. Johnstone #446



Lythrum lineare L. C. Johnstone #500



*Corallorhiza odontorhiza* (Willd.) Nuttall var. *odontorhiza* C. Johnstone #680



Aplectrum hyemale (Muhl. ex Willd.) Torrey. C. Johnstone #722



*Phoradendron leucarpum* (Raf.) Reveal & M.C. Johnston. C. Johnstone #844



*Liparis liliifolia* (L.) L.C. Rich. ex Ker-Gawl. C. Johnstone 393. Photo credit: Zach R. Bradford

### **APPENDIX C**

## List of taxa in each phytogeographic range category from the flora of the Totuskey Creek watershed

#### **RANGE 1: CIRCUMBOREAL SPECIES**

Atriplex patula Botrychium virginianum Circaea lutetiana Caltha palustris Calystegia sepium Chimaphila umbellata Eleocharis obtusa Galium aparine Galium triflorum Ophioglossum vulgatum Osmunda regalis Prunella vulgaris Pteridium aquilinum

#### RANGE 2: SPECIES NATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA AND EASTERN AISA

Adiantum pedatum Dendrolycopodium obscurum Huperzia lucidula Liparis liliifolia Monotropa uniflora Onoclea sensibilis Persicaria virginiana Penthorum sedoides Phryma leptostachya Symplocarpus foetidus

#### **RANGE 3: SPECIES RANGING WEST TO THE PACIFIC COAST**

#### Range 3a: Uniterrupted distribution

Apocynum cannabinum Bidens frondosa Cardamine pensylvanica Carex stricta Carex vulpinoidea Celtis laevigata Danthonia spicata Dulicium arundinaceum Elymus virginicus Erigeron annuus Erigeron strigosus Fragaria virginiana Galium tinctorium Geranium carolinianum Glyceria striata Helianthus tuberosus Juncus tenuis Lactuca canadensis Lepidium virginianum Symphyotrichum lanceolatum

Symphyotrichum racemosum Oenothera biennis Plantago aristata Plantago virginica Ranunculus abortibus Rubus occidentalis Scutellaria lateriflora Setaria parviflora Teucrium canadense Viola sororia Vulpia octoflora

#### Range 3b: Interrupted distribution

Alopecurus carolinianus Carex comosa Carex pensylvanica Clinopodium vulgare Diospyros virginiana Eleocharis engelmannii Hypericum mutilum Juncus acuminatus Juncus effusus Lemna valdiviana Physalis longifolia var. subglabrata Pluchea odorata Rhynchospora capitellata Sagittaria graminea Schoenoplectus americanus Scirpus cyperinus Solidago altissima

# RANGE 4: SPECIES RANGING SOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE NEW WORLD TROPICS

Agalinis purpurea Alisma subcordatum Ambrosia artemisiifolia Anoda cristata Asclepias tuberosa Baccharis halimifolia Bidens bipinnata **Bidens** laevis Boehmeria cylindrica Bulbostylis capillaris Callitriche heterophylla Carex albolutescens Carex lurida Cephalanthus occidentalis Cercis canadensis Chamaesyce maculata Cicuta maculata Conoclinum coelestinum Conyza canadensis Corallorhiza odontorhiza Cornus florida Cuscuta campestris Cyperus filicinus Desmodium ciliare Eclipta prostrata Eleocharis flavescens var. flavescens

Elephantopus carolinianus Euphorbia cyathophora Fimbristylis autumnalis Gamochaeta purpurea Heteranthera reniformis Hordeum pusillum Hydrocotyle ranunculoides Hydrocotyle umbellata Hydrocotyle verticillata Hypericum hypericoides Ipomoea purpurea Juncus acuminatus Kosteletzkya virginica Lindernia dubia var. anagallidea Lindernia dubia var. dubia Liquidambar styraciflua Lidwigia decurrens Mikania skandens Myrica cerifera Nuphar advena Nymphaea odorata Nuttallanthus canadensis Nyssa sylvatica Oenothera laciniata Oxalis stricta Panicum virgatum

Parthenocissus quinquefolia Persicaria puntatum Pityopsis graminifolia Plantago major Platanus occidentalis Polygonatum biflorum Polypremum procumbens Polystichum acrostichoides Potamogeton foliosus Prunus serotina Rhus glabra Rotala ramosior **Rubus** argutus Rudbeckia hirta Sagittaria latifolia Sambucus canadensis Samolus valerandi Sida spinosa Smilax bona-nox Spartina alterniflora Sphenopholis obtusata Toxicodendron radicans Triodanis perfoliata Tripsacum dactyloides Veronica perigrina

# RANGE 5: SPECIES RANGING WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI BUT NOT TO THE PACIFIC COAST

#### Range 5a: Generally distributed north and south

Acalypha gracilens Acalypha rhomboidea Acer rubrum Acer saccharinum Actaea pachypoda Ageratina altissima Agrimonia pubescens Alnus serrulata Amphicarpa bracteata Andropogon virginicus Angelica venenosa Antennaria parlinii ssp. fallax Apios americana Aquilegia canadensis Aralia spinosa Arisaema triphyllum Aristolachia serpentaria

- Aronia arbutifolia Arundinaria gigantea ssp. tecta Asclepias amplexicaulis Asclepias incarnata Asclepias syriaca Asclepias variegata Asimina triloba Asplenium platyneuron Athyrium filix-femina Betula nigra Bidens aristosa Botrychium biternatum Campsis radicans Cardamine bulbosa Cardamine concatenata Carex amphibola Carex annectens
- Carex blanda Carex cephalophora Carex debilis Carex frankii Carex intumescens Carex laevivaginata Carex laxiculmis Carex prasina Carex rosea Carex squarrosa Carpinus caroliniana Carya glabra Carya pallida Carya tomentosa Centrosema virginiana Chamaecrista fasciculata Chamaecrista nictitans

#### Range 5a (continued)

Castanea dentata Castanea pumila Chasmanthium laxum Chelone glabra Chionanthus virginicus Chrysopsis mariana Chrysosplenium americanum Cinna arundinacea Claytonia virginica Clematis virginiana Clitoria mariana Collinsonia canadensis Comandra umbellata Commelina virginica Coreopsis lanceolata Corylus americana Cryptotaenia canadensis Cunila origanoides Cuscuta compacta Cynoglossum virginianum Cyperus lancastriensis Cyperus lupulinus Cypripedium acaule Decodon verticillatus Desmodium canescens Desmodium marilandicum Desmodium nudiflorum Desmodium paniculatum Desmodium pauciflorum Desmodium rotundifolium Dichanthelium boscii Dichanthelium commutatum Dichanthelium depauperatum Dichanthelium dichotomum Dichantelium polyanthes Diodia teres Diodia virginiana Echinochloa walteri Epifagus virginiana Epigaea repens Eragrostis spectabilis Erigeron philadelphicus Erythronium americanum Euonymus americanus Eupatorium fistulosum Eupatorium capillifolium Eupatorium purpureum Eupatorium rotundifolium Eupatorium saltuense Euphorbia corollata Euthamia graminifolia Fagus grandifolia Fallopia scandens

Festuca subverticillata Fraxinus pennsylvanica Galactia volubilis Galearis spectabilis Galium circaezans Gaylussacia baccata Geum canadense Goodyera pubescens Gratiola virginiana Hamamelis virginiana Hepatica americana Heuchra americana Hieracium gronovii Houstonia caerulea Houstonia purpurea Houstonia pusilla Hydrangea arborescens Hypericum gentianoides Hypericum punctatum Hypoxis hirsuta Ilex verticillata Impatiens capensis Ipomoea lacunosa Ipomoea pandurata Juglans nigra Juncus dichotomus Juncus scirpoides Juniperus virginiana Kalmia latifolia Krigia virginica Kyllinga pumila Lechea racemulosa Leersia virginica Lespedeza repens Lespedeza virginica Lindera benzoin Linum medium var. texanum Liriodendron tulipifera Lobelia cardinalis Lobelia inflata Lobelia puberula Lonicera sempervirens Ludwigia alternifolia Luzula bulbosa Lycopus virginicus Lysmachia ciliata Mainthemum racemosum Malaxis unifolia Medeola virginiana Menispermum canadense Mimulus alatus Mimulus ringens Mitchella repens

Morus rubra Myosotis macrosperma Oenothera fruticosa **Opuntia** humifusa Oxalis violacea Oxydendrum arboreum Panicum anceps Panicum dichotomiflorum Paspalum laeve Paspalum setaceum Passiflora lutea Pedicularis canadensis Peltandra virginica Penstemon laevigatus Persicaria arifolia Persicaria pensylvanica Persicaria sagitatta Phegopteris hexagonoptera Philadelphus inodorus Phlox paniculata Phytolacca americana Pilea pumila Piptochaetium avenaceum Plantago rugelli Platanthera clavellata Platanthera lacera Poa autumnalis Podophyllum peltatum Polygonum virginianum Pontederia cordata Potentilla canadensis Potentila simplex Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium Ouercus alba Quercus coccinea Quercus marilandica Quercus rubra Ouercus stellata Ouercus velutina Ranunculus hispidus Ranunculus recurvatus Rhexia virginica Rhus copallina Robinia pseudoacacia Rosa palustris Rosa virginiana **Rubus** hispidus Ruellia caroliniensis Sabatia angularis Saccharum brevibarbe Sagina decumbens Salix nigra Salvia lyrata

#### Range 5a (continued)

Sanguinaria canadensis	Solidago odora	Vac
Sanicula canadensis	Solidago puberula	Val
Sassafras albidum	Solidago rugosa	Ver
Saururus cernuus	Sparganium americanum	Vib
Scirpus atrovirens	Sphenopholis pensylvanica	Vib
Scirpus polyphyllus	Stylosanthes biflora	Vio
Scutellaria elliptica	Symphyotrichum cordifolium	Vio
Sericocarpus linifolius	Symphyotrichum dumosum	Vio
Silene stellata	Symphyotrichum pilosum	Vio
Silphium asteriscus	Symphyotrichum puniceum	Vio
Sisyrinchium angustifolium	Symphyotrichum undulatum	Vio
Smilax glauca	Tephrosia virginiana	Vio
Smilax herbacea	Thelypteris noveboracensis	Viti
Smilax rotundifolia	Tipularia discolor	Wo
Solanum carolinense	Tridens flavus	
Solanum ptycanthum	Uvularia perfoliata	
Solidago caesia	Uvularia sessilifolia	
Solidago juncea	Ulmus rubra	
Solidago nemoralis	Urochloa platyphylla	

Vaccinium stamineum Valerianella radiata Verbena urticifolia Viburnum acerifolium Viburnum prunifolium Viola affinis Viola bicolor Viola cucullata Viola palmata Viola pedata Viola primulifolia Viola sagittata Vitis aestivalis Woodwardia areolata

#### Range 5b: Species generally northern in distribution

Aronia melanocarpa Carex crinita Carex swanii Cirsium discolor Croton glandulosus Dioscorea villosa Erechtites hieracifolia Polypodium virginianum

#### Range 5c: Species generally southern in distribution

Andropogon ternarius Bignonia capreolata Chaerophyllum tainturieri Cyperus echinatus Elephantopus tomentosus Ilex opaca Paspalum floridanum Pyrrhopappus carolinianus Populus grandidentata Rubus flagellaris Solidago bicolor

#### Sanicula smallii Verbesina occidentalis

#### Range 5d: Species extending west beyond the Mississippi in the North

Amelanchier spicata

Aplectrum hyemale

Baptisia tinctoria

# Range 5e: Species extending west beyond the Mississippi in the South

Carex nigromarginata Carex umbellata Cenchrus tribuloides Clethra alnifolia Cyperus retrorsus Dichanthelium acuminatum Dichanthelium scoparium Eubotrys racemosa Galium obtusum Galium pilosum Hypericum crux-andreae Itea virginica Iva frutescens Juncus coriaceus Lyonia mariana

#### Range 5e (continued)

Magnolia virginiana Pinus taeda Polygala mariana Quercus falcata Quercus laurifolia Quercus michauxii Quercus phellos Rhexia mariana Rhododendron atlanticum Scutellaria integrifolia Spartina cynosuroides Taxodium distichum Utricularia gibba Viburnum nudum

# RANGE 6: RANGES LIMITED TO EASTERN NORTH AMERICA EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Range 6a1: Extending widely beyond the Atlantic Coastal Plain

Anemone virginiana	
Antennaria solitaria	
Aureolaria virginica	
Carex albicans var. emmonsii	
Carex atlantica var. atlantica	
Carex seorsa	
Chimaphila maculata	
Cornus amomum	
Diphasiastrum digitatum	
Eupatorium dubium	
Eupatorium hyssopifolium	
Eupatorium pilosum	

- Hieracium venosum Lobelia nuttallii Lupinus perennis Luzula echinatus Lysimachia quadrifolia Packera anonyma Pinus virginiana Poa cuspidata Polygala curtissii Prenanthes serpentaria Quercus prinus Rhododendron periclymenoides
- Sericocarpus asteroides Solidago erecta Symphyotrichum subulatum Thalictrum pubescens Vaccinium fuscatum Vernonia glauca Vernonia noveboracensis Viburnum dentatum var. lucidum

#### Range 6a2: Mostly limited to the Atlantic Coastal Plain

Amaranthus cannabinus Eurybia compacta Gaylussacia frondosa Liatris graminifolia Lythrum lineare Orontium aquaticum Polygala lutea Zizania aquatica Solidago pinetorum Vaccinium formosum

### Range 6b: Generally northern in distribution

Carex platyphylla

Range 6c: Generally southern in distribution

Helianthus atrorubens Hexastylis virginica Hibiscus moscheutos Yucca filamentosa

#### **RANGE 7: INTRODUCED SPECIES**

Acer platanoides Achillea millefolium Aira caryophylea Aira praecox Albizia julibrissin Allium vineale Amaranthus hybridus Anagallis arvensis Anthemis arvensis Anthoxanthum odoratum Arabidopsis thaliana Artemisia vulgaris Asparagus officinalis Avena sativa Barbarea verna Barbarea vulgaris Bromus hordaceus Bromus inermus Bromus racemosus Broussonetia papyrifera Buglossoides arvense Cardamine hirsuta Carya illinoiensis Centaurea cyanus Centaurea stoebe spp. micranthos Cerastium glomeratum Chenopodium album Cichorium intybus Cirsium arvense var. horridum Commelina communis Coronilla varia Cynodon dactylon Cyperus iria Cytisus scoparius Dactylis glomerata Datura stramonium Daucus carota Dianthus armeria Digitaria sanguinalis Dipsacus fullonum Draba verna Duchesnea indica Echium vulgare Elaeagnus umbellata Elusine indica Euphorbia cyparissias Fallopia japonica Festuca arundinacea

Forsythia suspensa Geranium molle Glechoma hederaceae Hedera helix Hemerocallis fulva Hibiscus syriacus Holcus lanatus Hordeum vulgare Hypochaeris radicata Ipomoea coccinea Ipomoea hederacea Kyllinga gracillima Lamium amplexicaule Lamium purpureum Lathyrus hirsutus Lathyrus latifolius Lepidium campestre Lespedeza cuneata Kummerowia striata Leucanthemum vulgare Ligustrum sinense Lolium perrene Lonicera japonica Lotus corniculatus Malus pumila Melilotus albus Melilotus affininalis Mentha spicata Microstegium vimineum Miscanthus sinensis Mollugo verticillata Morus alba Murdannia keisak Muscari sp. Myosotis stricta Ornithogallum umbellatum Panicum miliaceum Papaver dubium Paspalam dilatatum Paulownia tomentosa Perilla frutescens Periscaria longiseta Persicaria maculosa Plantago lanceolata Poa annua Poa pratensis Polygonum aviculare Populus alba

Portulaca grandiflora Portulaca oleracea Potentilla recta Prunus persica Pseudognaphalium stramerium Pueraria montana var. lobata Pyrus calleryana Pyrus communis Ranunculus bulbosus Ranunculus perviflorus Ranunculus sardous Raphanus raphanistrum Rosa bifrons Rosa multiflora Rubus phoenicolasius Rumex acetosella Rumex crispus Saponaria officinalis Scleranthus annuus Sedum sarmentosum Senecio vulgaris Setaria viridis Sherardia arvensis Silene latifolia Sorghum halepense Stellaria graminea Stellaria media Teesdalia nudicaulis Trifolium arvense Trifolium campestre Trifolium dubium Trifolium incarnatum Trifolium pratense Trifolium repens Triticum aestivum Valerianella locusta Verbascum blattaria Verbascum thapsis Veronica arvensis Veronica hederifolia Veronica persica Vicia hirsuta Vicia sativa Vicia villosa ssp. villosa Viola arvensis Vulpia myuros Xanthium strumerium

# **RANGE 8: COSMOPOLITAN AND NEARLY COSMOPOLITAN SPECIES**

Cyperus esculentus Juncus bufonius Ludwigia palustris Osmunda cinnamomea Phragmites australis Polygonum lapathifolium Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani Thelypteris palustris Typha angustifolia Typha latifolia

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