

# Botanical Society of Washington

873<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Tuesday, 2 May 2006 at 7:00 P.M.

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## **Rare Flora and Natural Communities of the Upper Anacostia Watershed**

**Location:** Cathy Kerby Room (Room CE-340)  
on the third floor of the East Court building

National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution

All are welcome. Use Constitution Avenue entrance; wait to be escorted up.

As usual, light refreshments will be served prior to and after the presentation.

**PRE-MEETING DINNER:** 5:30 P.M. Elephant and Castle, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W. Phone 202-347-7707. [www.elephantcastle.com](http://www.elephantcastle.com) The restaurant is diagonally across from the Old Post Office Pavilion at 12<sup>th</sup> and Penn., a few blocks from the museum, with Federal Triangle the nearest Metro station, and Metro Center also nearby.

**ABOUT THE TOPIC:** The upper Anacostia River watershed, situated in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties, Maryland, is a vast area that encompasses thousands of acres of high quality forest, wetlands, streams, and plant communities. Many of these habitats are highly rare or unique in the greater Washington, D.C. area, including the globally rare, Pitch Pine (*Pinus rigida*) dominated Pine Barrens Pine - Oak Woodland and Pine Barrens Lowland Forest, seepagebogs, and Coastal Plain Bottomland Forest.

Much of the flora is typical of the Coastal Plain, including numerous rare and disjunct species and many that reach their western limits in Maryland here.