RELICTUAL FLORAS AND HABITATS OF THE WASHINGTON, D.C. REGION. Rod Simmons, City of Alexandria, retired. Continuing the 3rd century of botanical (and faunal) studies of the Washington, D.C. region, many globally rare plant communities, one endemic to the region, and relictual floras have been discovered in the past 3 decades, classified, and continually revisited for ongoing conservation planning and resource protection from the threats of ever-increasing urbanization. The Washington-Baltimore region, including northern Virginia, contains a broad variety of geologic conditions and habitats and is perhaps the most floristically and geologically diverse area in the eastern U.S. A number of specialized habitats and rare plants within about 30 miles or so of the nation's capital will be discussed, as well as some refinements to our understanding of some very old native plants. Rod Simmons22041@gmail.com