



NORTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDEN AWARD

The North Carolina Botanical Garden Award is a \$300 prize given by NCBG (through the Southeastern Section of the Botanical Society of America and the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society). This is awarded for a presented paper at the annual ASB meeting that best advances our understanding of the biology and conservation of southeastern plants and thus contributes to the mission of the North Carolina Botanical Garden. Of special interest to the Garden are the rare plant species of the Southeast: why they are rare; how they interact with plants, animals, and their environment; and what can be done to ensure their survival. As noted below, the paper may deal with a broad area including systematics, ecology, and conservation.

The presentation is evaluated by a committee at the time of presentation on the following points:

- a) **significance of ideas**
- b) **quality of methodology**
- c) **presentation quality**

The Award is presented at the annual ASB Banquet.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. All individuals eligible to present a paper at the ASB meetings are eligible for this award. They may be students, faculty, or others.
2. The paper must deal with the systematics, ecology, evolution, species biology (including population biology, pollination, dispersal, establishment, and maintenance), propagation, or conservation of vascular plants and their ecosystems that are indigenous to the southeastern US.
3. The paper must be presented in a regular Plant Systematics or Plant Ecology contributed paper session; papers presented in symposia or in poster sessions are not eligible.
4. The paper title and abstract must be submitted to the Award Coordinator at the time of submission to ASB. The appropriate box should be checked on the ASB Title Form. If there are any questions regarding the Award, please contact Johnny Randall, North Carolina Botanical Garden, at jrandall@unc.edu.