

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



Intro to Birds on Saturday, August 28th from 10am- 1 pm

Are you looking at becoming a novice birdwatcher but don't know the difference between a warbler and a woodcock? Let us help you! Come learn more about common backyard birds and some of the unique birds of the refuge. Bring a pair of binoculars and a field guide to come take a look at the birds that this area has to offer! This program is for adults and families. Program will be held at 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA. For more information contact: Daniel_Cannata@fws.gov

Wild Edible Plants: See, Touch & Sample on Saturday, August 28th at 3pm Explore the floodplain of the Nashua River on Bolton Rd to sample the local flavors nature has to offer. Walk will be led by local Naturalist and retired science instructor, Gene Christoph. Meet at the College Church in Lancaster in the front parking lot by 3pm sharp.

Monarch Butterfly Walk on Sunday, August 29th at 2pm Join local Naturalist and President of the Friends of the Oxbow NWR for a journey through the fields at the refuge through the eyes of the Monarch butterfly. Participants MUST pre-register by calling Rona at 978.779.2259; please wear boots and long pants.

River Day with Congresswoman Tsongas on Sunday, September 12th from 3pm – 6pm

Come explore the new visitor center at the refuge and engage in some interpretive programs for families too! Meet Congresswoman Niki Tsongas and learn about her commitment to protecting the Assabet River for people and for wildlife, and be a part of the River Day celebration! To learn more about Representative Tsongas' passion for the SuAsCo watershed, visit her website at <http://tsongas.house.gov/> Facility is located at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA.

Photo Scavenger Hunt at Oxbow NWR on Saturday, September 25th at 3pm Join refuge staff and Friends of the Oxbow NWR for an exploration of the refuge as we hunt for certain colors and creatures in nature. Please pre-register by calling Susan J. Russo at 978.443.4661 x34. We will be meeting at the refuge parking lot on Still River Depot Road in Harvard. If you have a camera please bring it, but it is not required.

Plants Don't Always Come from Seeds: The Ecology of Clonal Growth in Plants by Vladimir Douhovnikoff

Wednesday, September 29th at 7pm Join the Friends of Assabet River NWR for their monthly meeting to learn about the latest happenings and upcoming refuge events. A business meeting will be held at 7pm and light refreshments will be served. Did you think that plants grow only from seed or mostly from seed? This talk will challenge that assumption. Come find out about clonal growth as a normal strategy that most plants use. Clonal plants represent about 40% of the planet's flora, our most important crops and many of the most invasive plants. Clonality can make plants near immortal by repeatedly copying themselves and sharing risk. Vladimir Douhovnikoff is a faculty member in the Biology Department at Simmons College. He teaches undergraduates in Biology. His research focuses on clonal plant ecology and has explored the dynamics of clonality in coast redwood, sandbar willow, arctic willow, aspen, and phragmites.

CHANGED from Sept 29th - Mushrooms of New England on Tuesday, October 5th at 7pm Come and learn from expert Naturalist John Root about the wondrous mushrooms of New England! This program is a comprehensive introduction to our fascinating fungi, including habitats, seasons of availability, and identifying characteristics of both edible and poisonous species. Illustrated pamphlets with guidelines for safe foraging, descriptions of select species, and references for further study are distributed at the conclusion of the program or can be downloaded at <http://www.johnroot.net> Program will be held at 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA .

Grand Opening Celebration on Sunday, October 17th from 10am – 6pm (formal ceremony starts at 1pm)

Join us for an action packed day from sunrise bird walks and photography to a special opening ceremony which will include guest speakers to include members of Congress, local schoolchildren, people who grew up on what is now the refuge and much more! We will be hosting wildlife programs with special guest Henry Lappen who will perform his theatrical *Passion for Birds* at noon. A detailed program list is being created and will be released by early September-stay tuned! Facility is located at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA.

