

The Isle Royale Natural History Association (IRNHA) is sponsoring its second

ISLE ROYALE BOTANY WORKSHOP

16 - 21 June 2008



Photograph by Linda Swartz
Gaywings (*Polygala paucifolia*), one of Isle
Royale's many early-blooming plants

*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 IRNHA. Janet taught last year's Isle Royale botany workshop as well as many botany and aquatic 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 hike up to seven miles a day with a daypack.
- 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.
- Total cost for the workshop is US\$550 per person (\$525 for IRNHA members; see <http://irnha.org/> for information on becoming a member). Fee covers instruction, camping, meals (Tues. lunch through Sat. breakfast), 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. Contact Jill Burkland at 906-482-7860 or jburkland@irnha.org for more information or to register for the workshop. **Participants need to pre-register and send a \$100 deposit to be received by May 1st** to the Isle Royale Natural History Association, Attn: Jill Burkland, 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton, MI 49931 in order to attend this workshop.