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Paula Meli in Montes Azules Biosphere Reserve, México holds the seed pod of pica pica (*Mucuna* sp.), a liana native to the Lacandonan Rainforest. To learn more, turn to page 294. Photo by Valentina Carrasco-Carballido

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**Front Cover photo:** A collage of photos reflects efforts to restore 2.5 km of Nippersink Creek in Illinois to its original meandering course after the stream had been channelized in 1951: A backhoe closes the agricultural-era ditch channel on August 20, 2000, and McHenry County Conservation District staff and seasonal workers subsequently lay out erosion control matting along the newly recontoured banks. The aerial photo shows the newly remeandered Nippersink Creek in 2001. Turn to page 350 to learn more. Photos courtesy of MCCD staff

**Back Cover caption:** Tiny white umbels arise on short stalks from the rhizomes of Huachuca water umbel (*Lilaeopsis schaffneriana* ssp. *recurva*) making them difficult to detect. Photo by Priscilla Titus

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