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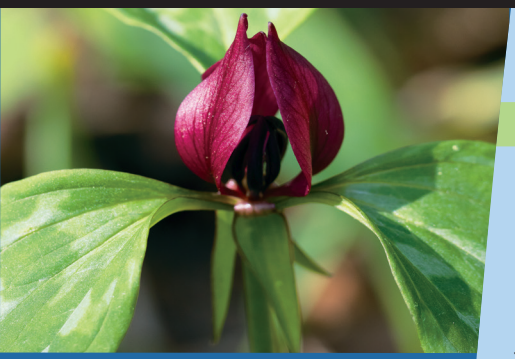

About Our Cover

The photograph on the cover is of *Trillium recurvatum*, commonly known as the prairie trillium or the wake-robin. Despite the word *prairie* in the common name, this member of the lily family does not grow in prairies. Instead, it is a spring ephemeral, growing and blooming in the understory of hardwood forests, before the canopy leafs out. Plants in this genus produce underground rhizomes; their "stem" is actually a scape, and their "leaves" are actually bracts. The specific epithet *recurvatum* refers to the fact that the sepals are curved down, away from the flower as it matures.

With rich burgundy flowers and mottled green leaves, this beautiful plant is one of the first signs of spring, with the common name "wake-robin" indicating that it blooms before the robins return to nest. It can be found in both mesic and floodplain forests from Texas to the upper Midwest, and east as far as North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

This photograph was taken in a secondary-growth oak–hickory forest in Lake County, Illinois, using a Canon 100mm f2.8L lens, on a Canon 7d Mark II set at f5.6, 1/500 second and ISO 400. The aperture of 5.6 was chosen to put the back leaf slightly out of focus to allow for the magazine header. This is Bob Remedi's ninth *ABT* cover since his debut in the October 2012 issue. Bob teaches environmental biology, anatomy and physiology, and classes for new faculty at the College of Lake County.

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