



Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge Spring Calendar of Events

April, May, and June 2013



Spring is the time to enjoy the bright colors and the singing chorus of migratory songbirds. Many species of songbirds, such as common yellowthroats, arrive in the spring and use the Refuge as a place to breed and nest. As seasonal wetlands dry out in the spring, mudflats are left behind. These provide a rich source of invertebrates for migrating shorebirds that are on their journey to their breeding grounds farther north.

April



Sat 13th

Open Your Eyes to Wildlife: Teacher Workshop

Classroom & trail
8:30am-2:30pm

Fri 26th

Twilight Walk

Riparian room & trail
7:00pm-9:00pm

Sat 27th

Native Plant Sale

Riparian room & trail
9:00am-3:00pm

May

Sat 18th

Tualatin River Bird Festival

Riparian room, classroom & trail
All day

June

Sat 15th

What's Growing on the Refuge?

Refuge trails
9:00am-11:00am

Fri 21st

Twilight Walk

Riparian room & trail
7:30pm-9:30pm



Coming in Summer

- Creative Nature Camp
- Nature Walks
- Friends Annual Meeting

Check out our website for
more information.

www.fws.gov/tualatinriver/

Program Descriptions

Tualatin River Bird Festival

Join us at Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge for a diversity of family-friendly activities celebrating wildlife and wild places. Enjoy live bird shows, conservation exhibits, food, and guided walks for adults and kids. Build a bird or bat house, try your hand at casting a fishing line or shoot an arrow, and participate in hands-on conservation activities geared toward kids. Watch for future details at:

<http://tualatinriverbirdfestival.com>

Native Plant Sale

Plan your naturescape with fellow plant enthusiasts at the Earth Day Native Plant Sale. Plants including wood violets, checkermallow, wild ginger, starry sedum, and purple penstemon, will be on sale from 9am-3pm. For those interested in learning more about native plants, presenters will be joining us that day at 10am, and there will be a guided nature walk at 11am. For more information please contact Ginny Maffitt at 503-625-5944 x 227.

Open Your Eyes to Wildlife: Teacher Workshop

This six hour workshop provides teachers with the tools they need to bring students out for teacher-led field trips. Parent volunteers are encouraged to join the workshop too. Resources for participants include: strategies for planning a successful field trip to the Tualatin River NWR, a CD with the Refuge's environmental education curriculum, a walking tour of the Refuge, a 10% discount in Nature's Overlook on the day of the workshop, and answers to your questions. Email

Gardiner_Platt@fws.gov with your name, address, phone number, school, and grade(s) you teach. Questions? Please call 503-625-5944.



Twilight Walk

One of the best times to experience nature is when the sun goes down. Come learn about the adaptations animals have which allow them to be most active at night and discover the sights and sounds for yourself on a guided walk through one of the few urban refuges in the country. This event is family friendly. Limited spaces available and advanced registration is required. To register or for more information please contact Jenna Mendenhall: jenna_mendenhall@fws.gov; 503-625-5944 x222.

What's Growing on the Refuge?

Join Refuge Volunteer Botanist, Ginny Maffitt, for a free plant walk at the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge. Discover what's blooming and how native plants are vital to healthy wildlife habitats. Be prepared to be



outside. We encourage you to bring cameras, plant identification guides if you have them, and nature journals if you like. Binoculars are always handy for those watchable wildlife moments. To register contact: jenna_mendenhall@fws.gov or 503-625-5944 x222. Give us your name, phone number, and the number of people in your group. Maximum group size is 6.

Work Parties – Special Notice

Due to funding and hiring limitations faced by the refuge this year, we will no longer be able to coordinate and manage the monthly Saturday volunteer work parties at this time. This is effective beginning in April and will continue until further notice. Meanwhile, the Refuge Manager and staff would like to thank everyone that has participated in a work party for all their hard work and dedication. You made a difference!



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Fish and Wildlife Website

<http://www.fws.gov/tualatinriver>

Friends of the Refuge website

<http://www.friendsoftualatinriver.org>

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