

(*Populus* spp.). Aerial photos show low pockets, probably bogs, on the east side, but these were not visited in 2007.

Survey results

The check list compiled during the botany blitz in August and the quick survey of the preliminary visit in May includes 282 species of vascular plants and 51 species of lichens. Although no endangered or threatened species of plants were found during 2007 visits, the large number of species recorded in only a few hours of field work suggests that the Lawrence Lake Natural Area harbors a rich flora. Over 95 % of the species are native and non-invasive, and most of the Natural Area show few signs of recent disturbance. However, county land near the boat landing was logged during the summer, and some of the logging may have extended into the Natural Area, creating areas where invasive species could become established.

The botany blitz visit to Lawrence Lake in 2008 is scheduled for 14 June. At least some of the field work at that time should be concentrated on the east side of the lake, searching especially for habitats not seen in 2007, such as bogs, springs, etc., as well as looking for rare species.

Botanical Club Members and others interested in joining the group for the 2008 botany blitz at Lawrence Lake should meet at the boat landing at the north end of Polar Road at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 14 June 2008. At least some of the group will remain near the boat landing during the morning so that those arriving later will be able to join in the survey. Take highway 64 east from Antigo about 10 miles or highway 52 for 13 miles northeast to Polar Road; follow Polar Road north to the dead end at the boat landing. Bring a lunch and be prepared for walking through wet areas, for mosquitoes, ticks, etc. Contact Emmet Judziewicz, office: 715-346-4248, email: ejudziew@uwsp.edu, or Bob Freckmann, office 715-346-2637, home 715-344-0686, email: rfreckma@uwsp.edu for more information.

Chapter Changes

by Lynn White

At our Board meeting on February 23rd, we discussed the current status of our BCW Chapters. All but one Chapter, the Central WI Chapter, have been inactive for some time. I felt it was an appropriate time to discuss this topic because the BCW and its Botany Blitzes will be prominently featured in one of the summer issues of the DNR Natural Resources magazine. We list our Chapters as one of the benefits of the club and also have contact names for most of the Chapters. This is somewhat misleading for prospective members that may be attracted through the publication of this article. Therefore the Board decided to remove the Chapter designations of the inactive Chapters until there is an indication of re-formation of an independent Chapter. We still encourage BCW members to meet and participate in activities with other members from their area. This can be done by posting meetings or events on our BCW website, or in the Wisconsin Flora, as the Central WI Chapter has done this month.

Happy
Spring!

BCW Bylaws To Be Revised

by Lynn White

It has been quite some time since our BCW By-Laws were last updated. My last job as President will be to go through the By-Laws and make necessary updates. These changes will need to be voted on by the BCW membership and will be mailed out sometime this summer. Among the changes is the absence of Chapter Representatives, which will necessitate changes to the structure of the BCW Board. Please direct any suggestions or feedback you may have on this issue to bcwlynn@frontiernet.net