

typical drought that we have had since August because water levels were so low. In the past week I have been out in the field and am amazed and how many trees are dying as a result of the low flood and extended drought. In addition, the tree effects will not be seen as many species simply may not leaf out next spring. The drought of course has also affected our wildlife with blue tongue and hemorrhagic disease killing off deer in large numbers across the entire state. So it seems like everything has been affected and our native herbs and wildflowers are also struggling with the lack of water. Let us hope that significant rain comes soon to our parched land.

We will be holding our fall board meeting soon and hope to cover in some resolution on issues that have been hanging around for some period of time on before the convention. We would like also to



join The Kentucky Native Plant Society for this exciting conference at the scenic Clear Creek Park which covers 2,000 acres including great views of the Clear River (Franklinburg, KY near Louisville).

11:00 a.m. Keynote address

Native Plants - Standing as Sentinels
by **David G. Woodruff, Ph.D.**

Native Species Protection Specialist
U.S. Geological Survey

12:00 p.m. Discussion to establish early
dormant and rapid response teams

12:30 p.m. Lunch (bring your own)

2:00 p.m. Field led by Bryan Lewis, park
naturalist

Event ends on campus by 5:00. Contact the