

NATIVE ROOTS

To promote the enjoyment & stewardship of natural areas in West Central Indiana!

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A FAMILY NATURE CELEBRATION-SAT MAY 21st

Mind BOGGling Event

10am-2pm at Celery Bog Nature Area (1620 Lindberg Rd, West Laf.)

Learn about the 20 most common mammals in our area. Take hikes to look for wildflowers & birds, and to enjoy general nature exploration.

Check out the crafts & activities for youth of all ages and meet members of the numerous community nature organizations involved.

NOTE: A food truck will be here selling its wares!

FOR INFO: Dan Dunten ddunten@westlafayette.in.gov 765-775-5172

UPCOMING PROGRAMS ~ All Times Eastern unless noted CT

West Central Chapter (WCC) of INPS (Indiana Native Plant Society)

WCC-INPS PROGRAM Meetings—fourth Mondays at 7pm

at Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area, 1620 Lindberg Rd, W. Laf.

Pre-meeting dinner 6pm at Parthenon: 2060 Sagamore Pkwy W, West Laf

~ open to the public ~

NOTE: PROGRAM MAY BE A "HYBRID"(in-person with zoom option)

MON APR 25 7-9pm Utilizing Native Plants in a Landscape

An in-person presentation at LNC by Pat Williams, Ph.D., ANR Educator for the Tippecanoe County Cooperative Extension Service.

NO REGULAR PROGRAM MEETINGS IN MAY, JUNE & JULY

For zoom link: Patty Jones removeinvasiveplants.wcincps@gmail.com

INPS FLORATHON - SAT APR 16 thru MON MAY 30

Competition to find the most native wildflowers in bloom in a 24-hour period while raising funds to benefit the INPS mission.

DETAILS: indiananativeplants.org/inps-sponsored-events/florathon

SAT MAY 14th 9am-3pm NATIVE PLANT FEST at Ross Camp
(9225 W 75 S, West Lafayette, IN 47906)

INFO: Angie Miller 765-474-9992, angela.garcia-miller@in.nacdn.net

Enjoy native plant-related educational presentations and hikes throughout the day PLUS a chance to purchase wildflowers/sedges/grasses/mixes from the Tippecanoe SWCD Spring Native Plant Sale!

NATIVE PLANT FEST & SALE INFO: www.tippecanoe-county-swcd.org

NATIVE INTEREST – Local Ecotype Plants & Seeds, Consulting & More Plants from Stephanie Frischie's new growing business are available at Lafayette Farmer's Market or by contacting her directly. For a consultation on native plant garden design, plant ID, plant pollinator relationships, and other topics: Stephanie 219-208-5879, nativeinterestseeds@gmail.com

The LATEST BUZZ on BEEKEEPING

WEST CENTRAL INDIANA BEEKEEPERS

CLUB MEETINGS (in person and with ZOOM option):

Third Saturdays: APR 16, MAY 21, JUN 18 9-11am Seasonal Tasks at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 950 E Washington St, Lebanon, 46052.

HIVE TOURS at St. Peter's Apiary (weather permitting):

Saturdays: MAY 21, JUN 4, JUN 18 11am-1pm HIVE TOURS**

**NOTE: Pre-Registration required for tours.

INFO/LINK: Patty Jones WestCentralIndianaBeekeepers@gmail.com

"Hands in the Hive" Half-day Camp

SAT JUN 25th 9am-1pm Cost \$20 ~ teenagers & adults (13 and up)

at Harvest House Community Center, St. Peter's Episcopal Church
950 E Washington St, Lebanon 46052

Learn basic hive care, inspections, and maintenance.

Bee jackets & gloves provided. Jeans, closed toe shoes & socks required.

REGISTER at: Churchthatgrows.org/camps

MORE INFO: 765-481-7696, askharvesthouse@gmail.com

HEARTLAND APICULTURAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE

TUE-FRI JUN 28-JUL 1 ~ EVANSVILLE, IN

Includes many sessions at live hives and a queen-rearing class.

INFO/REG: www.heartlandbees.org

RJ HONEY BEE SCHOOL – NEW LOCATION** starting May 7!

First (except July 9, Sep 10) Saturdays MAR 5-OCT 1 10-noon or 1-3pm

Monthly classes on beekeeping with hands-on field work are NOW at

**St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 950 E Washington St, Lebanon, 46052

NOTE: Class size is limited to 20 participants - COST: \$15/class

FOR INFO/REG: rjhoney.com/beekeeping-school

SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

www.sycamoreaudubon.org

SAS PROGRAM Meetings—second Thursdays at 7:15pm
at Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area, 1620 Lindberg Rd, W. Laf.

~ open to the public ~

NOTE: PROGRAMS are "HYBRID" (in-person with zoom option)

For zoom link, email Barny: jdunning@purdue.edu

THU APR 14 "Birding Thailand – FEB 2020"

Rick & Debbie Read show some of the amazing birds they photographed during their trip to northern Thailand: from Falconets to Iociclas, and Minivets to Sunbirds. This is a sample of what might be seen on Indiana Audubon's trip next year, FEB 7-18, 2023.

THU MAY 12 To be announced. (Live at Lilly Nature Center and via zoom)

Also, there will be a chance to sign up for SAT MAY 14 Global Big Day.

MORE INFO: Chuck Tuttle 586-4806c, chuckt1708@gmail.com or

Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275, sueandtedulrich@msn.com

SAS FIELD TRIPS/HIKES

Outdoors, so mask wearing is a personal choice.

Barny Dunning 765-412-8760c, 494-3565w, jdunning@purdue.edu

SAT APR 9 Early Migrants at Celery Bog

7:30am Meet in Celery Bog gravel parking lot. Look for migrating waterfowl mixed in with the early returning land migrants and nesters.

WED APR 13 6:30-8:30pm WED MAY 11 7-9pm Audubon at the Overlook

Meet at the overlook at end of the park road in Prophetstown State Park.

SAT APR 23 Earth Day in Monticello with Rick Read (574-583-3431)

7:30am Bird walk: Meet in Monticello City Park 904 City Park Loop ~2 hrs

9:00pm Same meeting place. Identify local owls & hopefully see one! ½ hr.

SAT MAY 7 7am Martell Forest Warm-Up for Global Big Day

Meet at the property's main gate: 1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette, for a Bird ID refresher before the Global Big Day.

SAT MAY 14 Global Big Day Bird Count (International Migratory Bird Day)

The best time in Indiana to see the maximum number of bird species.

Get a territory to help all areas get covered by contacting the compilers for Tippecanoe Co-Barny and Warren Co-Susan. Record your data on eBird.

SAT JUN 4 7am Search for Breeding Grassland Birds-P'town State Park

Meet at the end of park road. Pay the entry fee or use a State Park pass.

Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275, sueandtedulrich@msn.com

Questions/INFO: Barny Dunning 765-412-8760c, jdunning@purdue.edu

THURSDAY EARLY BIRD HIKES (Thursdays thru spring migration)

Meet at 8:00am in gravel parking lot at Celery Bog (~1 hour walk).

NATIVE PLANTS sold here...

Tippecanoe SWCD Spring Plant Sale-wildflowers/sedges/grasses/mixes!

*Order online by APR 15th for scheduled pick-up FRI MAY 13th or pick up

SAT MAY 14th at NATIVE PLANT FEST (sale open to public) 9am-3pm

at Ross Camp Dining Hall (9225 W 75 S, West Lafayette, 47906)

*Plant List/Photos/On-line ordering: www.tippecanoe-county-swcd.org

GARDEN EXPO 2022 – SAT APR 23rd 9am-3pm Plants,Booths,Supplies,...

at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds – 1406 Teal Rd in Lafayette.

MORE INFO: tippecanoe-mastergardener.org/expo

Prophetstown St. Park Native Plant Sale – FRI MAY 6th & SAT MAY 7th

Starting APR 25th you can REGISTER for a shopping time slot and

get DETAILS at: psp_plant_sale_2022.eventbrite.com

MORE INFO: Jenna Parks Freeman jparks@dnr.in.gov or 765-320-0503

Native Plants Unlimited: PUBLIC PLANT SALE DAYS May 3rd - 29th at

Geist Nursery (9890 Mollenkopf Road, Fishers, IN 46037) LOTS of plants!

Sale hrs/native plant catalog on website: nativeplantsunlimitedshop.com

FOR MORE INFO, email: info@nativeplantsunlimited.com

Gibson Woods Native Plant Sale – SAT MAY 7th 9am-3pm CDT

at Oak Ridge Prairie Co Park (301 S. Colfax St, Griffith, IN 46319).

Arrive early for best selection-check or credit card preferred-Bring boxes.

For plant list: gw-wildones.org ~ MORE INFO: call/text 219-433-5731

INPS ON-LINE PLANT AUCTION – Open for bidding MAY 7th to MAY 14th

on plants, garden tours, guided hikes,... Details: indiananativeplants.org

Friends of the Sands Native Plant Sale (Pre-Orders Only) for PICK-UP on

SAT MAY 28 at Kankakee Sands Nursery: 1492 W CR 250 N, Morocco, IN

Order by MAY 14th ~ For Plant List/Order Form: friends-of-the-sands.com

MORE INFO: Jeanette Jaskula 219-869-1004 or jmjaskula@yahoo.com

BUY NATIVES DIRECTORY- www.BuyIndianaNatives.org

Indiana Native Plant Society's interactive directory makes it easy to find sellers & designers near you who offer native plants & do not sell invasives!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS All Times Eastern unless noted CT

MAR-JUN WEDNESDAYS in the WILD programs in two separate flyers
AND on p. 3 & 4 of electronic version of this issue of Native Roots

FRIENDS OF THE SANDS/TNC/NCPB NATURE PROGRAMS

Children & families, and people of all ages and ability are welcome!

Details: Jeanette Jaskula 219-869-1004 or friends-of-the-sands.com

SAT APR 9th 1-3pmCT Whatever Happened to the Prairie Chicken?

Meet at TNC office (3294 N US 41 Morocco) to carpool for a birding and interpretive hike with Joel Greenberg. **RSVP: jmjaskula@yahoo.com**

SAT APR 16th 5:30-7pmCT Conrad Station Savanna History Hike/1.6mi

Meet/Park at trailhead: CR 725 N, half-mile east of US 41, Lake Village
Ever hike through a ghost town at night? If not, now's your chance! Join this hike led by local librarian Mary Kay Emmrich which is followed by 7-9pmCT Woodcock Walk at this same location ~ led by Gus Nyberg. Enjoy watching woodcock aerial courtship flights at sunset!

INFO/RSVP: Gus Nyberg nyberggus@gmail.com or 765-427-4345

SAT MAY 7th 8-9:30amCT Birding Hike at Conrad Nature Preserve

Join Matt Beatty (Regional Ecologist, DNR) for a birding adventure.

Meet/Park at trailhead: CR 725 N, half-mile east of US 41, Lake Village

INFO/RSVP: Gus Nyberg nyberggus@gmail.com or 765-427-4345

SAT MAY 14th 10amCT Conrad History Hike friends-of-the-sands.com

SUN MAY 15th 9:30pm-12amCT Total Lunar Eclipse Viewing on Prairie

Meet at Bison Viewing area west of US 41. Enjoy this astronomical event as well as look at the stars & plants and listen to the prairie night sounds.

INFO/RSVP: Olivia.Schouten@tnc.org

WED MAY 18th 6-7:30pmCT Spring Wildflower Walk - Kankakee Sands

Join Stephanie Frischie (Newton County-raised naturalist) for a two-mile walk on the Grace Teninga Trail; learn about her work to recover violets!

Other blooming spring wildflowers will be seen. Meet at trail parking lot: CR 600 N, half-mile east of its intersection with CR 200 W, Lake Village.

INFO/RSVP: Gus Nyberg nyberggus@gmail.com or 765-427-4345

FRI JUN 10th 7:30-10:30amCT Birding on the Prairie - Kankakee Sands

Meet at The Nature Conservancy office: 3294 N US 41, Morocco, IN.

Join Barb Lucas and Jeanette Jaskula in a search for the secretive grasshopper sparrow, the state-endangered Henslow's sparrow, & more!

INFO/RSVP: Barb.blucas1123@gmail.com or jmjaskula@yahoo.com

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK NATURE PROGRAMS

Enter park via Swisher Rd (off N. 9th St, just south of Battle Ground)

****Programs are part of park admission fee unless noted otherwise.**

SAT JUN 25th (Time TBD) Pollinatorpalooza!

Learn about pollinators & their importance in the environment.

Games, workshops, and sessions to attend for all ages. Details to come.

FOR INFO: Jenna Parks Freeman jparks@dnr.in.gov or 765-320-0503

****UP-TO-DATE Program INFO: www.facebook.com/ProphetstownSP**

WABASH RIVER VOLUNTEER EVENTS

FRI APR 8th or SAT APR 9th 9am-5pm WABASH SAMPLING BLITZ

Sign up for day & time (morning or afternoon) and learn more at

wabashriver.net/wabash-sampling-blitz

Sponsored by Wabash River Enhancement Corporation (WREC)

INFO: Call Amy at 765-807-1315. akrztonpresson@tippecanoe.in.gov

SAT APR 23 8am-noon De-Trash the Wabash

Keep our Mighty Wabash River healthy by volunteering to remove trash along nine miles of its banks between Davis Ferry Park & Fort Ouiatenon.

INFO/REG: www.tippecanoe.in.gov/1029/Wabash-River-Clean-Up

NEWS from NATURALIST MARY CUTLER

SAT APR 16 ~ Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center (WNC) OPENS for 2022!

WNC will be open 7 days/week, 10am-5pm through mid-November at the Tippecanoe Battlefield in Battle Ground (off N. 9th St.)

SAT JUN 11 ~ OUTDOOR EXPLORE! returns after 2-year COVID pause!

10am-4pm at Tippecanoe Co. Amphitheater and Bicentennial Nature Area.

Free, all-ages community event featuring 30 different outdoor related activities to learn about and try out!

MORE INFO: Mary Cutler 765-567-2993, mcutler@tippecanoe.in.gov

or check out the Outdoor Explore! Facebook page

INVASIVE PLANT REMOVAL WORKDAYS

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

Enter park via Swisher Rd (off N. 9th St, just south of Battle Ground)

FRI APR 22 1-3pm Earth Day Volunteering - Garlic Mustard Pull

Meet at far east end parking lot near the Circle of Stones.

FOR DETAILS: Jenna Parks jparks@dnr.in.gov or 765-320-0503

"TICT" Garlic Mustard Removal Workdays

Meet at the Tippecanoe County Amphitheater (4449 IN-43, West Laf.)

THU APR 21st & TUE APR 26th 6:30-8pm (Bring gloves.)

Celebrate Earth Day by removing invasive plants at a local park.

MORE INFO: Mary Cutler 765-567-2993, mcutler@tippecanoe.in.gov

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEER with RIP Squad

Remove Invasive Plants and HELP PROTECT OUR NATIVE PLANTS
APR 5th-JUN 9th 2022 WORKDAYS pulling GARLIC MUSTARD

Weeding bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!

TUESDAYS 3-5pm

West Lafayette Parks

Apr 5 Celery Bog Nature Area

Apr 12 Cumberland Woods

Apr 19 Happy Hollow Park

Apr 26 Celery Bog Nature Area

May 3 Cumberland Woods

May 10 Happy Hollow Park

May 17 Celery Bog Nature Area

May 24 Cumberland Woods

May 31 Happy Hollow Park

Jun 7 Celery Bog Nature Area

THURSDAYS 3-5pm

Tippecanoe County Parks

Apr 7 Prophet's Rock Woods

Apr 14 Ross Hills Park

Apr 21 Prophet's Rock Woods

Apr 28 Ross Hills Park

May 5 Prophet's Rock Woods

May 12 Ross Hills Park

May 19 Prophet's Rock Woods

May 26 Ross Hills Park

Jun 2 Prophet's Rock Woods

Jun 9 Ross Hills Park

For more info & exact meeting locations contact:

Patty Jones removeinvasiveplants.wcincs@gmail.com or 765-463-3050

Sponsored by the West Central Chapter of Indiana Native Plant Society in cooperation with WL, LAF, & TIPP CO Park Depts, SAS and TICT.

NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!

Executive Director Shannon Stanis: shannon@nicheslandtrust.org

Office: Clegg Memorial Garden 1782 N 400 E, Lafayette 765-423-1605

MORE INFO/Events/Property directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org

SAT APR 30th 4-6pm NICHES ANNUAL MEETING (in-person & zoom)

at Wright Center in Martell Forest (1007 N 725 W, West Lafayette, IN)

4-4:30pm: socializing outside Center; **4:30-6pm:** indoor (& zoom) meeting

Learn about organizational updates & reflect on the past year's progress.

Celebratory guided hikes throughout the day!

12:30-1:30pm Wildflower Hike at Moyer-Gould Woods with author Dan Childs

2-3pm Black Rock Barrens Hike with Stewardship Director Bob Easter

~6:30pm departure (directly after meeting) for *Stewardship Progress Hike* at

Beineke Memorial Forest with stewards Justin Harneson and Zach Neff

MORE INFO/ZOOM LINK : Sam.Cody.sam@nicheslandtrust.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for NICHES WAR of the WEEDS!!!

FRIs, SATs, and SUNs 10am-1pm & 1-4pm from APR 8th to MAY 22nd!

****LIST of SHIFTS & SIGN UP at: nicheslandtrust.org/calendar**

Fight garlic mustard's takeover of our forest's understory and keep

this noxious weed from choking out the native spring ephemeral

wildflowers by signing up for one of 33 garlic mustard pulling

3-hour shifts (limited to 20 volunteers/shift) at NICHES preserves.

FOR MORE INFO: Sam.Cody.sam@nicheslandtrust.org

JOIN CLEGG MEMORIAL GARDEN TRAIL CREW

and help us maintain our trails!

TO JOIN/MORE INFO: email John Graveel jgraveel@purdue.edu

SUMMER CAMP with NICHES ~ Ages 11-14

A week of exploring nature, paddling the Wildcat, hiking woodlands, & more!

WEEK 1: JUN 13-17 ~ WEEK 2: JUN 20-24 ~ WEEK 3: JUN 27-JUL 1

MORE INFO: Sam.Cody.sam@nicheslandtrust.org

KANKAKEE SANDS & Newton County SWCD

SAT APR 23 1-3:30pmCT and SAT MAY 7 10am-1pmCT

Greenhouse Workday & Botany Hike

Meet at Kankakee Sands Nursery (1492 W CR 250 N, Morocco, IN) to

transplant tender native plant seedlings into individual pots, and then take a

one-hour botany stroll IDing plants by stems in APR/by flowers in MAY!

RSVP/MORE INFO: Alyssa Nyberg anyberg@tnc.org or 219-866-1706

THU APR 28 10am-2pmCT Garlic Mustard Pulling Weed Wrangle

RSVP/INFO: Jessica.Gomez@tnc.org

THU MAY 5 9am-3pmCT Bird's Foot Trefoil Workday-Grace Teninga Trail

Meet at trail parking lot on CR 600 N, just ½ mile east of CR 200 E and

help staff with herbicide treatments to remove this aggressive plant that's

invading natural areas. **Restricted to folks 16years+** due to herbicide use.

RSVP/INFO: Jessica.Gomez@tnc.org

PLANT & MUSHROOM ID HELP

Want help identifying a wild plant or mushroom?

Contact Nick/a photo would be helpful.

[Nick Harby: 317-370-2895, nickharby@yahoo.com](mailto:Nick.Harby@yahoocom)

Why this newsletter?

If you're like me, you'd like to have all your nature news in one place—so you don't miss out on some interesting natural history programs or stewardship opportunities. That's my intent here.

Submissions for JUL-AUG issue need to reach me by JUN 24th.

Please send your info to mohrsamuels@comcast.net

or call (765) 567-7023 or 532-3245 cell. *Joan Mohr Samuel*, Editor

"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD" ~ MARCH - APRIL 2022

REGISTRATION is required by noon on Monday prior to program: 765-567-2993 or mcutler@tippecanoe.in.gov

**** Facial coverings and/or physical distancing are highly recommended. ****

Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips: 1-3pm EDT or as Noted

Like us on Facebook at "Wednesdays in the Wild"

MAR 2nd 10-noon OR 1-3pm Maple Syrup & More! ----- **NOTE: two time choices** ----- **indoor/outdoor pgm—SBTF**

Join **Rich Hines (Owner, Springboro Tree Farms in Brookston)** on an indoor/outdoor woodland tour highlighting the maple syrup making process, from tree to table, along with an overview of the stewardship efforts that earned this 35-acre woodlot the 2021 Charles Deam Award in recognition of noteworthy forest management practices. Dress for outdoor conditions with sturdy hiking shoes. Bring cash/check to purchase honey and syrup. Masks will be required when inside sugar shack. *Each session is limited to 12 participants; register for one session.*

MAR 9th 1-3pm Did You Say You Want to Learn Winter Tree ID? ----- **outdoor pgm—WNC**

At the Tippecanoe Battlefield, **Sally Weeks (Retired Dendrologist, Purdue University)** will introduce us to winter tree identification using buds, twigs, bark and anything else at our disposal. Bring a pocket knife, if you have one. *Limited to 20 participants.*

MAR 16th 1-3pm Monon High Bridge Trail Hike ----- **12:30pm caravan from Battle Ground** ----- **outdoor pgm—DELPHI/MHBT**

Learn about Delphi history as you enjoy a walk with **Lois Johnston and David McCain (long-time residents of Delphi)** on the newly paved section of the Monon High Bridge Trail. *Limited to 20 participants.*

MAR 23rd 1-3pm Exploring the Equinox: Having Fun With Phenology! ----- **outdoor pgm—CBNA**

Mary Cutler (Naturalist, Tippecanoe Co. Park & Rec. Dept.) will lead this hike focusing on tips and techniques for making phenological studies of local landscapes. This use of "the science of first appearances" can enhance outdoor experiences as you sharpen your observations of the plant and animal world. How many signs of spring will we discover? *Limited to 30 participants.*

MAR 30th 1-3pm Spring at Ross Biological Reserve ----- **outdoor pgm—ROSS BR**

Spring is both reassuringly predictable and fascinatingly variable. We'll explore the early blooming spring ephemeral plants found along the trail with **Dr. Kerry Rabenold (Prof. Emeritus of Biological Sciences, Purdue Univ.)** as he shares information about their relationships with pollinators, seed-dispersal strategies, and sensitivity to soil types and disturbances. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring trekking poles, if desired. *Limited to 20 participants.*

APR 6th 1-3pm Woodland Wake-Up at Hort Park & Stewart Woods ----- **outdoor pgm—HORT**

Lenny Farlee (Extension Forester, Purdue Hardwood Tree Improvement & Regeneration Center) will lead this hike in search of spring flora in the rolling woodlands on the west edge of the Purdue University campus. Along the way, evidence of forest ecology principles will abound as well! Wear sturdy hiking shoes. *Limited to 30 participants.*

APR 13th 10am-noon Cameras in the Sky: Testing New Capabilities to Assess Natural Resources -- *indoor if raining/outdoor pgm—MARTELL*

Brian Beheler, Jarred Brooke & Cameron Wingren (from Purdue University) will explore how drone and camera technologies are being applied to natural resource assessment and management. The program will also include a stroll through the woods to look at a silvicultural approach to regenerating white oak the slow way. Wear sturdy hiking shoes. *Limited to 30 participants.*

APR 20th 1-3pm Celery Bog Saunter ----- **outdoor pgm—CBNA**

Re-familiarize yourself with local spring ephemerals on this casual walk on the Celery Bog trails with **Dan Childs (wildflower enthusiast and author)**. His woodland wildflower book, [Into the Woods](#), will be available for purchase for \$10 (cash or check). Wear sturdy hiking shoes. *Limited to 20 people.*

APR 27th 1-3pm Shawnee Bottoms Spring Wildflower Hike ----- **12 noon caravan from LNC** ----- **outdoor pgm—NICHES/SB**

Bob Easter (NICHES Stewardship Director) will lead this first in a series of hikes at Shawnee Bottoms to highlight the seasonal changes in the oak woodlands of this special property in Fountain County. Wear sturdy hiking shoes; easy to moderate terrain. *Limited to 12 people.*

LOCATIONS of these FREE PROGRAMS (unless otherwise noted) which are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOTE: limited number of participants so RSVP is REQUIRED by noon on Monday prior to program!

CBNA (Celery Bog Nature Area): Meet at Celery Bog Outdoor Amphitheater (1620 Lindberg Rd, between Northwestern & McCormick, WL)

DELPHI/MHBT (Monon High Bridge Trail): Meet 1pm in parking lot for Monon Trail & Freedom Bridge (more details when you RSVP) **OR** join 12:30pm caravan from Tippecanoe Battlefield parking lot off N. 9th St. in Battle Ground.

HORT (Purdue Horticultural Park): Meet 1pm in parking lot on west side of McCormick Rd just north of its intersection with SR 26 on the west side of the Purdue Campus, West Lafayette.

LNC (Lilly Nature Center): 1620 Lindberg Rd, between Northwestern & McCormick, West Lafayette for 12 noon caravan to Shawnee Bottoms.

MARTELL (Martell Forest): Meet 10am at the east access road for Martell Forest--intersection of 650 W and SR 26 (on the south side of SR 26).

NICHES/SB (Shawnee Bottoms): Meet 1pm in property parking lot (directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org) **OR** join 12 noon caravan from LNC.

ROSS BR (Ross Biological Reserve): Meet 1pm at the Biological Reserve, 451 S 875 W, West Lafayette, 47906.

SBTF (Springboro Tree Farms): Meet at the Tippecanoe River public access parking lot, just east of the intersection of Springboro Rd. and SR 18

(located on north side of SR 18), to form carpools to drive to the nearby farm.

WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center): Meet 1pm at Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center at the Tippecanoe Battlefield off N. 9th St. in Battle Ground.

FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO HELP WITH PLANNING, contact:

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MAY 4th 9-11am Birding at Celery Bog Nature Area ----- NOTE: Morning Program----- outdoor pgm—CBNA

Susan Ulrich (Sycamore Audubon Society) will lead this hike on the Celery Bog trails in search of permanent bird residents and spring migrants, both on land and in the water. Bring binoculars (or borrow a pair for use on the hike). *Limited to 15 participants.*

MAY 11th 6-8pm A Diverse Prairie Restoration in Spring at Kankakee Sands - Carpool leaves LNC at 4:45pm -- outdoor pgm—KS-UJ

Join **Stephanie Frischie (Botanist with Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation)** on this hike at Unit J at Kankakee Sands in Newton Co. This property has so much diversity of many plant species not common in prairie restorations, especially in the spring. Spring beauty, wood betony, wild hyacinth, golden alexanders, and many sedge species will be in bloom. **NOTE: Evening Program 6-8pm EDT (5-7pm CDT).** *Limited to 20 participants.*

MAY 18th 1-3pm Exploring Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area ----- Carpool leaves LNC at 11:45am ----- outdoor pgm—WS FWA

Join **Gus Nyberg (formerly w/NICHES Land Trust, now a staff member at Willow Slough FWA)** on a two-mile level hike through oak savanna in Area 14 of this Newton County property. Gus will discuss the diversity of the property and the challenges of managing 9,000 acres of habitat. *Limited to 30 participants.*

MAY 25th 1-3pm Black Rock Barrens & Black Rock Walk ----- Carpool leaves LNC at 12 noon ----- outdoor pgm—NICHES/BRB

Scott Namestnik (Botanist, Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center, Division of Nature Preserves, Indiana DNR) leads us through a number of natural communities on this two-site Warren Co. hike. We'll begin at Black Rock Barrens Nature Preserve, where surprisingly steep ravines through an oak-dominated dry upland forest provide a display of wildflowers growing in the harsh conditions provided by dry, shallow soils. Following this hike, we'll drive down the road to Black Rock Nature Preserve, where we will see sandstone outcrops atop sandstone cliffs high above the Wabash River. Here we'll explore some of the unique ferns and wildflowers that find habitat in some of what seems to be the most inhospitable of places on vertical rock cliffs. Scott's new book Wildflowers of the Indiana Dunes National Park may be available for purchase. *Limited to 20 participants.*

JUN 1st 1-3pm The Key to Tree ID ----- outdoor pgm—TIPP BF

Indiana is fortunate to be home to a great number of native trees. Come and discover how to learn about Indiana's native trees with **Donna Rogler (IDNR Forestry Education Specialist)**. Using all of our senses, we will observe various characteristics of trees at the Tippecanoe Battlefield and learn how to ID them using a botanical key. *Limited to 30 participants.*

JUN 8th 1-3pm A Bird in the Hand: Using Mist Nets to Capture Birds ----- outdoor pgm—WNC

Join **Dr. Mickey & Sally Weeks (Purdue University, Retired)** as they share the scientific practice of mist-netting: capturing and banding birds to study. Birds will be caught at this presentation and participants will be allowed to ID and hold birds, if desired! *Limited to 20 participants.*

JUN 15th 1-3pm Parks & Pollinators: The Stewardship ABCs of a Public Pollinator Habitat ----- outdoor pgm—TIPP

AMPH

Join **Mary Cutler (Tipp. Co. Naturalist), Angie Miller (Rural Conservationist, Tipp. Co. SWCD) and Dan Childs (wildflower enthusiast & author)** on a stroll through a very visible pollinator habitat recently installed adjacent to the Tippecanoe Co. Amphitheater soccer fields. We'll share planting plans and execution, stewardship and educational goals, and management techniques. Learn what it takes to get a public project like this underway and maintained; many applications for smaller scale home landscapes will be shared. *Limited to 30 participants.*

JUN 22nd 1-3pm Tour of Ouiatenon Preserve National Historic Landmark: A Roy Whistler Foundation Project --- outdoor pgm—OPO

Colby Bartlett (Director, Ouiatenon Preserve) and Angie Miller (Rural Conservationist, Tipp. Co. SWCD) lead this 3-4 mile hike through Indiana's newest National Historic Landmark (NHL) and only NHL Archeological District. Native American, French, British and early American history will be discussed along with the ongoing archaeological research of Ouiatenon & ongoing 320-acre environmental restoration. *Limited to 30 participants.*

JUN 29th 10am-noon Landscaping for Birds & Butterflies -- NOTE: Morning Program – Carpool leaves LNC 9am -- outdoor pgm—KWPROP

Curious about landscaping for wildlife? Join us for a walking tour of **Biologist Kent Walters'** property in Warren County where he has created a 30-acre sanctuary for wildlife through his passion for landscaping with native plant communities. Take this opportunity to learn more about how to landscape with native plants to benefit our native pollinators and birds. *Limited to 20 participants.*

LOCATIONS of these FREE PROGRAMS (unless otherwise noted) which are OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOTE: limited number of participants so RSVP is REQUIRED by noon on Monday prior to program!

CBNA (Celery Bog Nature Area): Meet 9am at Celery Bog Outdoor Amphitheater (1620 Lindberg Rd, between Northwestern & McCormick, WL.

KS-UJ (Kankakee Sands Unit J): From US 41 in Morocco turn west onto CR 400N, then turn south onto CR 400W; meet 6pm and park along the

west side of CR 400W at 41.047903, -87.468589 OR join 4:45pm carpool from LNC parking lot—1620 Lindberg Rd, West Lafayette.

KWPROP (Property of Kent Walters): Meet 10am at 251 W 125 S, Williamsport 47993 OR join 9am carpool from LNC.

LNC (Lilly Nature Center): 1620 Lindberg Rd, between Northwestern & McCormick, West Lafayette (meeting place for listed LNC carpools).

NICHES/BRB (Black Rock Barrens): Meet 1pm in Weiler-Leopold property parking lot (directions at www.nicheslandtrust.org) OR join 12 noon LNC carpool.

OPO (Ouiatenon Preserve Overlook): Meet 1pm at the Ouiatenon Preserve Overlook, 3429 S. River Rd., West Lafayette, 47906.

TIPP AMPH (Tippecanoe County Amphitheater): Meet 1pm in Amphitheater soccer field parking lot at 4449 State Road 43 N, West Lafayette

TIPP BF (Tippecanoe Battlefield): Meet 1pm at the large picnic area east of the Battlefield Museum off N. 9th St. in Battle Ground.

WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center): Meet 1pm at Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center at the Tippecanoe Battlefield off N. 9th St. in Battle Ground.

WS FWA (Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area): Meet 1pm at parking area on west side of N 600 W, between W 100 N & W 300 N in Morocco.

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