

Adventures with Oddities: Strange and Noteworthy Natives

NEW ENGLAND
WILD
FLOWER
SOCIETY



- Unexpected Value
 - *Aronia spp.*, chokeberry
 - *Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*, cinnamon fern
 - *Pinus strobus*, white pine
- Cool History
 - *Asclepias syriaca*, Common milkweed
 - *Betula alleghaniensis*, yellow birch
- Noteworthy Survival Strategies
 - Ephemerals
 - *Anemone acutiloba* (sharp lobed hepatica), *Dicentra cucullaria* (Dutchman's britches), *Erythronium americanum* (trout lily), *Thalictrum thalictroides* (rue anemone)
 - *Lobelia spp.*, lobelia
 - Short lived perennials
 - *Monarda punctata* (Black eyed Susan) and *Rudbeckia hirta* (spotted bee balm)
 - Carnivorous plants
 - *Sarracenia purpurea* (purple pitcher plant) and *Drosera rotundifolia* (round leaf sundew)
- Odd Placement
 - *Solidago caesia*, wreath goldenrod
- Strange and Wonderful Flavors
 - Two Brothers
 - *Helianthus tuberosus* (Jerusalem artichoke) and *Apios americana* (ground nut)
 - Sweet teas

- *Lindera benzoin* (spicebush), *Sassafras albidum* (sassafras) and *Betula alleghaniensis* (sweet birch)
- *Monarda didyma*, Oswego tea
- *Polygonatum biflorum*, King Solomon's seal
- *Rhus typhina*, staghorn sumac
- Strange Places
 - *Carex pensylvanica*, Pennsylvania sedge
 - *Fragaria virginica*, wild strawberry
- Strange Sex
 - *Arisaema triphyllum*, Jack in the pulpit
 - *Cypripedium acaule*, pink lady slipper
- Strong Weakness
 - *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*, New England aster
- Unexpected Beauty
 - *Matteuccia struthiopteris*, fiddlehead fern
- Unique Attractions
 - *Liquidambar styraciflua*, sweet gum
 - *Parthenocissus quinquefolia*, Virginia creeper
 - *Podophyllum peltatum*, mayapple
 - *Prunus serotina*, black birch
 - *Senna hebecarpa*, wild senna
- Necessary uses
 - *Acer pensylvanicum*, striped maple
 - *Eurybia macrophylla*, big leaf aster
- Odd Names
 - *Aralia racemosa*, American spikenard
 - *Asclepias tuberosa*, butterfly milkweed
- Strange Choices
 - Mulching, raking leaves, and winter cutbacks