

Trip Report, League of Naturalists

6/22/03 Search for Pitcher Plant at Green Pond

Led by: Carol Weiss.

Participants: Barry Babcock, Gene Brown, Bob Celander, Jack Focht, Ken McNichol, Alan Wells, Della Wells.

Location: Met at the Hikers parking area along Route 106 (old Route 210) at 9 AM. Hiked from parking area to Green Pond, Boston Mine, Island Pond, and then return. Trip ended at 12:50 PM.

Weather: Low 60s, moderate rain and light fog at Island Pond.

Highlights: Billions of red efts on the trail (OK, a slight exaggeration, but documented with mathematical precision); Ken's bad puns (see below); a small conifer snapped off by a black bear (?); spectacular pink Mountain Laurel blooms at Island Pond; brilliant Hemlock Varnish Shelf, at several locations near Green Pond; more stories of Muz Jones from Jack; Pitcher Plants in bloom (but too much water!); fog shrouded Island Pond; Gene's story of the great Goshawk attack; and RAIN!!!!

(High resolution photos available upon request.)



Photo 1. LON group at Green Pond.

Photo 2. The further adventures of Muz Jones.



Photo 3. Red eft.

Photo 4. Blue Dasher, *Pachydiplax longipennis*

Invertebrates

Unidentified slug
 Unidentified Geometrid moths
 Blue Dasher, *Pachydiplax longipennis*
 Unidentified Tipulidae
 Mosquitoes (abundant)

Reptiles & Amphibians

Red-spotted Newt (red eft stage)
 Green Frog (at Green Pond)
 Wood Frog
 Unidentified Turtle eggs (depredated)

Birds

American Redstart, American Robin, Black-capped Chickadee (Island Pond), Black-throated Green Warbler, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Blue Jay, Brown-headed Cowbird, Cedar Waxwing (Island Pond), Chipping Sparrow, Common Yellowthroat (+ female carrying food.), Eastern Wood Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, Ovenbird, Pine Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Red-eyed Vireo, Red-winged Blackbird (Green Pond), Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Scarlet Tanager, Song Sparrow (Island Pond), Tufted Titmouse (Island Pond), Wood Thrush (+ fledgling at Boston Mine).

Mammals

Eastern Chipmunk, Gray Squirrel, White-tailed Deer, Black Bear (sign only, broken tree near Island Pond)

Fungi

Orange Jelly, *Dacrymyces palmatus* (on Hemlock)
 Dead Man's Fingers
 Hemlock Varnish Shelf, *Gandoderma tsugae*
 (and numerous other species)

Misc. Plants

Arrow-wood, *Viburnum dentatum* (Island Pond)
 Haircap Moss, *Polytrichum commune*

Gooseberry, *Ribes* sp. (Boston Mine)
 Knawel, *Scleranthus annus*, "I knawel this one!" (K. McNichol)
 Lowbush Blueberry, *Vaccinium pallidum*
 Mountain Laurel, *Kalmia latifolia*
 Pitcher Plant, *Sarracenia purpurea* (Green Pond)
 Rattlesnake Hawkweed, *Hieracium venosum*
 Rock Tripe (Boston Mine)
 Royal Fern, *Osmunda regalis* (near Island Pond)
 Sheep Laurel, *Kalmia angustifolia*
 Sphagnum moss,
 Yellow Pond Lily, *Nuphar variegatum*, "That one is *Nuphar* me!" (K. McNichol)
 Unidentified *Dryopteris* fern (at Boston Mine)



Photo 5. Hemlock Varnish Shelf.



Photo 6. Orange Jelly.

Tip: To distinguish Orange Jelly from Witches' Butter: Orange Jelly is found on conifers while Witches' Butter is found on Beech, Oaks, and Alder. (Think of a witch wearing an orange feather B.O.A .)



Photo 7. Green Pond.



Photo 8. Island Pond.



Pitcher Plant, *Sarracenia purpurea*