

St. Francois S.P. (Mooner's Hollow)

September 28, 2026

Below are just some of the many plants that drew our attention on this richly diverse trail:

	BOTANICAL NAME (with genus pronunciation)	FAMILY [CC] = Coefficient of Conservatism	COMMON NAME ☼ = Flowering / 🍂 = Fruiting / 🌿 = Fern
☐	<i>Ageratina altissima</i> (AJ-jr-uh-TY-nuh)	Asteraceae (Eupatorieae tribe) [CC2]	White Snakeroot ☼
☐	<i>Antennaria parlinii</i> (an-tin-AYR-ee-uh)	Asteraceae (Gnaphalieae tribe) CC5	Parlin's Pussytoes
☐	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i> (bo-MEER-ee-uh)	Urticaceae [CC4]	False Nettle 🍂
☐	<i>Cirsium altissimum</i> (SR-see-um)	Asteraceae (Cardueae tribe) [CC4]	Tall Thistle 🍂
☐	<i>Cubelium</i> [Hybanthus] <i>concolor</i> ("q"-BELL-ee-um)	Violaceae [CC7]	Green Violet
☐	<i>Cunila origanoides</i> (KOO-nil-lah)	Lamiaceae [CC6]	Dittany ☼
☐	<i>Dioscorea villosa</i> (dy-o-SKOR-ee-uh)	Dioscoreaceae (Dioscoreales / Monocots) [CC5]	Wild Yam
☐	<i>Hepatica acutiloba</i> (heh-PAT-tick-kuh)	Ranunculaceae [CC7]	Sharp-Lobed Hepatica
☐	<i>Hydrangea arborescens</i> (hy-DRAIN-jee-uh)	Hydrangeaceae [CC7]	Smooth Hydrangea
☐	<i>Hypericum stragulum</i> (hy-PAYR-i-kum)	Hypericaceae (Malpighiales) [CC8]	Multi-Stemmed St. Andrew's Cross
☐	<i>Ionactis linariifolia</i> (eye-o-NACK-tiss)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC9]	Flax-Leaved Stiff Aster ☼
☐	<i>Lindera benzoin</i> (lin-DEER-uh)	Lauraceae [CC5]	Spicebush
☐	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> (lo-BEE-lee-uh)	Campanulaceae [CC4]	Great Blue Lobelia ☼
☐	<i>Maclura pomifera</i> (mack-KLOO-ruh)	Moraceae / Rosales [introduced]	Osage Orange
☐	<i>Pellaea atropurpurea</i> (pell-EE-uh)	Pteridaceae [CC7]	Purple Cliffbrake 🌿
☐	<i>Plantago cordata</i> (plan-TAY-go)	Plantaginaceae [CC10]	Heartleaf Plantain
☐	<i>Polymnia canadensis</i> (po-LIMM-nee-uh)	Asteraceae (Polymnieae tribe) [CC6]	Whiteflower Leafcup / Whiteflower Bearsfoot /
☐	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i> (pik-NANN-thuh-mum)	Lamiaceae (Nepetoideae subfamily) [CC4]	Narrowleaf Mountainmint
☐	<i>Ruellia strepens</i> (roo-ELL-ee-uh)	Acanthaceae [CC3]	Smooth Wild Petunia 🍂
☐	<i>Scrophularia marilandica</i> (skro-foo-LAYR-ee-uh)	Scrophulariaceae [CC3]	Figwort 🍂
☐	<i>Sium suave</i> (SY-um)	Apiaceae [CC6]	Water Parsnip
☐	<i>Smilax tamnoides</i> [<i>S.hispida</i>] (SMY-lax)	Smilacaceae (Liliales) [CC3]	Bristly Greenbrier 🍂
☐	<i>Solidago buckleyi</i> (so-lid-DAY-go)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC8]	Buckley's Goldenrod ☼
☐	<i>Solidago gigantea</i> (so-lid-DAY-go)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC3]	Giant Goldenrod ☼
☐	<i>Solidago hispida</i> (so-lid-DAY-go)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC6]	Hairy Goldenrod ☼
☐	<i>Staphylea trifolia</i> (staff-ill-LEE-uh)	Staphyleaceae (Crossosomatales) [CC5]	American Bladdernut 🍂
☐	<i>Symphyotrichum drummondii</i> (SIMM-fee-o-TRY-kum)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC4]	Drummond's Aster ☼
☐	<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i> (SIMM-fee-o-TRY-kum)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC7]	Smooth Aster ☼

☐	<i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i> (SIMM-fee-o-TRY-kum)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC3]	Calico Aster ☼
☐	<i>Symphyotrichum patens</i> (SIMM-fee-o-TRY-kum)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC5]	Spreading Aster or Late Purple Aster ☼
☐	<i>Symphyotrichum urophyllum</i> (SIMM-fee-o-TRY-kum)	Asteraceae (Astereae tribe) [CC4]	Arrowleaf Aster ☼
☐	<i>Tephrosia virginiana</i> (teff-RO-see-uh)	Fabaceae (Faboideae subfamily) [CC5]	Goat's Rue
☐	<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i> (TOCK-see-ko-DEN-dron)	Anacardiaceae (Sapindales) [CC1]	Poison Ivy
☐	<i>Tradescantia subaspera</i> (trad-eh-SKANT-ee-uh)	Commelinaceae [CC8]	ZigZag Spiderwort 🌿
☐	<i>Vaccinium pallidum</i> (vack-SINN-ee-um)	Ericaceae [CC4]	Lowbush Blueberry

NOTES

WHERE WE WALKED: We walked along the east side of the Mooner's Hollow loop for about a quarter-mile. When the trail neared Coonville Creek, we crossed the creek to its west side, bushwacked a short distance up a hill until we found the trail, then took the end of the Mooner's Hollow loop back to the cars (saving us nearly 2 miles of walking!)

OBSERVATIONS: we usually come here in the spring to see the ephemerals, but we came today to see what it looks like at the end of the growing season. It's as richly diverse as ever! But instead of Jack-in-the-Pulpits and Toothworts, we enjoyed the Goldenrods and Asters.

PHOTOS: Kathy Bildner has shared her photos with us again. You can find them on our Google Drive [HERE](#).

PARTICIPANTS:

Because of the *Missouri Native Plant Society* walks over the weekend, there were only 6 of us botanists today, who are (in alphabetical order):

Dianne Benjamin, Kathy Bildner, Michael Laschober, Burt Noll, John Oliver, and George Van Brunt