



Collinsia parviflora (blue-eyed Mary), an attractive early-blooming plant of Isle Royale's rocky ridges.

The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA) is sponsoring its fifth

ISLE ROYALE BOTANY WORKSHOP! 13-18 June 2011

Experience four days in Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park and learn to identify the diverse native plants of this incredible island!

- This special botany workshop is open to anyone with beginning/intermediate knowledge of plant identification who would like to learn to identify the early season plants of Isle Royale. You'll learn to use such tools as a dichotomous key and hand lens to identify plants. Plant communities, rare species, ecology, and invasive species will be discussed.
- The instructor, botanist Janet Marr, has had many years of experience studying plants across Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Isle Royale. She is co-author of *Island Life, an Isle Royale Nature Guide*, recently published by IRKPA. Janet has taught four Isle Royale botany workshops as well as many botany, aquatic, and wetland plant workshops in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula.
- Workshop activities will take place primarily outdoors. Field trips will be in the vicinity of Rock Harbor and will include Tobin Harbor, Scoville Point, and Raspberry Island. You should be able to walk up to seven miles a day with a daypack sometimes on steep, rocky trails and slippery bedrock shore.
- Participants may camp for free at a Rock Harbor group site, or stay in the Rock Harbor Lodge or housekeeping units at their own expense.
- Michigan K-12 teachers will earn 2.0 SB-CEUs by participating in this workshop.

Botany Workshop fee:

- Total cost for the botany workshop is US\$675 per person if registered by March 5, 2011 (\$25 discount for IRKPA members; see <http://irkpa.org/> for information on becoming an IRKPA member).
- After March 5, 2011 the cost is \$699 (\$25 discount for IRKPA members).
- A \$200 deposit is required in reserve your place in the workshop and may be sent to the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Assoc., Attn: Kristine Bradof, 800 East Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI 49931 The balance is due by April 17, 2011.
- A cancellation fee of \$75 will be charged for cancellations between May 1 and May 31, 2011. There will be no refund for cancellations made after June 1, 2011.
- Workshop fee covers instruction, camping, meals on the island, and transportation to and from Houghton, Michigan, on the Ranger III (participants may travel from Grand Portage, Minnesota, on the Voyager at their own expense).

Enrollment is limited to 12 participants so be sure to register soon to guarantee a spot in the workshop. Contact Kristine Bradof at 906-482-7860 or kbradof@irkpa.org for more information about registration and Janet Marr at 906-337-5529 or jkmarr@mtu.edu for details about the workshop itself.

A four-day long photography workshop taught by professional photographer Bob Guiliani immediately follows the botany workshop. Contact Kristine Bradof at 906-482-7860 or kbradof@irkpa.org for information on the photography workshop.