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Public Library cordially invite
you to see some of the most
profound photographic images
in North Carolina history.
This exhibit is a once-in-a-
lifetime opportunity.*



(Above:) Portrait of B.W. Wells, ca 1930

(Right:)
Savannah
coreopsis



(Left:)
Savannah
meadow
beauty

(Photo on
cover:)
Savannah aster
or Grass-leaved
bog aster

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**F r i e n d s o f
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B.W. Wells:



Pioneer Ecologist

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Images of North Carolina



(Above:) Branched Fly
Poison

Bertram Whittier Wells arrived in North Carolina in 1919 to head the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology (known today as the Department of Plant Biology) at North Carolina State College.

Inspired by a glimpse of the colorful mosaic of flowering plants at the Big Savannah in Pender County, he set out on a mission to understand and document the native plants of North Carolina and how they interact with and are influenced by their environment. By immersing himself in the relatively new science of ecology and spending countless hours in the field, B. W. Wells devoted his life to fulfilling that mission.

Wells taught at NC State until 1954, leading generations of students on field trips, publishing regularly and

giving numerous presentations about the ecology of North Carolina. Throughout his career, he sought to enlighten everyone he encountered on the importance of appreciating nature.

Though he was ultimately unable to save his most beloved site — the ecologically unique Big Savannah — from the plow, his memory inspired the discovery and preservation of a similar site, dedicated as the B. W. Wells Savannah in 2002.



(Above:) Pitcher-plant

Dr. Wells took hundreds of photographs, converting them to lantern slides to accompany his lectures. By presenting Wells' work, including the first public showing of his hand-tinted images in more than



(Above:) Savannah fleabane

30 years, along with modern photographs from the Wells Savannah, the Bogue Banks Public Library hopes to inspire viewers to see North Carolina as Wells did — a beautiful and majestic natural garden.



(Right:)
Red hot
poker

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