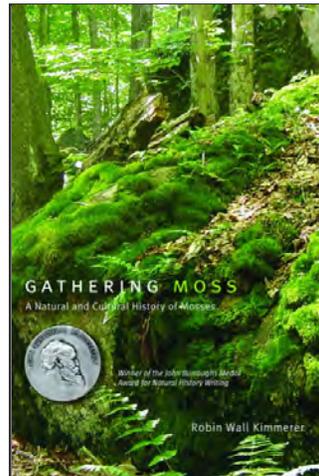


NEWSLETTER

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Gathering Moss



I recently read [Gathering Moss - A Natural and Cultural History of Mosses](#) by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The book's back cover includes an excellent summary of the content:

"In this series of linked personal essays, Robin Wall Kimmerer leads general readers and scientists alike to an understanding of how mosses live and how their lives are intertwined with the lives of countless other beings. Kimmerer clearly and artfully explains the biology of mosses, while at the same time reflecting on what these fascinating organisms have to teach us."

She provides context for her stories of different mosses by sharing a personal story (on the "macro" level) while interweaving the moss stories (on the "micro" level). My favorite is the chapter titled "A Landscape of Chance" in which Ms. Kimmerer shares

how she approached the question of which mosses filled in the gaps on a log, how that was accomplished, and why some gaps were smaller or larger. Without giving away the details of her research and conclusions, I'll say that some of the players included weather, wind, people, deerflies, fungi, peanut butter, beer, slugs and chipmunks.

Loment



"Loment" refers to a particular type of seed pod from a leguminous plant. The loment has constrictions between its seeds. This photo illustrates a loment from Prostrate tick trefoil (*Desmodium rotundifolium*).

Mystery Plant Confirmed



Cat was the first (of quite a few people) to respond with the correct answer about

[Mystery Plant 066](#). It's Celandine poppy (*Stylophorum diphyllum*). This plant has some hairy-looking seed pods!

Mystery Plant

What is the name of this plant? ([There are more images on the website.](#))





When you can identify this plant, provide your response at [IdentifyThatPlant.com](https://www.identifythatplant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 067](#). Please identify the plant by both its common name and its scientific name. The answer will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Confidently master the skill of correct plant identification

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