

Hope this finds you enjoying the unfolding of Spring in the Greater Kichisipi~Ottawa~Outaouais region.

Thought you might like to see a photo-image of Virginia Bluebells and notice for a slide-show talk I gave on April 10, along with a guided walk to the Native Plant Restoration plot. I began working on the plot in the Gulf Branch Natural Area some twelve years ago.

The notice was written by Jennifer Soles, an inspiring staff naturalist at the Gulf Branch Nature Center. One of her passions is removing invasive exotic plants and restoring the native habitats of the Gulf Branch Natural Area, mid-Potomac River region.

The photo-image and notice are posted to the "Living in the Land" forum on the GA website.

Best wishes for this Earth Day and Easter Egg weekend.

salud,

Lorne Peterson
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p.s. In April, North Land residents sometimes feel the need for earlier Spring flowering and singing, especially in the current La Niña climate cycle of colder, wetter weather in Northern places, pushed to further extremes by our own emissions. The mid-Potomac River region has also had stormy weather with record highs and lows.

But Spring is going on here with flowering, pollinating and singing. The Spring season usually begins in mid-March and goes on for three months to early June. So, if you visit, in addition to heading to D.C. Museums, Monuments and Cherry Blossoms on the Mall, make time to go to the many natural areas and enjoy their wonders along the Potomac River and stream valleys in the Greater Washington area. Going with a talented naturalist guide can enrich your experience in many ways. You may even want to sign-up for an invasive plant pull led by local naturalists and native plant conservation groups. It's a great way to get to know the land and the people.

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