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NEWS FROM THE FLORA OF VIRGINIA PROJECT



RABBIT, RABBIT!

A gift to the Flora Project can still earn you a tax deduction for 2017 if it's postmarked by Dec. 31. We're hoping you'll step up to help us **Keep the Science Current!**

SOMEONE HAS ISSUED YOU A CHALLENGE! A small Virginia family foundation will match donations up to a total of \$5,000, so if you give \$5, we'll receive \$10; if you give \$250, we'll receive \$500; and if you give \$2,500, you'll shut down the offer entirely and we'll get \$5,000! To give immediately via PayPal, please click [here](#). Please see our website about how we acknowledge donations of \$100 or more. Happy New Year, and thank you for your support!

Dichotomous Keys About Ready!

Before New Year's the dichotomous keys will be released in an update to the App. We're still testing links, etc., but this is the last huge step for the mobile App, and we're sure you'll be excited now to have **All the Science the Flora Offers**, and then some, at your fingertips on phone or tablet. Order via our [home page](#) from the App Store for iOS devices or from the Play Store for Androids. A nice stocking stuffer!



Buzz About the Flora Mobile App

Here are some articles and other offerings on the Flora App.

Webinar Learn how to use the Flora App when you watch [Get to Know the New Flora of Virginia Mobile App](#), presented Oct. 19 by Michelle Prysby, director of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program and member of the Flora Project's Board, and Bland Crowder, executive director of the Flora Project. Once on the page, scroll down to find the link to this webinar.

Richard Stromberg used the App to nail down the ID of Virginia Heartleaf, *Hexastylis virginica*. His article, shown here, appears in the Winter 2017 issue of *The Leaflet*, the newsletter of the Piedmont Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. Richard was a volunteer who helped during creation of the App.

Using the Flora of Virginia App—Richard Stromberg

I downloaded the app as soon as I could, while Flora editor Bland Crowder was still talking about it at the Tri-State Conference in September. So I have all 1,554 pages of the Flora plus a multichotomous key and the maps and photos from the Digital Atlas of the Virginia Flora on my phone.



Here's an example of how I have used it. I visited Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in October. Sugar Run was lined with the low-lying, variegated leaves shown at the left. In the app, I chose dicot and entered five keys describing the leaves: basal, simple, undivided, wide, and entire. That found 19 possibilities, and Virginia Heartleaf (*Hexastylis virginica*) fit. The range map shows why I wasn't familiar with it. It doesn't grow in my stomping grounds in the northern point of Virginia.



Article from the Winter 2017 issue of *Marylandica*, the publication of the Maryland Native Plant Society. It points out the value of the Flora App for plant people in Maryland, whose flora overlaps about 95% with ours. Click [here](#) for a PDF.

How many Flora Apps? Almost 500 copies of the App are already in use. It was released on Sept. 30.

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