

SOME OTHER FALL COLOURS – by Jim Saunders

Every fall we look forward to the big show put on by the maples, birches and aspens. This is definitely the main feature but there is another show that doesn't get the same attention. Many of the players in this one can be viewed from roads and trails in the forest, along ditches, at the edges of other wet areas and in waste areas such as abandoned sandstone pits. The text in this article will be short so that as many pictures as possible can be inserted.

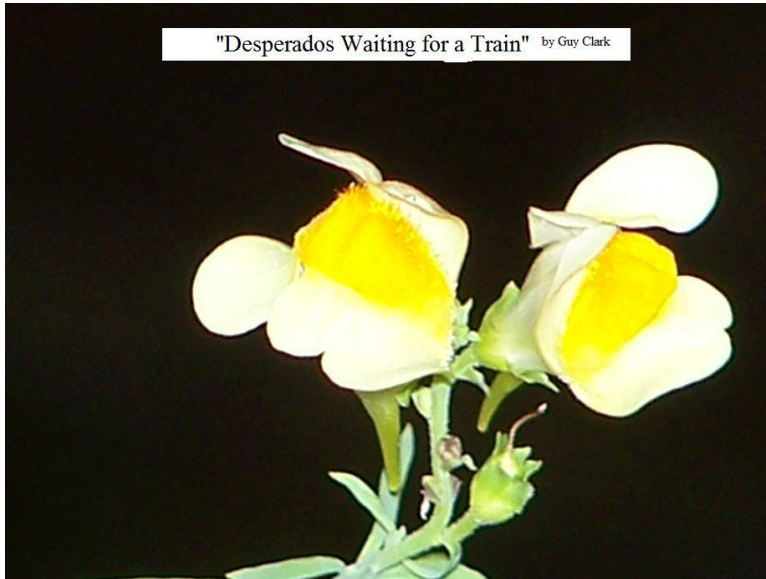
The Hobblebush has a wardrobe of many colors at this time of year. This selection of colors caught my attention much more than some of the drab browns that it also wears.



The Virginia Creeper can be found trailing along the ground but more often it climbs up shrubs, trees, side of buildings or poles to get more sun and save itself the expense of building a sturdy stem. The fruit and leaves are believed to be toxic to humans but birds are able to eat the fruit without ill effects.



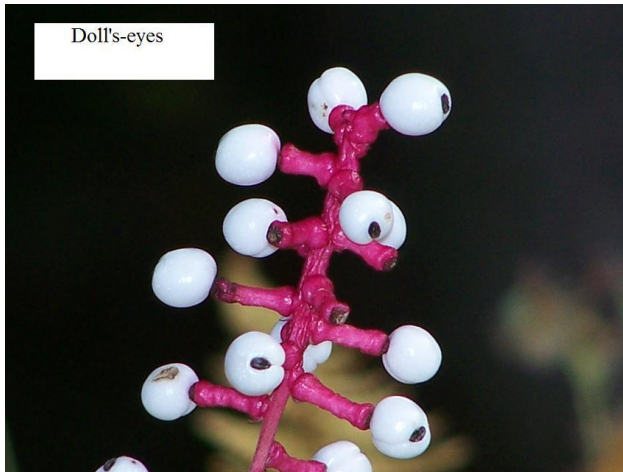
The "Desperados" were found beside a railroad track but they are quite common in other areas that get a good amount of sun.



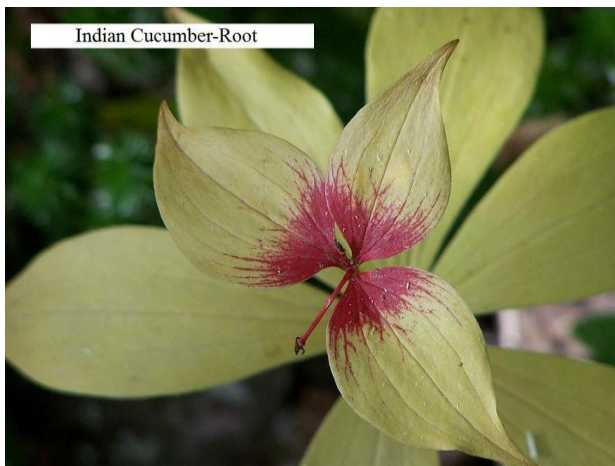
It is evident to see how the Arrow-leaved Tearthumb got its name.



Doll's-eyes, also known as White Baneberry is found in deciduous forests with rich soils of low acidity.



The Indian Cucumber-root is often more colorful than this image.



Beech-drops are found where Beech occurs. They are parasitic on the roots of the Beech.

