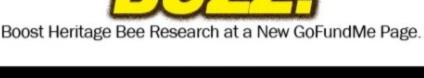


Thinking spring wildflowers? Let this inspire you!

Virginia Community College, Manassas, and her students John DeMary and Suzanne Lohr produced a 48-minute video titled Spring Wildflowers of the Mid-Atlantic Region. The video received a 1998 Telly Award for excellence in nonnetwork productions, and now the Virginia Native Plant Society is offering it on its YouTube channel. Click below to watch. Marion, retired from NVCC, is Vice President of the Flora of Virginia Project's Board of Directors and still does plenty of teaching, much of it focusing on the Flora.

Some 20 years ago, Marion Lobstein, then a professor of biology at Northern







planning how best to manage their populations and maintain their ecological roles. Virginia's bee list includes at least 470 species, 450 of them native. In 2017, the Rusty-patched Bumblebee became the first native bee in the continental United States to be listed as federally endangered, and, with more than 20 records, Virginia's is the largest known population east of the Mississippi. The Virginia Natural Heritage Program is a division of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and the key partner of the Flora of Virginia Project. Click to support this effort. (Pictured is the Rusty-patched Bumblebee, Bombus affinis, courtesy Sam Droege, USGS Bee Lab)

funding, a member of the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation has created a GoFundMe page to support the work. Tasks include documenting native bee species and their habitats, studying the problems they face, and



one, and it seems to be working well. Our apologies for the problems!

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