

FoSM Flower Hike 20190112

We were a little bit early, for most of the Spring blooms, however, without their beautiful profusion to distract one's attention, several less prominent and invasive perennials were in evidence, and among them a few that were totally new to this observer.

Alcoholicus americanus v. *Sextupl-alumen-modelo*
An invasive species from Milwaukee, Denver, or Mexico depending upon the variety. Usually found in clusters of six, maybe close together or more widely dispersed. The sap of this plant is usually tasty however somewhat intoxicating.



A. americanus v. *Limonada*
A somewhat less toxic variety.

Sucrosus colaratum v. *pepsi*
Another of the less toxic varieties, at least initially.

Claytonia pigeonata v. *citrusata*
C. pigeonata v. *albinora*
An invasive species that propagates by bursting, exploding, not unlike the way poppy seed pods burst open. *C. pigeonata* is more often found in pieces that might be mistaken as pottery shards. Normally the bloom is several inches in diameter and a bright orange in colour. In the early part of their season they are mostly found as single blossoms. Later as clusters, often, as with cowbirds, their blossoms will be found on the branches of unrelated small bushes.



Mochalicious guarana stellabuck v. *alumen*
This hybrid of *scelerisque* and *capulus* is often found as *v. speculo*