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Folks, have you noticed these “ghostly” flowers sticking up through the leaves throughout Caesars Head or Jones Gap state parks? Ghost Pipes, *Monotropa uniflora*, are flowering plants that do not contain chlorophyll. Instead of making their food through the process of photosynthesis, they have a mutualistic relationship with fungi that free nutrients for the plant’s use. How cool is that?



Martine Mégevand Zimmer Yes we have!

at 19:55:37 on 6/24/2021 UTC



Patricia Eastwood Interesting

at 20:02:22 on 6/24/2021 UTC



Lulu de Lumeau Indian pipe

at 20:10:13 on 6/24/2021 UTC



Katherine Sawyer Bailey The one on the left looks like a dragon. 🐲

at 21:18:10 on 6/24/2021 UTC



Anne C R Doyle Yes - had some on our property last year.



at 1:19:58 on 6/25/2021 UTC



Ruthie Fousse Pilgrim Took this photo at Keowee Toxaway State Park a couple weeks ago!



at 3:29:03 on 6/25/2021 UTC



Loraine Lakich So cool!

at 11:53:41 on 6/26/2021 UTC



Sal Oliveri We saw these at Poinsett State Park in October.



at 9:14:26 on 6/27/2021 UTC



Dawn Watson Weaver This was on the battlefield at Battle of Musgrove Mill State Historic Site in the fall. Later season plants have a different pigment. This is *monotropa hypopithys*, which is a related plant, sometimes called 'pinesap'.



at 14:26:10 on 6/28/2021 UTC