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NEWS FROM THE FLORA OF VIRGINIA PROJECT

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These "postcards" illustrate the wonders of Virginia plants and how we're making sure you have current information about them. In a year or so the Flora of Virginia Mobile App will cover as many as 300 more species and reflect the latest in taxonomy and nomenclature. With a generous gift at year's end, you can help us include in the App four batches of plants, illustrated below. Please help! (Above: Bristly Sarsaparilla, *Aralia hispida* © Gary P. Fleming/Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation [DCR], Division of Natural Heritage [DNH].)



## Plants new for Virginia

Roan Mountain Bluets, *Houstonia montana*, are endemic to the high elevations of the southern Appalachians. (Photograph © DCR-DNH, Gary P. Fleming.)



## Plants new to science

So new it still needs a name is this distinctive white *Monarda* from Virginia's shale-barren region. (Photograph © DCR-DNH, John F. Townsend.)



## Plants we considered waifs

East Asian Smartweed, *Persicaria extremiorientalis*, is known from 11 counties, with a still wider range expected. It's listed as a waif in the *Flora of Virginia*. (Photograph © Gary P. Fleming.)



## Plants with new names and reconsidered relationships

*Lipocarpa micrantha*, the Small-flower Halfchaff Sedge, may be renamed *Cyperus subsquarrosus*, as its genus is being re-evaluated in light of molecular studies. (Photograph © DCR-DNH, Gary P. Fleming.)



In 2012 we published the first flora for Virginia since 1762 and in 2017 released a mobile app offering the book's full contents, as well as photographs, range maps, and new data sets. Our App gives us the ability to update as soon as we can create new content. Keeping the Science Current is our focus. And we're mobilizing our team of botanists, illustrators, writers, and editors to get it done.

## Our coordinates

We hope the Flora Project's in your year-end giving plans. If so, you can give via PayPal by clicking [here now](#) or from our homepage, [floraofvirginia.org](http://floraofvirginia.org). If you'd rather, send a check, payable to the Flora of Virginia Project, to P.O. Box 512, Richmond, Va. 23218. Follow us on Facebook. Thank you!

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