



# Early Fall Public Programs within the Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex



## **Wednesdays through October at 8:00 AM - Birding Walk at Great Meadows NWR**

Join Alan Bragg for a midweek exploration of the Concord impoundments at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. This walk will be oriented towards beginners -everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Friends of Assabet River NWR and the Menotomy Bird Club. Meet in the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge parking lot off of Monsen Road in Concord.

## **Tuesday, September 9th, 2008 7:00 PM**

### **Establishing a Population of Blanding's Turtles at Assabet River NWR: What We Have Learned and How We'll Move Forward**

A Special Presentation by Dr. Kurt Buhlmann and Dr. Tracey Tuberville. Come learn about how the reintroduction of Blandings Turtles to Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge has progressed so far, what's been learned, what can still be learned and how experiences so far will impact work in the coming year. Program sponsored by the Friends of Assabet River NWR. Held at the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge located at 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA.

## **Sunday, September 21st, 2008 1- 3:30 PM**

### **Wetlands in Autumn with Frances Clark**

Be ready to get your feet wet and to hold some slimy plants as we investigate the different wetland species of the Assabet River NWR, from floating to emergent herbs to shrubs and trees. We will look at what grows where and why. Frances Clark is a botanist, chair of New England Wild Flower Society and author of SuAsCo Biodiversity Plan 2001. Sponsored by the Friends of Assabet River NWR Limited number participation. Please register with Karen Riggert, 978-443-9037 or at rkriggert@verizon.net. Information on the meeting location will be provided when you are registered.

## **Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

### **Bats in Peril: The Sudden and Mysterious Decline of Northeastern Bats with Tom French, Assistant Director of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife**

In recent months, over a quarter million bats in Western Massachusetts, Vermont, and New York have perished from a mysterious condition called white-nose syndrome. Tom French, from Massachusetts Division of Wildlife and Fisheries, will discuss why we should be concerned about this bat mortality and the effect it could have on insect populations and other ecological issues. Program sponsored by the Friends of Assabet River NWR. The Friends will hold their monthly members meeting from 7 – 7:30pm, the public is welcome. Held at the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge located at 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA.

## **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm Naturalist Readers**

If you've been looking for a chance to blend an evening of nature and stimulating adult conversation into your busy schedule, look no further! Join us for a nature and education themed reading group. October Selection is *"The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth"* by E.O. Wilson. Reading group will typically meet the third Thursday in odd-numbered months. Please pre-register. Held at the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge located at 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA.

## **"BOOK NOW" Sunday, October 26th, 2008 Noon "BOOK NOW"**

### **Historical Bus Tour of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge**

Join one of our popular historical bus tours of the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge. Visits to historical points of interest will include passage in areas not open to the public. Tickets at \$8.00 in advance only. Reserve your space early, as seats are limited! Tickets go on sale September 1. For tickets and information, contact Paul Boothroyd at (978) 897-9696. Tickets will also be on sale at the September 24<sup>th</sup> Friends monthly meeting. Sponsored by the Friends of Assabet River NWR

For more information, please visit  
<http://www.farnwr.org> or call 978-443-4661 x34

