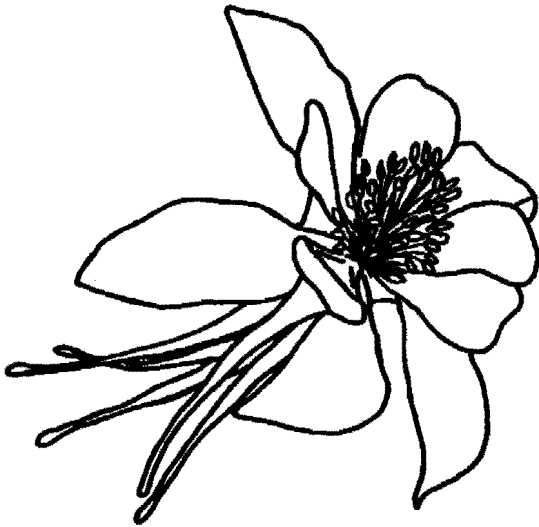


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## NEWSLETTER



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### CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

18-19 JUNE. Field trip, Moffat County Trek,  
25 JUNE. Field trip, Las Animas County  
9-10 JULY. Field trip, Florissant Fossil  
Beds National Monument, see details in-  
side on page 2.  
17 JULY. Field trip, Hoosier Ridge.  
24 JULY. Field trip, Middle Park.  
26-28 JULY. Plant Identification Workshop,  
Colorado Mountain College, Steamboat  
Springs. Contact Claire Semser, phone  
879-3259, P. O. Box 990341, Steamboat  
Village CO 80499, for more information.

30 JULY. Field trip, Shrine Pass, see ad-  
ditional information on page 2.  
30 JULY. Field trip to Fish Creek Falls  
for Plant Identification Workshop.  
19 AUGUST. Native Plant workshop at Denver  
Botanic Gardens, see article inside and  
enclosed brochure.  
1 or 8 OCTOBER. Annual meeting. Details  
in the next newsletters.

## COLUMBINES AND THANKS TO...

...Lorraine Seger of the Fort Collins Chapter, for the many hours she spent designing and preparing art work for the Society. Lorraine's work will appear on the brochure that will advertise the forthcoming workshop, "The Use of Native Plants in Colorado Landscapes," and also on the redesigned membership brochure. As usual, all this work was needed by yesterday, and Lorraine came through with flying colors!

...Dames and Moore, 1626 Cole Blvd., Golden, for allowing the CONPS Board of Directors to meet at their office on the evening of May 19th. Their large, well-appointed conference room was a fine meeting site.

...Tom Eaman for making initial arrangements for us at Dames and Moore, and Sally Cuscino for finalizing details, meeting us at the building, and preparing the conference room for our session.

...Dexter Hess, who led a most interesting field trip May 21-22 to the canyons of southeastern Colorado. Thanks also to Fern Hess, who with Dexter opened their home to the Friday night early-arrivals, providing snacks and good conversation. We hope for a repeat of this trip another year.

## CLASS FIELD TRIP Everyone welcome

DATE: 30 July  
SUBJECT: Fish Creek Falls, Steamboat Springs  
TRIP LEADER: Claire Semmer.  
REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Claire Semmer, P.O. Box 990341, Steamboat Village CO 80499. Phone 879-3259. Please register by phone or postcard by 23 July.  
LOGISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS: This field trip completes the workshop "Introduction to Plant Classification" to be taught 26-28 July at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs. However, by no means is the trip limited to the class! All are welcome. At 10:00AM the group will meet at Fish Creek Picnic Area which is about 3 miles west of Steamboat Springs. From the picnic area, elevation 7600 feet, we will hike towards, though not necessarily to, Long Lake, elevation 9800 feet.

Plans are to move at an easy pace, taking advantage of the wildflower display of this montane zone. Due to the extended winter season, the area should be about at its peak.

Students of the workshop will be putting their skills to work---the field trip will serve as their final quiz.

Current group plans are to return to the picnic area around 3:00PM. Please bring a lunch, water and warm clothes. Be prepared for adverse weather conditions. Don't hesitate to consider the idea of camping around Long Lake. If you elect to do so, bring your fishing gear.

## 1983 FIELD TRIP Updated Information

DATES: 9-10 JULY  
SUBJECT: Plant collecting at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument.  
TRIP LEADER: Mary Edwards.  
REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Mary Edwards, 2580 Parfet, Lakewood CO 80215 (233-8133). Miriam Denham, 2945 3rd, Boulder CO 80302 (442-1020). Registration not required but please let Mary or Miriam know if you plan to attend so they will know how many teams to plan for and also let them know if you plan to stay overnight at Florissant.  
LOGISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS: Meet at the Visitor Center, Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, at 9:00 A.M., 9 July. The Monument is a few miles south of the village of Florissant, which in turn is about 35 miles west of Colorado Springs on U. S. Highway 24.

This is a working trip to assist the Society's Florissant Committee in compiling a complete plant list and herbarium for the Monument. You will contribute to a major Society project in which over 250 species have already been collected---but never fear, there are many more to go!

The group will be divided into teams consisting of an experienced leader and "helpers" as available. Teams will collect plants in an assigned habitat, then plants will be identified and pressed by everyone working together. The trip provides an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Florissant area, to learn about plants, and to get to know some of your fellow CONPS members. Bring a sack lunch and water.

The primary collecting day will be Saturday, but arrangements can be made for those who wish to camp overnight at Florissant. Some help could be used to finish up various tasks on Sunday, but there will be plenty of free time for botanizing on your own.

## 1983 FIELD TRIP New Information

DATE: 30 JULY  
SUBJECT: Subalpine flora, Shrine Pass  
TRIP LEADERS: Nevin Bebee  
REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION: Nevin Bebee, 2043 S. Clayton, Denver CO 80210 (733-1038); Scott Ellis, 1011 W. Mountain Ave., Fort Collins CO 80521 (Work 493-8878, home 493-6069). Please register by phone or postcard by 22 July.  
NEW INFORMATION: The main feature of this trip will be subalpine meadows with many wildflowers. Park at the Shrine Pass parking area on the Vail Pass summit. Assemble on the east side of Shrine Pass exit bridge over I70 at 10AM.

The hike will be 2 miles round trip on an excellent trail. There will be an altitude gain of 200 feet from a starting elevation of about 11,000 feet. This trip will encompass the Corral Creek Valley which extends southeast from Uneva Peak toward Copper Mountain.

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**FLORISSANT  
FOSSIL BEDS  
NATIONAL MONUMENT  
Plant Inventory  
List of Synonyms**

Fossil Beds National Monument plant inventory. The new names were published in Vol. 1, No. 1, of the NEWSLETTER. This list also has the new names on it with lines beginning with "Syn." showing the older names. The list also contains the old names with a line beginning "See" showing the current names.

On this and the next page is most of the list of old and new names on the Florissant

\*\*\*\*Asteraceae

- Artemisia caespstris* L. ssp. *pacifica* (Nutt.) A.M. Hall  
Syn. *Artemisia caudata* ssp. *pacifica*  
*Artemisia caudata* Michx. ssp. *pacifica*  
See *Artemisia caespstris* ssp. *pacifica*  
*Aster laevis* L.  
See *Synphyotrichum laeve*  
*Aster pattersoni* A. Gray  
See *Machaeranthera pattersonii*  
*Aster ptarmicoides* (Nees.) T. & G.  
See *Solidago ptarmicoides*  
*Hyaenoxys richardsonii* (Hook.) Cockerell  
See *Picradenia richardsonii*  
*Lactuca pulchella* (Pursh) DC  
See *Lactuca tatarica* ssp. *pulchella*  
*Lactuca tatarica* (L.) C. A. Meyer ssp. *pulchella* (Pursh) Stebbins  
Syn. *Lactuca pulchella*  
*Machaeranthera pattersonii* (A. Gray) Greene  
Syn. *Aster pattersoni*  
*Packera fendleri* (Gray) Weber & Love  
Syn. *Senecio fendleri*  
*Packera neomexicana* (Greene) Weber & Love  
Syn. *Senecio neomexicanus*  
*Packera tridenticulata* (Rydb.) Weber & Love  
Syn. *Senecio tridenticulatus*  
*Picradenia richardsonii* Hooker  
Syn. *Hyaenoxys richardsonii*  
*Senecio fendleri* A. Gray  
See *Packera fendleri*  
*Senecio neomexicanus* A. Gray  
See *Packera neomexicanus*  
*Senecio tridenticulatus* Rydb.  
See *Packera tridenticulata*  
*Solidago ptarmicoides* (Nees) Boivin  
Syn. *Aster ptarmicoides*  
*Synphyotrichum laeve* (L.) Love & Love  
Syn. *Aster laevis*  
*Townsendia exscapa* (Rich.) Porter  
Syn. *Townsendia sericea*  
*Townsendia sericea* Hook.  
See *Townsendia exscapa*

\*\*\*\*Boraginaceae

- Cryptantha thyrsiflora* (Greene) Payson  
See *Oreocarya thyrsiflora*  
*Cryptantha virgata* (Porter) Payson  
See *Oreocarya virgata*  
*Oreocarya thyrsiflora* Greene  
Syn. *Cryptantha thyrsiflora*  
*Oreocarya virgata* (Porter) Greene  
Syn. *Cryptantha virgata*

\*\*\*\*Brassicaceae

- Arabis drummondii* Gray  
See *Boechera drummondii*

\*\*\*\*Brassicaceae

- Boechera drummondii* (A. Gray) A. & D. Love  
Syn. *Arabis drummondii*

\*\*\*\*Caryophyllaceae

- Arenaria fendleri* A. Gray  
See *Ereogone fendleri*  
*Arenaria lanuginosa* (Michx.) Rohrb. ssp. *saxosa* (A. Gray) Maguire  
See *Spergulastrum lanuginosum* ssp. *saxosum*  
*Ereogone fendleri* (A. Gray) Ikonn.  
Syn. *Arenaria fendleri*  
*Spergulastrum lanuginosum* Michx. ssp. *saxosum* (Gray) W. A. Weber  
Syn. *Arenaria lanuginosa* ssp. *saxosa*

\*\*\*\*Cyperaceae

- Carex eleocharis* L. H. Bailey  
See *Carex stenophylla* ssp. *eleocharis*  
*Carex heliophila* Mack.  
See *Carex pennsylvanica* ssp. *heliophila*  
*Carex pennsylvanica* Muhl. ssp. *heliophila* (Mack.) W. A. Weber  
Syn. *Carex heliophila*  
*Carex stenophylla* Wahlenb. ssp. *eleocharis* (L. H. Bailey) Hulten  
Syn. *Carex eleocharis*  
*Scirpus microcarpus* Presl.  
Syn. *Scirpus rubrotinctus*  
*Scirpus rubrotinctus* Fernald  
See *Scirpus microcarpus*

\*\*\*\*Euphorbiaceae

- Chamaesyce serpyllifolia* (Pers.) Small  
Syn. *Euphorbia serpyllifolia*  
*Euphorbia serpyllifolia* Pers.  
See *Chamaesyce serpyllifolia*

\*\*\*\*Fabaceae

- Astragalus agrestis* Dougl. ex B. Don  
Syn. *Astragalus dasyglottis*  
*Astragalus dasyglottis* Fisch. ex DC.  
See *Astragalus agrestis*

\*\*\*\*Gentianaceae

- Frasera speciosa* Dougl.  
Syn. *Swertia radiata*  
*Gentiana affinis* Griseb. in Hook.  
See *Pneumonanthe affinis*  
*Pneumonanthe affinis* (Griseb.) Greene  
Syn. *Gentiana affinis*  
*Swertia radiata* (Kellogg) Kuntze  
See *Frasera speciosa*

\*\*\*\*Juncaceae

- Juncus arcticus* Willd. ssp. *ater* (Rydb.) Hulten  
Syn. *Juncus balticus*  
*Juncus balticus* Willd.  
See *Juncus arcticus*

\*\*\*\*Liliaceae

- Anticlea elegans* (Pursh.) Rydb.  
Syn. *Zigadenus elegans*

\*\*\*\*Liliaceae

- Zigadenus elegans* Pursh.  
See *Anticlea elegans*

\*\*\*\*Onagraceae

- Chamerion angustifolium* (L.) Holub  
Syn. *Epilobium angustifolium*  
*Epilobium angustifolium* L.  
See *Chamerion angustifolium*

\*\*\*\*Poaceae

- Agropyron trachycaulum* (Link) Malte  
See *Elymus trachycaulum*  
*Critesion jubatum* (L.) Love & Love  
Syn. *Hordeum jubatum*  
*Elymus longifolius* (J. G. Smith) Gould  
Syn. *Sitanion longifolium*  
*Elymus trachycaulum* (Link) Gould ex Shinnars  
Syn. *Agropyron trachycaulum*  
*Hordeum jubatum* L.  
See *Critesion jubatum*  
*Sitanion longifolium* J. G. Smith  
See *Elymus longifolius*

\*\*\*\*Polemoniaceae

- Gilia calcaria* M. E. Jones  
Syn. *Gilia pinnatifida* var. *calcaria*  
*Gilia pinnatifida* Nutt. var. *calcaria* Brand  
See *Gilia calcaria*

\*\*\*\*Polygonaceae

- Bistorta bistortoides* (Pursh) Small  
Syn. *Polygonum bistortoides*  
*Bistorta vivipara* (L.) S. Gray  
Syn. *Polygonum viviparum*  
*Polygonum bistortoides* Pursh  
See *Bistorta bistortoides*  
*Polygonum viviparum* L.  
See *Bistorta vivipara*

## THE USE OF NATIVE PLANTS IN COLORADO LANDSCAPES

A workshop sponsored by the Colorado Native Plant Society and the Denver Botanic Gardens

DATE: 19 August 1983.

PLACE: Denver Botanic Gardens, 909 York St., Denver

SUBJECT: An all-day workshop/seminar (beginning at 9:30AM).

Gayle Weinstein, Chair of the Colorado Native Plant Society (CONPS) Horticulture and Rehabilitation Committee (and, in her other hat, Botanist/Horticulturist with the Denver Botanic Gardens), and her committee have put together an outstanding day's program you won't want to miss!

The morning session will include a keynote speech in which W. R. Hildreth, Director of the State Arboretum of Utah, will give us an "outsider's" perspective on the degree of uniqueness of our native plants and

their landscaping uses. This will be followed by hour-long sessions on each of the life zones being considered. Within each of the presentations, knowledgeable professionals will outline the specific plants being considered, describe their growth characteristics and landscape uses, and review their natural habitats, cultural requirements, and degree of adaptability.

A box lunch will be available for those who preregister (see the form enclosed with this newsletter) and choose the lunch option, or you are welcome to bring your own brown bag. Gayle says she hopes participants will have lunch with the group and not scatter all over town, as the afternoon sessions need to begin right on time to get in all the information!

Three simultaneous, hour-long panel discussions, each focusing on one of the plant life zones that are the day's topics, will begin the afternoon session. All three of these will then be repeated in the second hour, so you will be able to choose your favorite two of the three topics. Next, Charles Weddle will evaluate the future of selecting, propagating, and breeding native plants. Finally, a summary of the day's program will wind up the workshop.

See the colored brochure enclosed with this newsletter for the rest of the details and registration form.

### *Oenothera acutissima*

This is to introduce you to a plant that you will have an opportunity to see if you participate in the Moffat County Field Trip on 18-19 June (see the last issue of the NEWSLETTER). This is a new species of evening primrose from Moffat County and adjacent Utah that was described by Warren L. Wagner (*Syst. Bot.* 6(2):153-158) in 1981. This plant was first recognized as a possible new taxon by William Klein, who collected it adjacent to Stuntz Reservoir, Moffat County, on a field trip with Harold Harrington in 1966. In 1978 Elizabeth Neese and I located a population near Flaming Gorge, Utah, while Warren found an additional population on Douglas Mountain. Additional field inventory on this species has been conducted by Karen Wiley-Eberle, Sue Allard and Joyce Walker. It still appears to be a very narrow endemic.

*O. acutissima* is distinguished from *O. flava* and *O. triloba* by its long, slender, branching taproot; linear, irregularly dentate leaves; a deep reddish-orange color of the faded petals; a large showy, bright yellow corolla; and small, fewer-seeded capsules. It appears to be restricted to seasonally moist, sandy and gravelly soils, in meadows, depressions or along arroyos, in mixed conifer forests to sagebrush scrub. This evening primrose is very photogenic, particularly against the rock and grass background where it is usually found.

—Scott Peterson

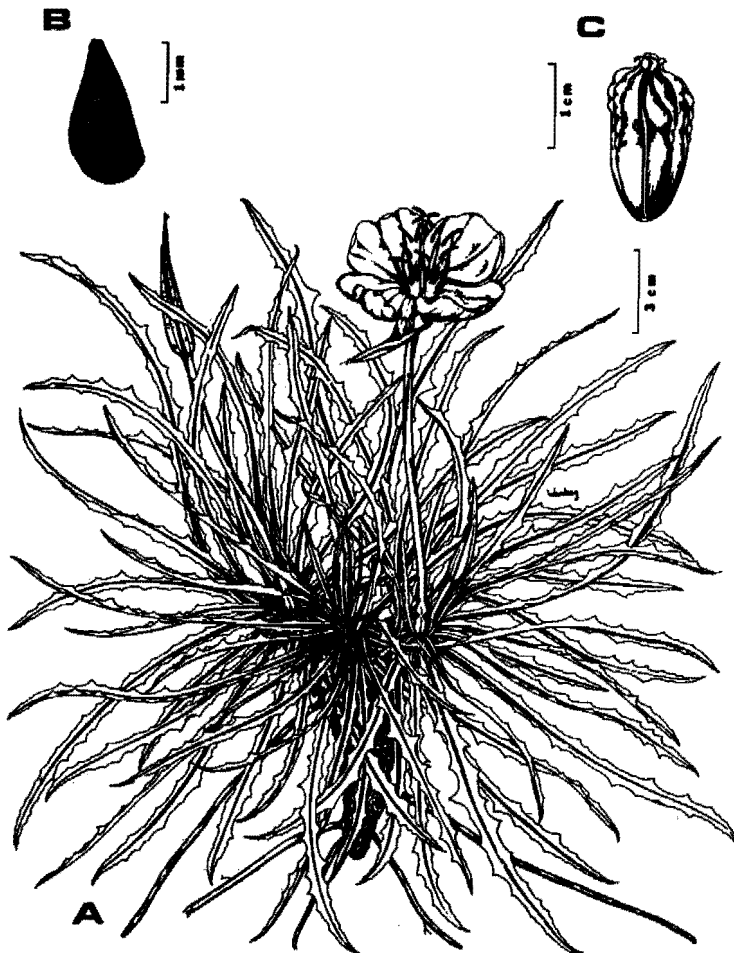


FIG. 1. *Oenothera acutissima*. A. Habit. B. Seed. C. Mature fruit, soon after dehiscence. All from greenhouse grown progeny of Peterson 1293.

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