



CENTER AT POMFRET:
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Second Wednesday Brown Bag Series:

Vernal Pools – Wicked Big Puddles

Wednesday May 14, 11 a.m.

Citizen Science Coordinator and vernal pool Paula Coughlin will give a lively presentation on the flurry of biological activity that kicks into action in our vernal pools in March and April. Come to understand and recognize the chorus of wood frog, spring peeper that we all associate with the onset of spring. Frogs and salamanders - oh my! oh my! Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Free to CAS Members; \$5 non-members.

Wednesday Lunch Walks

June 4 – June 25 at Noon

Get out of the house or office to stretch your legs and clear your head. Join Connecticut Audubon Society staff for some fresh air and exercise. Seniors and parents with babes in backpacks welcome. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Free

The State of the Birds Report

Thursday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Milan Bull, senior conservationist for the Connecticut Audubon Society, State of the Birds editor and chairman of the Grassland Habitat Initiative, will give an overview of the 2008 State of the Birds report. Birds and their habitats are remarkably good indicators of environmental health and are clearly associated with our quality of life. This presentation will review what we know about bird populations in Connecticut, how we know it, and will address the serious declines in both species diversity and habitat loss of many of our common birds with suggested management and planning solutions for everyday homeowners as well as municipal planners. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Free

Connecticut Trails Days:

Early Morn Nature Photography Walk

Saturday, June 7 at 6:00 a.m.

Nature photographer and volunteer Fran Baranski will lead a walk on the sanctuary in the magical light of the early morning. Fran will provide tips and lessons on capturing photos of mother nature. All levels of photography experience welcome. Wear comfortable shoes for walking. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Free

Alaskan Adventures

Wednesday, June 11 at 11:00 a.m.

Join regional board member Paul Lee and his wife Louise on their trip to Alaska and see what few tourists have the opportunity to enjoy. Fly around Mount McKinley at 10:00 PM and see the Wickersham wall, i.e. "The North Face". View grizzly bears feasting on salmon at Brooks Falls, an Inuit woman skinning a seal while her husband hunts for seals from sea ice at Shishmaref, the town shown in Al Gore's documentary on global warming. Visit the "Valley of 10,000 Smokes" in Katmai National Park where a massive eruption occurred in 1912. Examine a whale vertebra, an ulu knife and an Inuit "smoke ring". To be held at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Free to CAS Members; \$5 non-members.

Beaver Business

Wednesday, June 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Make an early evening visit with Citizen Science Coordinator, Paula Coughlin to an active beaver pond and learn about these industrious creatures, their habits and habitats. Dress for short walk and bring water. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Fee: \$10 members; \$15 non-members.

The Tenth Annual Owl Garden Party

Thursday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m.

The premier fundraiser for the Center at Pomfret, we will toast the approaching summer solstice, feast on local foods and produce, enjoy live birds of prey and meet a terrific crowd. Celebrate the onset of summer in Mrs. Oswell's Owl Garden while supporting the Center and all that it provides year round to all ages. Fee: \$60 per person. Call the Center at 928-4948 for more information or to request a ticket.

Evening Bird Walk

Tuesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

On hot summer days, the late afternoon seems to be the best time of day to find most bird species. American kestrels, red-tailed hawks, indigo buntings, and various warbler and vireo species should be sighted. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Fee: \$5 members; \$10 non-members.

What Goes Into Your Nature Camera Bag?

Wednesday, June 25 at 7:00 p.m.

A great program for anyone interested in learning or brushing up on their nature photography. Whether you are a beginner or a veteran photographer, longtime volunteer and photographer, Fran Baranski will have a bagful of good tips and equipment to improve your nature photos. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Free to CAS & QVPC members; \$5 non-members.

Fran's Friday Evening Walks

Friday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Come out and enjoy the Bafflin Sanctuary in the early summer evening with longtime volunteer, tracker and nature photographer, Fran Baranski. Any walk with Fran is an adventure and an opportunity to learn. These walks are a wonderful introduction to the sanctuary. Meet at the Center at 189 Pomfret Street in Pomfret Center. Free to CAS members; \$5 non-members.

Citizen Science Volunteer Monitoring Program Mammal Monitoring Project

What are our wildlife friends doing this summer?

Hike with program leaders Paula Coughlin and Fran Baranski to explore habitats and learn how to identify tracks and signs of mammals such as bobcat, moose, river otter, fisher, mink and black bear. We'll find tracks, scat, marks on trees, and signs of feeding that tell us stories of life in the meadows and forest.

We now offer three levels of involvement:

- 1) Backyard Tracker** level requires 10-15 hours of participation.
- 2) Bafflin Tracker** training requires 20 hours and prepares volunteers to document mammals on the Bafflin Sanctuary.
- 3) Volunteer Mammal Monitor** training requires 50 hours of training and prepares volunteers to monitor a study site.

Training hikes, workshops and presentations are offered throughout the year and volunteers can move from one level to the next as their interest and schedule allow.

Visit www.ctaudubon.org for more information about the Mammal Monitoring Program.

Beaver Neighbors

Wednesday, June 11, 6:00-8:00 a.m. at the Center at Pomfret.

Wednesday, June 18, 6:00-8:00 a.m. at Trail Wood.

Make an early evening visit with Paula Coughlin to a local pond and learn about beaver habits and habitats. Dress for short walk and bring water.

Fee: \$10 members; \$15 non-members

Mammal Monitoring/Training Hike

Saturday, June 21, 2008, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fee: \$50 members; \$60 non-members.

Begin or continue training to become a Citizen Science wildlife monitor. Our team of volunteers monitor study sites four times a year to collect data important to conservation efforts. Fee: \$50 CAS members; \$60 non-members. Call to register.

For information/registration call: Connecticut Audubon Society, Center at Pomfret - Citizen Science Coordinator, Paula Coughlin, 860-928-4948 or email (pcoughlin@ctaudubon.org).

The Citizen Science Mammal Monitoring Project receives support from the NewAlliance Foundation.

StreamWalk 2008
Citizen Science Volunteer Monitoring Program

Fridays June 6, and 13, 9a.m.-noon

Saturday June 13, 9 a.m.-noon

Discover the beauty and solitude of a stream walk. Walk along a stream bank, kayak, or wade down a stream making observations that contribute to conservation. In one 3-hour training, you can become part of a growing group of citizen scientists who volunteer their time to conduct valuable research about the health of streams in northeast Connecticut.

Once trained, participants can join Paula Coughlin, Citizen Science Coordinator, on field trips to collect data or work on selected stream segments on their own schedule (June-August). Volunteers make observations about the physical characteristics of the streams such as depth, vegetation, and condition of the streambed. The StreamWalk Project receives partial support from the Watershed Assistance Small Grants Program (conducted in association with the CT Department of Environmental Protection under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act and is administered by the Rivers Alliance of Connecticut).

Call 928-4948 to register for training. Fee: (\$15)



The Edwin Way Teale Memorial Sanctuary: open to the public from dawn to dusk seven days. Teale's writing cabin and study are open Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Call (860)928-4948.

Second Sunday Afternoon Walks

Sundays, May 11 & June 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Stretch your legs and take in the beauty of a Trail Wood during the warm months Trail Wood Caretaker Vern Pursley. Some readings from Teale's "A Walk Through the Year" will be included along the trail. Meet in the Visitor's parking lot at 93 Kenyon road in Hampton. Free

Edwin's Birthday Potluck

Sunday, June 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Come out and celebrate Edwin's 109th birthday, his writings and his beloved Trail Wood. Enjoy a leisurely guided walk on the Edwin and Nellie's trails and return for an old fashioned potluck supper and birthday cake. Wonderful company and delectable food always a guarantee! Bring a dish to share. Meet at Trail Wood at 93 Kenyon road in Hampton. Free

Connecticut Trails Days Guided Walks

Saturday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m.

The Teales would have delighted in a statewide day encouraging all to head out onto Connecticut's many trails to enjoy the outdoors. As part of Connecticut Trails Days, come out and explore the sanctuary on guided walks lead by Connecticut Audubon staff. Visit Teale's study and writing cabin and perhaps slow down enough to read some of his writings as you swing in the hammock, one of Edwin's favorite observation posts! Meet in the Visitor's parking lot at 93 Kenyon Road in Hampton. Free

Bird Walk

Tuesday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m.

Join Andy Rzeznikiewicz as he leads you around the trails pointing out various birds. Hooded warbler, blue-winged warbler, indigo bunting, and chestnut-sided warblers are expected to be found. Meet in the Visitor's parking lot at 93 Kenyon Road in Hampton. Fee: \$5 members; \$10 non-members.

Beaver Business

Wednesday, June 18 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Make an early evening visit with Citizen Science Coordinator Paula Coughlin to the beaver pond and learn about these industrious creatures, their habits and habitats. Dress for moderate walk and bring water. Meet in the Visitor's parking lot at 93 Kenyon Road in Hampton. Fee: \$10 members; \$15 non-members.

Full Moon Walks

Wednesday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.

As the heat of the summer day dissipates and the cool of the evening comes on, walk the trails with Trail Wood caretaker Vern Pursley and watch for the glow of the strawberry, buck and green corn moons. Meet in the Visitor's parking lot at 93 Kenyon Road in Hampton. Free