

Wolf Creek Narrows Trip Report Tuesday, Earth Day, April 22, 2014

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The day started out with heavy rain, with temps in the 50's. I despaired of anyone braving the elements. However, four members came and brought clearing skies with them. The rain stopped at 9:55 am and the sun even tried to come out for the duration of the morning walk. The wildflowers were about two weeks behind usual but we did find 20 species in bloom or about to bloom. We also had a Louisiana Waterthrush and a nice look at a mink sitting on a large flat stone in mid-creek, before he dove into the water.

Wildflowers:

Coltsfoot
Early Saxifrage
Purple Deadnettle
Virginia Spring Beauty
Skunk Cabbage
Dutchman's Britches
Virginia Bluebells
Trout Lily
Cutleaf Toothwort
Wood Anemone—Bud
Bloodroot
Blue Cohosh—Bud
Broadleaf Toothwort—Bud
Sharp Leaved Hepatica (white)
Grandiflora Trillium
Dwarf Ginseng
Spring Cress
Spicebush
Golden Saxifrage
Wild Blue Phlox—Bud



Birds:

Canada Goose X Heard
Common Merganser 1
Great Blue Heron 1
Mourning Dove 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker 2
Downy Woodpecker 1
Northern Flicker 2
Blue-headed Vireo 1
Blue Jay 1
Black-capped Chickadee 3
Tufted Titmouse 5
White-breasted Nuthatch 2
Carolina Wren 1
American Robin 7
Louisiana Waterthrush 1
Eastern Towhee 1
Field Sparrow 1 We heard the song.

Also Seen:

Ramps
Beechdrops
Squawroot
Cutleaf Grape Fern

