

2013 Volunteer Opportunities with Refuge Biology Program

Vegetation data collection at Mashpee NWR: Assist with data collection, including canopy cover, basal area, species composition, stem density and vertical cover. Days are long and require walking through rough terrain filled with brier and scrub oak carrying up to 25 pounds of gear. Should be physically fit. Some background in plant ID is a plus but not required. **Beware - ground nesting bees have been an issue in the past.** We meet at the headquarters in Sudbury, typically around 7:30 and are back by 4pm. If interested contact Eileen at eileen_mcgourty@fws.gov. Prefer if available to volunteer on a regular basis.

Acoustic bat surveys at Assabet River, maybe Great Meadows and Oxbow. Acoustic surveys start around sunset and typically take about 2 hours. These are driving surveys with points that we stop at along the way and collect acoustic data for 20 minutes. No experience necessary, just a high tolerance for mosquitoes! Surveys may begin as early as May 15 and run through Oct 15. We may also conduct some walking routes at Assabet River. If interested contact Eileen at eileen_mcgourty@fws.gov. Prefer if available to volunteer on a regular basis.