

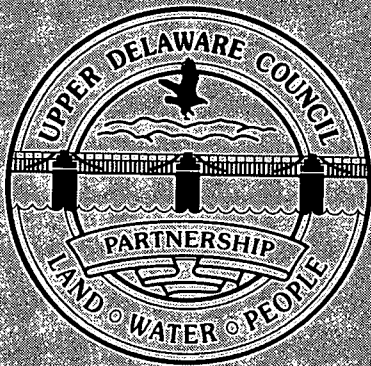
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NPS Superintendent John Hutzky Retires

The Upper Delaware's first superintendent winds up
33 year career at the end of September



In 1993, John Hutzky, NPS Superintendent, presented then-UDC Chair George Fluhr with the latest 5-yr. cooperative agreement, which will run through 1998. Hutzky has served as NPS Superintendent of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River since 1979, and has seen many changes in the corridor during his sixteen years of service to the river.

In 1978, Congress designated 73.4 miles of the Upper Delaware River as part of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, to protect the river, "...in its free flowing condition..." and so that it could be managed "...for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations."

The herculean task of managing this pristine national resource fell to the National Park Service (NPS), and in 1979, John Hutzky arrived on the scene to begin what turned out to be a sixteen-year tour of duty on the Upper Delaware River.

Hutzky's career with the NPS began in 1963 when he signed on as an interpretive park guide at Saratoga National Historical Park. In 1973, he transferred to Gettysburg National Battlefield Park as their Administrative Officer. Then, just three short years later, Hutzky assumed the superintendency at Booker T. Washington National Park, and three years after that he came here.

During the early 1980's, as a variety of

"What a wonderful ride it's been! I've had the opportunity to spend 33 years working in some wonderful places with some remarkable people. The National Park Service has been more than a career, it's been the source of my well being and inspiration. I will miss it. At the same time, I feel fulfilled in knowing that I had something to do, no matter how small, with nurturing, sustaining, and preserving many special places, such as the Upper Delaware."

John T. Hutzky

local, state, and federal groups worked to hammer out a River Management Plan, Hutzky and his staff played a pivotal role in shaping the future of the river valley.

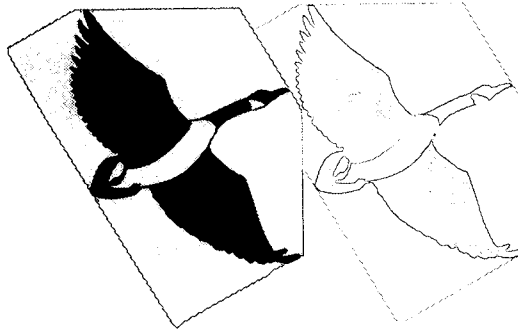
He counts among his most satisfying achievements the completion of the Plan, which calls for a cooperative effort between the NPS, the fifteen towns and townships in the river valley, the Delaware River Basin Commission, the State of New York, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Citizens Advisory Council. The forum for this cooperative partnership is the Upper Delaware Council, which Hutzky terms as a fine example of the working partnerships between federal, state, and local governments, an example which is being studied carefully by a number of other rivers throughout the country who are presently developing their own management plans:

Other NPS accomplishments during Hutzky's tenure include ongoing efforts to preserve the valley's rich architectural

—Hutzky, continued on page 7—

Most land along the Upper Delaware River is privately owned. Please be considerate and don't litter or trespass. Thanks!

--- A Bird's Eye View of Teamwork -----

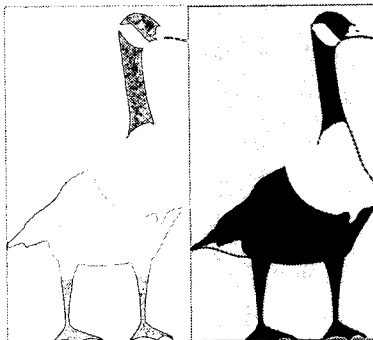


Fact: Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone. It quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front. *If we have as much sense as a goose, we can choose*

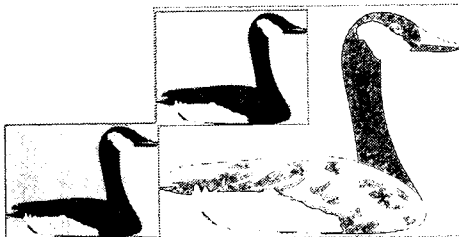
to stay in formation with those headed where we also want to go, willingly accepting their help while providing help to others also going our way.

Fact: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an "uplift" for the following bird. By flying in a "V" formation the whole flock adds a 71% greater flying range to the distance a bird would cover if flying alone. *People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.*

Fact: When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power. Another goose moves into the point position. *Take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership with people. As with geese, we are all interdependent on each other to reach our destination/goals.*



Fact: The geese in formation honk from behind, encouraging those up front to maintain their speed. *It is important for our honking from behind to be encouraging--and not something else!*



Fact: When a goose gets sick, wounded, or shot down, two geese drop out of formation, following to protect it. They stay with the ailing goose until it is either able to fly again or dies. Then they

launch out on their own, either joining another formation or catching up with the original flock. *If we have as much sense as geese, we, too, will stand by each other in difficult times as well as better times.* (Thanks to the I&M NHC for this message)

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UDC Technical Assistance Grants Fund a Variety of Projects for Local Municipalities

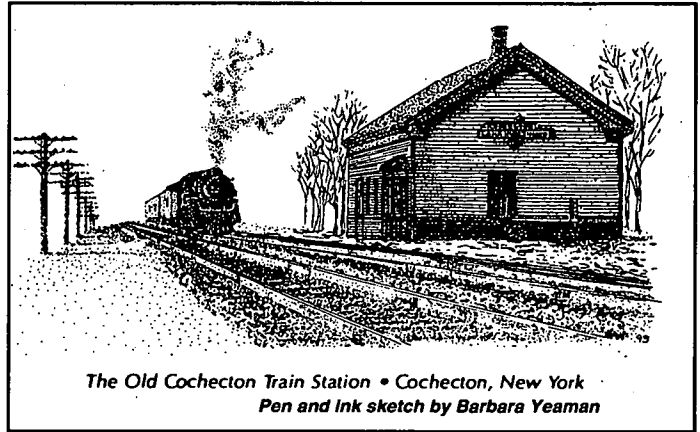
Member Towns and Townships have shared more than \$300,000 in grant money

For the eighth year in a row, the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) will be providing technical assistance grants (TAGs) to member towns and townships to fund a variety of projects under the terms of the River Management Plan (RMP). The monies can be used to provide technical, planning, and financial assistance for projects that help further the implementation of the RMP. While funding can be used for planning, publications, and educational programs, TAG money cannot be used to fund actual building or "bricks and mortar"-type projects.

In fiscal year 1994, the Council awarded nearly \$25,000 in grants to local government projects covering such diverse issues as water conservation education, updating of a local comprehensive plan and master plan, preparing amendments to local zoning laws, preparing a bird identification guide, preparing a bald eagle education program, preparing a study of the NYS Scenic Highway Program, preparing a bicycling guide, and preparing a study investigating the hazards presented by railroad infrastructure.

Since 1988 the Council has awarded more than \$300,000 in Technical Assistance Grants to its members. A short list of some of the projects funded over the years includes:

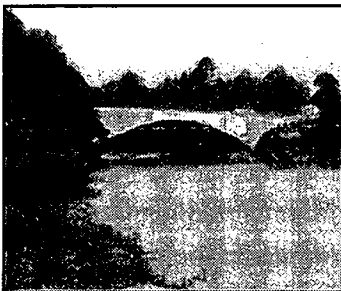
- Traffic Management Study
- Historic Site Inventory & Archeological Study
- Water Resources Study
- Driving Tours Brochure
- Clean Stream Planning
- Sewage Treatment Plant Siting Plan
- Emergency Response Plan
- Water Conservation Education Program
- Review & Revision of Zoning & Subdivision Ordinances & Maps
- Review of Local Road Maps
- Comprehensive/Master Plans
- Sewage Facilities Plans



The Old Cochection Train Station • Cochection, New York
Pen and ink sketch by Barbara Yeaman

One of the more interesting and ongoing projects that received funding from the UDC is happening in the Town of Cochection. The Town applied for and received grant monies to prepare a master plan for the restoration of the Erie Railroad Station. This master plan detailed how the project would eventually be completed, and is now being carried out through the concerted efforts of the Cochection Preservation Society. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you can read about how the Town of Lumberland is using the grant they received in 1994 to develop a bicycling map for several towns in the river corridor. And Lackawaxen Township's grant to investigate railroad infrastructure safety has resulted in a cooperative effort with the Delaware Riverkeeper and Conrail to produce a series of maps for use by emergency response personnel.

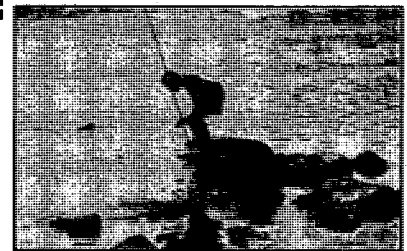
In this day of tightening budgets and ever-dwindling sources of funding, UDC TAG monies can provide the seed money for much-needed projects in river valley towns and townships. As this newsletter goes to press, the Council is currently considering a number of applications for municipal projects. Once again, the Council has set aside a pool of \$25,000 to disburse to its members. For more information about how your community might benefit from a UDC Technical Assistance Grant, please contact the UDC.



<<The bridge at Narrowsburg gets a much needed facelift. The bridge had to be completely encased to protect the river before painting could begin.

Summer Happenings

Keeping cool >>
at the
Narrowsburg
access (PA side).





First Annual Delaware River Sojourn Proclaimed a Success by All Involved



Sojourners listen to the safety briefing by Chris Nielsen of the National Canoe Safety Patrol at Callicoon, NY, before putting in. Several members of the NCSP donated their time and accompanied the Sojourn on all nine days of the trip. Every morning after breakfast a safety briefing was held. In addition, on-river demonstrations helped Sojourners develop their canoeing skills during the trip.



Bill Douglass, UDC Executive Director and Dave Lamereaux, PA DEP look over the rainy conditions at Narrowsburg, NY prior to Monday morning's launch.

Next year's Sojourn is in the works! For more info, contact the UDC!



NYS DEC Region 3 Director Jean Ann McGrane and NYS Forester Regional Fred Gerty getting ready to paddle down river from Damascus, PA.

Whereas, the Delaware River arises in New York and flows to the sea at Cape may, and Whereas, the Delaware River provides a friendly border between the Great States of Pennsylvania and New York, and Whereas, the Delaware River serves myriad forms of wildlife; animals and plants, birds and beasts, terrestrial and aquatic as environment and shelter, and Whereas, the Delaware River is the scene of countless hours and days of sport, recreation and relaxation by visitors from near and far; and Whereas, the Delaware River is worthy of recognition, and the Delaware River Sojourn is now, providing that recognition, Therefore, on behalf of the State of New York, I welcome all participants in the Delaware River Sojourn, and I salute the organizers, supporters, communities, liveries, agencies, officials, storytellers and entertainers, and all others on their Sojourn... and I bid one and all, smooth passage, on this the Great Delaware River. Presented to the Sojourn on June 11, 1995 by Jean-Ann McGrane Regional Director NYS DEC

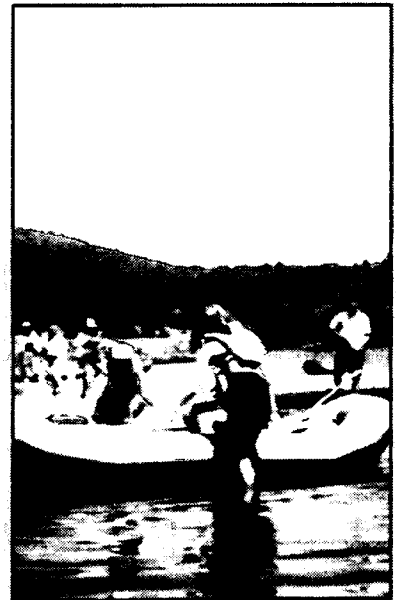


UDC Chair George Froesch chats with NYS Assemblyman Jake Gunther and his son at the lunch break at the Buckingham, PA Access. Froesch presented two on-river programs for the Sojourners on the first day of the trip; one on private property issues and one on the bluestone industry in the Upper Delaware River Corridor. Gunther was just one of several elected officials who joined the Sojourn as it covered more than 90 miles of the Delaware River, from Hancock, NY to Washington's Crossing, PA.



The Sojourn launched from Firemens Field in Hancock, NY under cloudy skies. More than 115 people took part in the 9-day event.

**HOT! HOT! HOT! This Year, the UDC Summer Picnic
Was the COOL Place to Be!**



The temperature soared to 95 degrees, but the happy people who joined us for our 8th annual river raft trip and picnic kept cool in the waters of the Delaware. The trip from Skinners Falls to Narrowsburg offered plenty of opportunity to swim, splash and snorkel, and the chicken tasted great after our day on the river. If you missed this one, plan on joining us next year for a day of fun, friends, and good food!

Summer Time and the Fishing is Just Fine

Every spring, as sure as the swallows return to Capistrano, and the lemmings return to the sea, the anglers return to the Upper Delaware River. The bugs are hatching, the fish are jumping, and it seems like if you're not out on the river, or in the river, casting and retrieving, you're just not with the program.

However, long after the last Spring hatch, the Upper Delaware offers some of the finest wild-trout fishing of the year. This is due in large part to the fact that reservoir releases from mid-June through mid-August hold the water temperatures down to the low 60s, or even colder, helping to keep the fish and the insects active, and, in turn, making the Upper Delaware the ideal destination for fly-fishermen (and fisherwomen). These releases and cold water temperatures can affect the river for as much as 30 miles downstream.

In addition to wild brown trout, the Delaware is home to hard-fighting rainbows, the offspring of fish that were accidentally introduced into the river in the 1800s. While the browns

generally prefer the slower main sections of the river's eddies, rainbow trout are usually found in the faster waters on the upstream side of these pools.

One challenge constantly facing



anglers is access to the river itself. While there are a number of public access points on both the Pennsylvania and New York sides of the river, most of the land bordering the Delaware is private property and much of it is posted.

Perhaps this is why the region has experienced a tremendous growth in the number of licensed guides, and

especially guides with drift boats, in the past few years. Fishing with a drift boat and guide can provide anyone with a memorable fishing experience because areas of the river that are just not accessible by wading are now available to fish.

For non-flyfishermen, the Delaware still offers plenty of summertime opportunities. Striped bass, walleye and perch can be found in the river, as can eels. In addition, anglers can be treated to sightings of bald eagles, blue heron, ospreys--even bears have been known to wade into the river at some of the more remote spots! And even if the day proves to be frustrating, and the fish are too smart to be caught, remember, it was Confucius, or some wise man, who once said, "The time a man spends fishing is not subtracted from his life." So get your gear and your fishing license and get down to the river. There's a fish with your name on it just waiting for you!

For information about river and weather conditions, call the National Park Service hotline at (914) 252-7100.

PA DER Official Helps with Annual River Clean-Up

David Lamereaux, Assistant Regional Director, Northeast Regional Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and PA alternate representative to the Upper Delaware Council, recently participated in the annual "On and Under the Delaware River Cleanup" sponsored by Kittatinny Canoes, the largest and oldest canoe outfitter on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. Kittatinny has sponsored a river cleanup for the past six years and provides free canoes, food, camping facilities, T-shirts, and certificates to Cleanup volunteers. This year, nearly 500 people and more than 100 Kittatinny staff took part in the event.

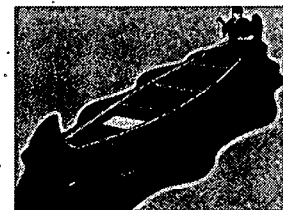
Although the weather was ideal for the three-day cleanup, heavy rains prior to the event created high water, poor visibility, and swift currents which hampered efforts and reduced the amount of waste collected. Nonetheless, a total of 12+ tons of garbage was removed by canoeists, snorkelers, and divers. This included 420 tires, 1.5 tons of metal, and 100 pounds of aluminum.

Each year there is some friendly competition to see who can retrieve something unusual. Lamereaux thought he had a reasonable shot at winning when he fished a yarmulke out of the river. However, he was quickly subdued upon hearing of such finds as a headstone from 1928 (which was promptly returned), a huge kitchen sink, a lawnmower, and

even a mannequin head!

Lamereaux participated as a VIP at the invitation of Ruth Jones, President of Kittatinny Canoes. The livery has been awarded the "Take Pride in Pennsylvania" award three times, as well as being honored by many local, state and national organizations, including the Upper Delaware Council.

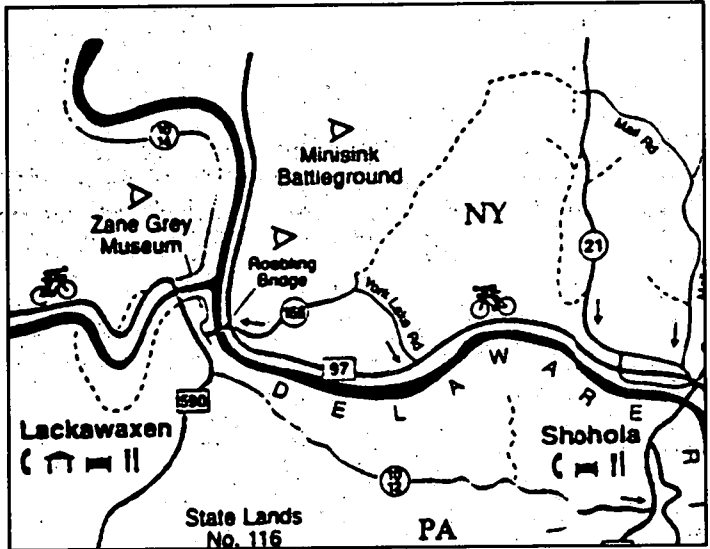
Although he swamped his canoe in the Mongaup Rapids ("Way to go, Dave!"), Lamereaux finished the cleanup without further ado.



Bicycling is an Excellent Way to Enjoy the River Valley

New map and guide will help you choose the perfect route for a fun-filled day!!

The Town of Lumberland, NY is using a \$3000 UDC technical assistance grant to develop a map of bicycling routes in the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor. Tom Hill, Town of Lumberland Supervisor, is working with Robert Webb, of Pond Eddy, NY and neighbor Robert Soukup, General Manager of Mike Fraysse's Cycling Resort in Glen Spey. Together these three bicycling enthusiasts have logged well over 100 miles scouting out safe, scenic roadways for bicyclists of all skill levels.



The map, a portion of which is shown in the upper right hand corner, will cover approximately 75 miles of the Upper Delaware River valley, when it is completed. The first section to be done will include the Towns of Lumberland, Highland, and Tusten. The full-color map will show roadways that are especially suited for touring on bicycle, and will indicate both the length and the steepness of hills. In addition, public services such as telephones, restaurants, first aid stations, water stops accommodations, and rain shelters will be indicated by special icons, or symbols.

The map will also use an icon to indicate spots where there is "something to see", and will show paved, as well as unpaved roads. State game lands, local,

state and national parks, and other historic, cultural, scenic, recreational, natural and archeological attractions will be noted, too.

All of this information will make it easy for anyone to plan an enjoyable day trip, or a longer adventure. Cycling is an especially good family sport, because individuals of all ages can and do enjoy this popular activity.

The portion of the map shown covers the area from Barryville, NY to Lackawaxen, PA., a distance of less than 10 miles. Yet, within that area, you can stay on relatively flat roads and tour the Zane Grey Museum, the Roebling Bridge and enjoy the scenic countryside of Lackawaxen and Shohola, PA. Or, you can choose a more strenuous route and

head up to the Minisink Battleground. Or, pick roads that are somewhere in between and head away from the river and into the quiet forested beauty of Sullivan County, NY.

Safety is of paramount concern to the map and guide's planners, and only those roads that offer suitable shoulders, line of site, and good surfaces will be included. In addition, because all concerned recognize the inherent danger of mixing bicycle and motorized vehicle traffic, copies of the proposed maps will be sent to each of the Towns included on the map for their comments prior to publication. The planners hope to have the map ready this Fall. *As we go to press, the map is still in its final development stages. We will let you know as soon as it becomes available.*

—Hutzky, continued from page 1—

and cultural heritage. The restoration of the Delaware Aqueduct/Roebling Bridge, the acquisition and restoration of the Zane Grey House, the NPS's assistance in the formation of the Delaware Valley Heritage Alliance, and in helping the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance acquire the old Arlington Hotel are just a few of the projects that have come to fruition during Hutzky's superintendency.

Upon the announcement of his retirement, many local citizens--supporters and adversaries alike--have expressed their admiration of Hutzky and of the fine job he did in helping to steer this region through a very tumultuous time. It will fall to the next superintendent to pick up the standard that Hutzky and his staff have established. In the words of George Frosch, UDC Chairman, "He's done an outstanding job. All of us at the Upper Delaware Council wish him a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement."

Do We Have Your Correct Address?

If your address has changed, or you no longer own land in the Upper Delaware River area, please help us to update our records. Fill in your new address, or the name and address of the new owner of your property, and return this notice to The Upper Delaware Council, P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12784-0192

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What's Wild About Wildflowers?



The following article is condensed from one that appeared in *PEEC Seasons*, the newsletter of the Pocono Environmental Education Center. It was written by Patricia Kaufmann and Kate Monahan.



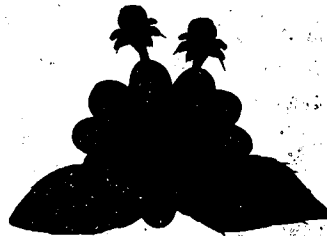
One of the highlights of the summer is the profusion of wildflowers that can be seen everywhere. Learning to identify these blossoms is an exciting challenge for anyone, young or old. And it's really easy to get started!

There are many field guides available, including *A Field Guide to Wildflowers* by Roger Tory Peterson & Margaret McKenny, *A Guide to Field Identification: Wildflowers of North America* by Frank D. Venning, and probably the most accurate and specific, *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide* by Lawrence Newcomb. All these guides assume that you the reader have little knowledge of botany, and all have clear instructions with diagrams and pictures.

Now, you may know that flowers need to be pollinated to produce a seed, but did you know that different flowers attract different pollinators? It's true. Bees, for instance, are able to recognize fragrance, outlines and can see colors in the ultraviolet spectrum; therefore showy blue and yellow flowers are most attractive to them. The flowers favored by bees are also likely to have a "landing platform"

type of structure, and there may be markings in the ultraviolet spectrum to direct the bees to the nectar.

On the other hand, flowers that are attractive to butterflies and moths, while similar to bee flowers, also include red flowers, and, in the case of moths, may also have markings that are visible in dim light, or fragrances that are stronger in the evening.



Beetles are unable to distinguish colors, so flowers that attract them may not be showy or colorful, but are likely to have a strong pungent odor.

Birds have a poor sense of smell, but a keen color sense that is very similar to ours. They are attracted primarily to reds and yellows and prefer flowers that are shaped in a way that allows them to hover, rather than land like the bees and butterflies. The bright red cardinal flower, for instance, found in swampy areas, is quite specifically adapted to attract hummingbird pollinators. Its red color attracts the birds, and its anthers, where the pollen is located, are

attached to the end of a tube which extends over the bottom lip of the flower, ideally placing it to transfer pollen to the head of the bird as it collects nectar from the tube. The flowers are also located up and down the stem of the plant, a flower formation known as a spike, which provides easy access for hovering birds.

Another very common and conspicuous wildflower is wild bergamot. With its showy bluish-lavender blooms, it is a favorite of bees, butterflies, and hummingbird moths.

The formation of the leaves on wildflower plants also hold significant clues to its identity. The position of the leaf along the stem and its size determines the amount of sunlight the plant receives. As a result, wildflowers that grow in the forest tend to have broader leaves with smoother edges, enabling them to be exposed to enough sunlight in their shaded habitat. Field wildflowers, on the other hand, have plenty of access to sunlight and tend to have narrow leaves with reduced surface area so that they do not transpire too much and become dehydrated.

Now is a great time to spend some time observing wildflowers and the many pollinators that visit them, even if you look no further than your own backyard. With careful observation and a field guide, you can learn a great deal about a flower's natural history.



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