

BOOK NOTICE

JOHN E. SCHWEGMAN. 2016. **The Natural Heritage of Illinois: Essays on Its Lands, Waters, Flora, and Fauna.** (ISBN-13: 978-0-8093-3484-1, pbk). Southern Illinois University Press, 1915 University Press Drive, SIUC Mail Code 6806, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.siuupress.com, 1-800-621-2736). \$24.50, 240 pp., 35 color illustrations, 6" × 9¼".

From the publisher: *The Natural Heritage of Illinois* is an engaging collection of ninety-three essays on the lands, waters, plants, and animals found in Illinois. Written in lively, accessible prose, the book discusses how wind, water, glaciers, earthquakes, fire, and people have shaped Illinois' landforms, natural habitats, rivers and streams, and the ways in which native plants and animals, from individual species to entire ecosystems, have thrived, survived, or died out.

John E. Schwegman is the principal author of *The Natural Divisions of Illinois*, a classification of the state's natural lands that guides the development of the Illinois Nature Preserves System. He established the Natural Areas Program (now Division of Natural Heritage) at the Illinois' Department of Natural Resources and since retirement has served as a commissioner of the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. He led the founding of the Natural Areas Association, America's professional society for nature conservationists, and served as its first President. Currently, he serves as a consultant to the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission.

Chapters include: **1)** Lands and Waters of Illinois; **2)** Historical Accounts of Early Illinois; **3)** Natural Communities and Natural Diversity of Illinois; **4)** Ecology, Conservation, and Management of Natural Features of Illinois; **5)** Problem Exotic Species and Diseases Affecting Illinois; **6)** Animals of Illinois; **7)** Plants of Illinois. This is a nice illustrated account of the natural heritage of Illinois.

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 2017 APPLICATIONS FOR THE DELZIE DEMAREE TRAVEL AWARD

Applications for the 2017 Delzie Demaree Travel Award should include a letter from the applicant telling how symposium attendance will benefit his/her graduate work and letter of recommendation sent by the major professor. Please send letters of application to: Dr. Donna M.E. Ware, P.O. Box 8795, Herbarium, Biology Department, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185-8795, U.S.A. 1-757-221-2799; Email: dmeware@verizon.net. Applications may also be sent to: Barney Lipscomb, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3400, U.S.A. 1-817-332-7432; Email: barney@brit.org. The period for receiving applications will end three weeks prior to the date of the symposium if a sufficient number of applications are in hand at that time. Anyone wishing to apply after that date should inquire whether applications are still being accepted before applying. The Systematics Symposium dates for 2017 are 13–14 October 2016 (dates tentative and subject to change).

The Delzie Demaree Travel Award was established in 1988 honoring **Delzie Demaree** who attended 35 out of a possible 36 symposia before he died in 1987. Delzie Demaree was a frontier botanist, explorer, discoverer, and teacher. His teaching career as a botanist began in Arkansas at Hendrix College in 1922. He also taught botany at the University of Arkansas, Navajo Indian School, Yale School of Forestry, Arkansas A&M, and Arkansas State University at Jonesboro where he retired as professor emeritus in 1953. One of the things he enjoyed most as a botanist was assisting students with their field botany research.