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The Question Mark caterpillar feeds on a leaf of an *Ulmus rubra* (Slippery Elm) in a Richmond yard.

## On the Richmond Butterfly Front

The new Richmond chapter of the North American Butterfly Association is using *Flora of Virginia* scientific and common names in developing a list of area plants that are hosts for butterfly larvae. Sixty-six species of butterflies have been identified in the city in recent years, and others live in the adjacent counties. The caterpillars of a butterfly species may feed on just one plant (Zebra Swallowtails feed only on *Asimina triloba*, the Common Pawpaw); many feed on a number of plants in the same family (Black Swallowtails feed only on members of the Apiaceae, the Carrot Family); and others have broader tastes (Eastern Tiger Swallowtails feed on a variety of woody plants). For more information about NABA Richmond, write Lauren Adelman at [heyla2016@gmail.com](mailto:heyla2016@gmail.com). (Story and photo by Allen Belden.)



A winning arrangement! The *Flora* and the Salisbury Garden Club at the Midlothian Library.

## Midlothian Focus on the *Flora*

If you'll be in Midlothian this weekend (through April 17), drop in at the Midlothian Library and see the grand exhibit the Salisbury Garden Club has installed there, based on the *Flora of Virginia*. To mark the club's 50th anniversary, President Lorna Boucher presented the library with a copy of the *Flora*, now a part of the exhibit but soon to enter circulation.

## Ready for Its Close-Up



The quest for pictures of all Virginia's plants will be a work in progress. It's a tall order to photograph all 3,164 species—a number that will be growing as we Keep the Science Current, bringing in plants that were not treated in the book. Here's a native that's critically imperiled in Virginia, *Rhynchospora stenophylla*, the **Coastal Bog Beaksedge**. You'll see this photo before long in the *Flora* App. © DCR-DNH, John F. Townsend

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