Rare Plant Monitoring Program

Spring Kickoff!

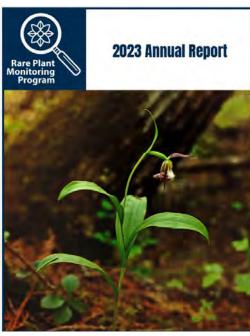
Rare Plant Monitors,

We're excited to share with you the annual Rare Plant Monitoring Program report. Inside you'll find highlights from the 2023 field season, a story about one volunteer's years-long effort to relocate a rare senna, and an article from Kevin about how we use rare plant data. You'll meet three of our volunteers, hear about the 2024 Species of the Year, and, as always, see lots of great photos.

We're excited for the 2024 season and to send you on your first rare plant surveys. We have lots of ideas to continue improving the program, but want to hear from you first. Please take a few minutes to share your experience and tell us what you'd like to see from the RPMP in the future. Take the short survey and help us make the program better for you!

Like last year, the RPMP training videos are available online for you to watch at any time. We encourage you to check them out as a refresher and to see how things have changed if you took the training session in person. The videos range from four to twenty minutes and are arranged by topic so you can jump right to whatever you're interested in. Here is the link to all nine videos.

Finally, it may not feel like spring right now, but soon it will and, with that, time to get back outside and search for rare plants! Please use the <u>Rare Plant Finder</u> to identify rare plants you'd like to search for, and then email us your requests. Remember, we got a new email address last year, which you can find in our signature.





Maryland senna (Senna marilandica) recently rediscovered in the state by George Riggin. Read about this story in the annual report!

Thanks for your commitment to rare plant conservation. We're looking forward to another great year!

Sincerely,

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