



The 1178th meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held
Friday, 3 May 2024, at 7:00 PM ET PM at Garden in the Woods,
Native Plant Trust, Framingham, MA



“Climbing Plants of the Northeastern United States”

By

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PLEASE READ (LOTS of NEW INFO and REMINDERS):

- 1) **ACTIVITIES AT GITW WILL BE IN-PERSON ONLY:** Please see below for details about garden visitation and garden shop access for NEBS members and then stay for this presentation by a 2022 winner of a [Les Mehrhoff Botanical Research Award](#). We will also offer a free Lichen Identification Clinic earlier in the day. Specific details below.
- 2) **NEELA DE ZOYSA’S ABSTRACT:** Since Charles Newhall's publication of "The Vines of Northeastern America" in 1897, no comprehensive study has been done on climbing plants in North America. In the Northeastern region, the climbers are a remarkably diverse group of over 200 species. They range from woody lianas and scandent shrubs to herbaceous vines and parasitic dodders, ascending with the help of twining stems, tendrils, adventitious roots, prickles and barbs. A significant proportion of our native species are rare, while many native and non-native species are proliferating because of forest fragmentation and the warming climate. This talk will shed light on climbing plants that have been long neglected and explain why we need a more complete understanding of them.
- 3) **GARDEN IN THE WOODS WALK TO SEE CLIMBING PLANTS:** Before her talk, Neela will lead a walk from 5:15PM-6 PM to view a selection of rare and interesting climbers at Garden in the Woods.
- 4) **LICHEN IDENTIFICATION CLINIC:** 10:30 AM–4:30 PM at Native Plant Trust’s GITW Education Building
 - Free admission for clinic attendees - please email Elizabeth Kneiper at ekneiper@aol.com to sign up.
 - Led by NEBS Cryptogam Herbarium Curator Elizabeth Kneiper and volunteers Hal Schaefer and Kay Hurley.
 - Our goal is to help members of the NEBS with identification of lichens brought to the clinic. Lichen keys, microscopes, chemical spot tests, a teaching presentation, and a display of some common New England lichens will be available for use. Given time and participant interest, a lichen walk in the garden may be included.
- 5) **LOCATION OF MAY MEETING IS AT GARDEN IN THE WOODS (GITW), FRAMINGHAM, MA:** GITW is at 180 Hemenway Road, the headquarters for the [Native Plant Trust](#). Admission will be free for lichen clinic attendees and after 5:00 PM for others. Members and guests may tour the garden and bring a picnic supper to eat at the Education Building, where the presentation will be at 7:00 PM [Visit GITW](#) for more information.
- 6) **GITW GARDEN SHOP OPEN UNTIL 6 PM FOR NEBS MEMBERS:** NEBS members and guests may purchase native plants, books, and other botanical items at Garden in the Woods in Framingham until 6 PM. On [Buy Native Plants](#) you will find the 2024 plant availability and price lists. [Native Plant Trust books](#) written by authors who are also NEBS members include *Grasses, Sedges, Rushes: An Identification Guide*, *The Northeast Native Plant Primer: 235 Plants for an Earth-Friendly Garden*, *Native Plants for New England Gardens*, *Wildflowers of New England*, and *Flora Nova Angliae*.

- 7) **NEXT NEBS MEETING – SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2024 “AWAY MEETING” ON MARTHA’S VINEYARD WILL REQUIRE REGISTRATION WITH PAYMENT BY ALL:** See [Upcoming Meetings](#) webpage for current plans at [Polly Hill Arboretum](#). A registration fee of \$75. will cover on-island transportation, admission fee to arboretum, lunch, and afternoon libations. **Only 12 seats on van are available. Please [register and pay here](#).** Also make reservations for the 8:15 AM [Steamship Authority ferry](#) from Woods Hole to Vineyard Haven and for return on the 7:15 PM ferry (separate fee). Questions or to ask for reduced rate for MV residents: contact NEBS Vice President Melissa Cullina at mcullina@gmail.com.
- 8) **SUMMER 2024 DAY & COLLECTING FIELD TRIPS:** DAY FIELD TRIPS (**June 1, June 29, August 10, August 17, September 7**) are informal, small-group outings to explore interesting places and to see (not collect) interesting plants, facilitated by knowledgeable and enthusiastic leaders. COLLECTING TRIPS (**June 23 & TBD**) are intended to collect specimens in under-represented New England localities. Collected specimens will be added to our herbaria and species lists will be prepaid for local land managers. All trips have **limited capacity, so please register at least 1 week in advance**. Bring your lunch, water, insect repellent, field guides, hand lens, and curiosity. Be prepared for the terrain and level of difficulty indicated for each trip. Details can be found on the [Upcoming Field Trips](#) webpage or this [PDF](#). **We advise saving this PDF with the registration links and other information.**
- 9) **APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEBS COORDINATOR OF OPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP:** The **New England Botanical Society** seeks an organizational-level Coordinator to assist in accomplishing its mission of connecting, inspiring, mentoring, and supporting a vibrant community of people who are passionate about the flora of New England. The **Coordinator of Operations and Membership** will support the day-to-day functionality of our organization and will work under the guidance of, and in close relationship with, the volunteer-based Council, Executive Committee, and President. Review of applications will begin as they are received, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. **Duties, qualifications, and application procedure** are described [here](#). Please share this information with anyone that may be interested in the position. If you have any questions, please email the NEBS President at president@rhodora.org.
- 10) **EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS (20%) & NEBS STIPENDS (\$150) FOR 1 STUDENT:** The [Eagle Hill Institute](#), Steuben, ME, is again offering NEBS members a 20% discount for their 2024 in-person summer week-long seminars (May-Sept). This discount is applied towards tuition and accommodations, but not meals or lab/microscope use fees. Also, NEBS will cover one stipend per year of \$150 towards costs for another NEBS STUDENT member who registers for a summer botany course. Contact Society President at president@rhodora.org for details and to apply. [Eagle Hill calendar](#).
- 11) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE:** [Renew or Join for 2024 Here!](#) If you know of others who might be interested in our organization, please forward this link.

The next Council meeting will be 1 May 2024 from 6:00-7:00 PM ET via Zoom.

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