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Nevermore: The Passenger Pigeon

Endangered Species: A Conservation Legacy Guiding Conservation into the Future

by Jenny Dickson, Supervising Wildlife Biologist, *Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection*

Endangered species. Two words that call to mind diverse images as varied as the people who ponder them. To some they may suggest elephants, rhinos, or pandas. Others may picture California condors or polar bears—and far fewer may think of bees, beetles, or blazing stars. Some perceive the designation as an endangered or threatened species a conservation solution, others a burden. The truth lies somewhere between. Developing an understanding of the history of the Endangered Species Act and what it means to be a *listed species* is critical to successful stewardship and meaningful discussion about our amazing natural resources.

The Labrador duck, a strikingly black and white bird, was thought to nest in Labrador and northern Quebec and winter along the Atlantic coast with larger flocks being found along coastal New England, New York, and New Jersey. A dietary specialist feeding mostly on mollusks, the Labrador duck has the dubious privilege of being the first North American bird to go extinct (late 1800s). While much about this duck remains a mystery, its decline is linked to over-collection of eggs and adults from nesting areas and to changes in habitats and ecosystems following the arrival of the colonists that impacted its food availability.

The passenger pigeon tells a similar tale. Once one of the most abundant birds in North America, this bird fell victim to both its abundance and its social nature. It is perhaps the best example of what happens when exploitation of wildlife resources goes unchecked. Intensive market hunting for both the millinery trade and as food rapidly eliminated entire seasons reproduction in single events. New technologies to allow for faster and larger harvests and easier transport

to market moved the slow decline of the early 1800s into a catastrophic decline by the end of the 19th century. Attempts to save the passenger pigeon were too late. The gregarious, colonial nature that made it an early American icon also hampered its ability to breed successfully in captivity. Martha, the last of her species, died September 1, 1914 in the Cincinnati Zoo at the age of 29.

The Carolina parakeet, the only parrot native to the United States, went extinct by the 1920s, a victim of the millinery trade and active eradication efforts as a pest or nuisance species. While too late to help these unfortunate species, concerns were growing in the US about the declines of many birds. Bluebirds were becoming rare due to habitat loss, harsh weather, and competition for nesting cavities from two introduced species, the European starling and the house sparrow. Herons and egrets were disappearing from coastal marshes—their showy breeding feathers making them highly sought after in the millinery trade.

In 1916, the United States and Great Britain adopted a series of protections for birds that migrated between the U.S. and Canada. To implement this agreement, the United States passed the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) in 1918. The MBTA became one of the first laws to protect declining wildlife populations.

Unfortunately, the MBTA was not a simple fix for the problem at hand. In the early 1960s, Rachel Carson called attention to the impacts of unregulated pesticide use on both wildlife and people and introduced a more complicated challenge to the conservation equation. In 1966, the Endangered Species Preservation Act was passed to authorize federal land acquisition for the conservation of

native fish and wildlife as a step in addressing growing concerns about protecting habitats, and by extension populations, rather than focusing solely on individual animals. Expanded to the Endangered Species Conservation Act in 1969, the Act authorized the creation of a list of animals that were “threatened with worldwide extinction” and addressed international trade in wildlife. The expanded Act also specifically included mollusks and crustaceans, treating them equally with birds, mammals, amphibians, and fish. It also became the first attempt at the creation of an endangered species list.

In 1969, the pesticide DDT was banned in Connecticut and subsequently by the EPA nationally in 1972 due to the risk it posed to people and the documented harm it caused to wildlife. Unfortunately, the ban was not soon enough to prevent populations of osprey, bald eagles, and peregrine falcons from plummeting due to eggshell thinning and the resulting dramatic decline in hatching success. Peregrines were officially listed as an endangered species in 1970. In 1973, eighty nations signed a treaty, the Convention on International Trade In Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora—CITES for short—to protect plants and animals through trade restrictions and regulations. CITES provided a backdrop for the passage of the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA, 1973) which replaced all earlier versions and broadened and strengthened protections for all plants and animals listed as threatened or endangered.

The years following the passage of the ESA saw some successes and new challenges. In 1985, the last remaining California condors were removed from the wild and placed in a captive breeding program in a last-ditch effort to prevent the species from going extinct.

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Two years later, the American alligator was removed from the list, or “delisted” in ESA terms, because populations had made a tremendous recovery. In a saga that continues today albeit with new variations, a ban was placed on ivory imports in 1989 in an effort to protect elephants and rhinos from poaching activity that was decimating populations.

While new species continued to be added to the ESA, some significant success stories played out in the 1990s and early 2000s. California condors were reintroduced into the wild in 1991 in California and in 1996 in Arizona, reproducing successfully in the wild in 2004. Peregrine falcons and bald eagles were declared recovered and delisted nationally in 1999 and 2007 respectively.

New challenges often overshadow these successes. New diseases have emerged such as white-nose syndrome which has decimated bat populations. Continued changes to habitats and introduction of non-native plants and animals are also presenting new conservation questions. As of January 2015, a total of 2,219 species both U.S. and foreign are listed by the ESA as threatened or endangered.

While the ESA can be an effective tool for conservation, it is really the choice of last resort in wildlife conservation. Conservation is most effective and economical before species reach the point of requiring state or federal listing. Efforts aimed at species that are declining but have not reached the listing precipice are often the most successful. One familiar example here in Connecticut is the effort underway to protect and restore populations of the New England cottontail, our only native rabbit. It is hoped that through habitat management and restoration efforts by private landowners in partnership with state and federal agencies, this rabbit will continue to be part of our heritage for many



*Nevermore: Carolina Parakeet
by John James Audubon*

years to come. Similar efforts are underway to provide host plants for native pollinators such as bees and monarch butterflies.

Proactive conservation efforts are truly the key to success. While it may seem that federal listing brings a wealth of legal protection and conservation funding, this is not often the case. Funding available to protect listed species is divided among all the species on the list, thus new additions mean resources are often stretched even thinner. Legal protection varies greatly between state and federal endangered species acts and while beneficial, does not translate directly to saving a species. One step toward proactive conservation on a national scale has been the development of State Wildlife Action Plans (WAP). These plans were first written in 2005 as a way to guide wildlife conservation efforts in each state over a decade. WAPs were written for every state and all U.S. Territories, effectively creating a wildlife national conservation blueprint for all species. The goal of WAPs is simple: to help keep common species common, prevent species from requiring listing, and ensure that wildlife is here for future generations to enjoy. WAPs have had a decade of success in meeting this goal and are currently being revised in an effort to continue the proactive conservation

that is possible when we all work together to conserve our nature resources.

Perhaps Aldo Leopold summarized the challenge of Endangered Species listing and the need for proactive conservation best when he wrote: “The last word in ignorance is the man who says of an animal or plant, “What good is it?” “If the land mechanism as a whole is good, then every part is good, whether we understand it or not. If the biota, in the course of aeons, has built something we like but do not understand, then who but a fool would discard seemingly useless parts? To keep every cog and wheel is the first precaution of intelligent tinkering.”

The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring.
~Bern Williams



“Sense”sational Spring Break Camp

Monday - Friday, April 13 - 17, 2015

Grades 1-3: 9am-12pm

Grades 4-6: 1-4pm

Members: \$15/child per day or

\$70/child for the whole week

Non-members: \$25/child per day or

\$120/child for the whole week



Kids in Grades 1-6: Looking for a great way to spend your spring break? Why not spend it in the classroom— the OUTDOOR classroom that is! Go on hikes, meet live animals, play games, and make crafts. Snacks will be served between adventures.

Parents are welcome to stay, but it is not necessary. Meet in the Ceder Room. Advanced registration is required.

Call or go online to register!

Super Duper Summer Programs

Wee Discoverers

This weekly 2-hour program for children ages 4-5 features stories, songs, and crafts.

Nature Adventurers

This program for children entering grades 1-2 focuses on the interdependence of life, the diversity found in the natural world, and the importance of being stewards to the earth. Hands-on discovery, games, books, songs, crafts, and hikes are offered.

Natural History Explorers

This program for children entering grades 3-9 offers more in-depth, all-day field discovery sessions conducted on and off White Memorial property.

Tentative dates for this year run from July 6—August 7.

More details coming soon!



Make a Difference

In her continuing series, Zoë Greenwood helps you find small ways to help the environment.

Do you remember the old adage “you never see what is in your own back yard”? Well, I certainly do and I can confirm that it is the truth!

By now you know all about me...what I believe...how I choose to live my life...what matters to me...how I feel about doing small things to make a difference...and probably a whole bunch more that I am not even aware of, based on your surmising abilities. Well, here goes. Probably the most obvious “make a difference” lifestyle is using your public library for things that you might be tempted to buy. If you buy them, you have to house them and someday dispose of them. Why not let your library do all of that for you? Why not let them dust? That would be all well and good, if I wasn’t a LIBRARY DIRECTOR for a small town in northwestern Connecticut! Hence, the reference to never seeing what is in your own back yard! Yikes! I’ve been working in libraries for more than thirty years!

Today’s public libraries resemble almost nothing of the libraries of your youth. No longer are they total quiet at all costs with shushing librarians with their hair in a bun and pencils stuck behind each ear. Today’s libraries still offer books of all manner and types and sometimes newspapers and magazines. Most of them also offer books on

tape (audio books) for kids and adults; DVD’s; music; and e-books and magazines. Most have computers for the public to use. Many have copy machines. Some offer puzzles and games to borrow. A few offer tools like saws and hammers and mixers and baking sheets. Some even provide maker spaces where your imagination can go wild. Some have 3-D printers.

There are programs and classes and story hours and Lego clubs. There are author signings. There are art shows and music programs and learning about how to discover your own genealogy. You can go on trips. You can play games. You can learn a new skill. You can get together with a group of former strangers and visit and gossip and sew and knit. There are quilt shows. There are displays of artwork and artifacts and book discussions and teen groups and after school book talks. There are food talks and wine talks and trip talks. There are fashion discussions and make-up tips and kitchen cosmetics and skin care discussions. Basically, there is not much that you could want to know about or discover that you can’t find in your local library. And you get all of that for the “cost” of showing your driver’s license and filling out a form.

And if that wasn’t all, and I’m sure it isn’t, you can get almost any book or material

from any library in the state and have it delivered to your hometown library - free of charge. You can also return any item that you have borrowed from virtually any library in the state to any *other* library in the state and you will be sure that it will arrive in its hometown and in record time! You can walk into almost any library and borrow *their* materials with the current library card from *your* own town! Oh, one more thing: libraries are often open at NIGHT and on the WEEKEND!

You don’t have a library card, you say? Do you *always* throw money away on a daily basis? That’s what you do if you don’t use your library. In most cases, the library is already at least partially funded by your tax bill. Therefore, you have already paid for the privilege. Of course, dropping off a check to show your appreciation would be just fine, too.

So, **make a difference** and get in your car, go to your library and CHECK IT OUT! And forgive us if you see that we are wearing our hair up and have a few pencils stuck behind our ears.



WHITE MEMORIAL CONSERVES LISTED SPECIES

BY JAMES FISCHER, WMCC DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

White Memorial conserves many critical habitats and ecosystems. We know that these places are special because of the species that inhabit them. Some of these species are protected because there are few other places in the state where they currently live. Following are a few of the listed species that reside here White Memorial:

Endangered

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)
King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

Species of Special Concern

Bobolink (*Dolichonyx oryzivorus*)
Alder Flycatcher (*Empidonax alnorum*)
Wood Turtle (*Gleptemys insculpta*)
Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*)
Northern Leopard Frog (*Lithobates pipiens*)
Blue-Spotted x Jefferson Salamander complex
(*Ambystoma laterale* x *jeffersonianum*)



Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*)



Eastern Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*)

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BEFORE THE WHITES - BANTAM LAKE HOUSE

BY LEE SWIFT

Just north of the Litchfield-Morris town line on the west side of White Woods Road is the White Memorial Foundation parcel commonly known as *Camp Townshend*. Before Alain C. White purchased the property in 1916, the main building was a guest house, and as early as 1838 the accommodations were advertised by the owner Frederick A. Marsh.

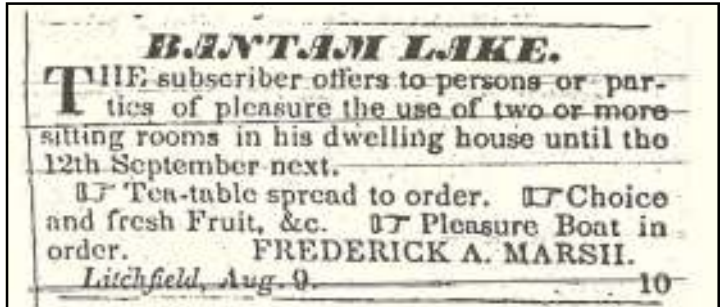
Associated with the Hotel Berkshire on West Street in Litchfield in 1908, this resort was named Bantam Lake House, with carriages taking guests from the hotel to the lake daily for fishing, boating, and luncheons, or "large, comfortable, cool and well kept" rooms for overnight stays.

After being purchased by Alain White in 1916, the main building was used as the headquarters for the Connecticut State Board of Fisheries and Game; and in 1940 the property was leased to the New Haven Girl Scouts who ran Camp Townshend there until 1977 (in sixth grade the author went there as a scout!). The main building, what had been the hotel, burned down on June 17, 1968.

Following the time as Camp Townshend, the buildings were used by Forman School, the Taft School, and the Connecticut Junior Republic. Finally, being in a state of disrepair, the remaining buildings were burned down in 1991 as a practice for fire departments from Litchfield, Bantam, and Morris. A few small outbuildings, including an outhouse, remain.

Still in the development stage is a history of the property. Anyone who has photographs or memories of Camp Townshend or other times on the property, please contact Gerri Griswold:

gerri@whitememorialcc.org.



From Litchfield Enquirer, August 9, 1838



Bantam Lake House 1908

Photographs are courtesy of The Litchfield Historical Society.

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Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*)



King Rail (*Rallus elegans*)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:

THE LITCHFIELD HILLS AMATEUR ASTRONOMY CLUB & THE MATTATUCK ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Story by Gerri Griswold Photo by Marlow Shami

There are few places in Connecticut where the presence of light pollution, cast off from cities and towns, does not envelop the night sky putting a damper on star gazing. White Memorial happens to be one of the few places where (in spite of Waterbury), on a perfect night the heavens are yours for the taking. The *Mattatuck Astronomical Society* (MAS) was fully aware of this. In 1996 after an agreement was reached with the White Memorial Foundation, ground was broken in the Sawmill Field for the installation of a 17 ½ inch telescope with housing. The project was completed in 1997.

Through the years regular star gazing sessions were hosted at White Memorial by MAS but with weather being so finicky and with no means to reach out to the public with cancellation notices, the concept fizzled. In 2009, regular Star Parties were hosted by the Morris Library Friends and in 2010 Conservation Center members and amateur astronomers Jon Wallace and Denis Williamson from the *Litchfield Hills Amateur Astronomy Club* (LHAAC) resurrected regular Star Parties in White Memorial's Ceder Room. Things really started happening.

Nearly 50 programs and star gazing sessions have been delivered by this dynamic group of volunteers on the third Friday of each month (excluding December and January) to a very diverse audience, many of whom are parents and children. Their love and enthusiasm for the heavens and sharing their



Heavenly Body: Litchfield Hills Amateur Astronomy Club Secretary Denis Williamson

knowledge is evident in the beautifully crafted programs they deliver free of charge to the public. This way, in spite of the weather, there will always be something wonderful to experience at every Star Party.

Since the organizations are all run by

volunteers, it is important to recruit new members especially considering the upgrading and maintenance on the their very large telescope. Currently the clubs are raising funds to computerize the telescope and to improve the building so three people no longer will be needed to roll off the enclosure. Secretary of the LHAAC, Denis Williamson hopes that the observatory will be in top notch shape during 2015. The club is also refurbishing their website and would like to link into scout groups and community activities. They are now capable of delivering daytime astronomy programs and intend to add these to White Memorial's stellar calendar of events in April or May 2015.

The clubs are a popular presence at our Family Nature Day. Says Williamson, "It's a big deal when 175 people stop by to look at sunspots and flares. That's a lot of exposure!" When asked about their partnership with the Conservation Center Williamson says, "We are delighted because the observatory is there and it's a perfect spot. But it is a particularly great partnership because we have access to the Ceder Room so the programs are never totally dependent upon the weather."

LHAAC is always seeking new members. If you would like to become part of this enthusiastic force of amateur astronomers please contact them through their website:

<https://lhaac.shutterfly.com/>



25th Annual Museum Sleep-In

April 24 - 25, 2015 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon

Kids in Grades 4-6, join us for a real-life "Night at the Museum" experience!

In addition to having a slumber party amongst the exhibits in the Museum, we'll embark on a night hike, gather around a campfire for stories and songs, make some special crafts, explore Ongley Pond, and get up close and personal with our live animal residents.

In the morning, you'll be treated to a warm breakfast and a program from Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy featuring several live bird buddies!

Bring a friend and make new ones too!

Cost: \$55/member, \$75/non-member

(Covers all workshop materials, snacks, and breakfast)

Registration must be received by April 17. First come, first served.

DON'T DELAY! This program is limited to 25 participants.

Confirmation will be sent along with a checklist of things to bring.

Event will occur rain or shine.

For more information, please call us at 860-567-0857 or visit us at www.whitememorialcc.org.

This program is conducted by the Conservation Center's Education and Activities Committee.



Spring Calendar of Events

For more information on any of our programs, please call us at 860-567-0857.

APRIL

- 1 **Hiking and Healthful Eating with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



- 4 **CT DEEP CARE Family Freshwater Fishing Class**
A. B. Cedar Room & Ongley Pond
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Pre-register by calling 860-567-0857.



- 11 **Nevermore: Remembering the Thylacine with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



- 13 - 17 **"Sense"national Spring Break Camp**
See page 2 for details!

- 17 **Star Party!**
Astronomy program with star gazing to follow. 7:30 P.M.,
A. B. Cedar Room



- 18 **Illegal Possession of Wildlife in Connecticut with SGT Cynthia Schneider Connecticut Environmental Conservation Police**
2:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room.

- 18 **Woodcock Cocktail Party with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



- 20 - 26 **Museum Kids Free Week**
In Memory of Louise W. Willson *

- 24 / 25 **25th Annual Museum Sleep-In**
See page 5 for details.

- 25 **Early Morning Beaver Walk with Leo and Gerri**
6:00 A.M., Meet in front of the A. B. Cedar Room.



- 25 **Nick of Time: Raptors and DDT With Gerri Griswold and Brian Bradley**
See page 7 for details.



* Free admission to Children ages 12 and under when accompanied by an adult.

MAY

- 1 **WMCC Annual Meeting**, 3:30 P.M., Office

- 2 **Dawn Walk Through Five Ponds with Gerri Griswold**
6:00 A.M., Meet at the trailhead at the intersection of Routes 63 / 61.

- 6 **Hiking and Healthful Eating with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



- 9 **Nevermore: Remembering the Passenger Pigeon with Carrie Szwed**
See page 7 for details.



- 11 - 17 **Museum Kids Free Week**
Courtesy of Tara and Arthur Diedrick *

- 15 **Star Party!**
Astronomy program with star gazing to follow. 7:30 P.M.,
A. B. Cedar Room



- 16 **The Monarch and the Milkweed Watercolor Class with Betsy Rogers-Knox**
See page 7 for details!



- 23 **Be the Awe with Marlow Shami**
Experience guided meditations and outdoor nature-based activities designed to enliven the awe within you.
10:00 A.M., A. B. Cedar Room

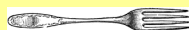
- 25 **Memorial Day Museum Closed**



- 25 - 31 **Museum Kids Free Week**
Honoring Helen Ryan Donnelly *

JUNE

- 3 **Hiking and Healthful Eating with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



- 6 **Museum Open House in Celebration of Connecticut Trail Days!**
Free admission 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

- 6 **Celebrate Connecticut Trail Days! Hike the Peaks of White Memorial with Gerri Griswold**
10:00 A.M.- 3:00 P. M., Meet in front of the A. B. Cedar Room.

- 6 **Amphibian Amble with Carrie Szwed**
Join Carrie on a jaunt to find those sleek and slimy creatures we call amphibians!
1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room



- 8 - 14 **Museum Kids Free Week**
In Memory of Louise W. Willson *

- 13 **Grassland Birds at Topsmead**
Meet Gerri and Carrie at Topsmead.
11:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M., For directions to Topsmead: <http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2716&q=325076#directions>



- 14 **Litchfield Hills Road Race Museum Closed**



- 19 **Star Party!**
Astronomy program with star gazing to follow, 8:00 P.M.,
A. B. Cedar Room



- 20 **Nevermore: Remembering the Great Auk with Gerri Griswold**
See page 7 for details.



- 27 **5th Annual Celebration for the Bats**
Join Gerri Griswold for a lecture, bat cupcakes, and bat count as these mighty creatures emerge from the Green Barn!
7:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room



- 29 - July 5 **Museum Kids Free Week**
In Memory of Louise W. Willson *



SPRING 2015 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM



April 1 Hiking and Healthful Eating with Gerri Griswold

6:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

Spend an evening taking a brisk walk with Gerri, then settle into a delicious meal that is utterly beautiful, healthful, and easy to prepare. Share recipes and ideas that keep you focused on your path to better health while utilizing this beautiful property!



May 6 Hiking and Healthful Eating with Gerri Griswold

6:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

Spend an evening taking a brisk walk with Gerri, then settle into a delicious meal that is utterly beautiful, healthful, and easy to prepare. Share recipes and ideas that keep you focused on your path to better health while utilizing this beautiful property!



April 11 Nevermore: Remembering the Thylacine

6:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

Gerri Griswold focuses your attention on this mysterious, extinct species. A light meal will be served. Bring your own place setting including soup bowl. *All proceeds will be used towards the purchase of an archival box for our Passenger Pigeon mount.*



May 9 Nevermore: Remembering the Passenger Pigeon

6:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

Carrie Szwed celebrates a bird that once obscured "the light of noon-day". A light meal will be served. Bring your own place setting including soup bowl. *All proceeds will be used towards the purchase of an archival box for our Passenger Pigeon mount.*



April 18 Woodcock Cocktail Party

6:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room, **LIMITED TO 20 GUESTS**

Members: \$5.00 Non-members: \$10.00

Over light refreshments, learn about this comical woodland bird also known as the Timberdoodle. Then venture out with Gerri Griswold in search of this ornithological Holy Grail!



May 16 The Monarch & the Milkweed Watercolor Workshop

1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$35.00 Non-members: \$45.00

Betsy Rogers-Knox brings awareness to the plight of the Monarch Butterfly and its host Milkweed Plant by helping you create a watercolor painting! All supplies included. For ages 8 to 84!



April 25 Nick of Time: Raptors and DDT

2:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

Gerri Griswold and Falconer Brian Bradley team up to tell the story of the pesticide DDT and how its use brought many raptor species to the brink of extinction. Bradley will then fly some of his spectacular birds for you in the Carriage House Field.



June 3 Hiking and Healthful Eating with Gerri Griswold

6:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

Spend an evening taking a brisk walk with Gerri, then settle into a delicious meal that is utterly beautiful, healthful, and easy to prepare. Share recipes and ideas that keep you focused on your path to better health while utilizing this beautiful property!



June 20 Nevermore: Remembering the Great Auk

6:00 P.M., A. B. Cedar Room

Members: \$15.00 Non-members: \$25.00

The Great Auk was a substantial sea bird whose extinction was entirely the work of humankind. Gerri Griswold tells the story through pictures and the words of extinct species expert and author Errol Fuller. A light meal will be served. Bring your own place setting including soup bowl. *All proceeds will be used towards the purchase of an archival box for our Passenger Pigeon mount.*

Clip & Mail

_____ Hiking & Healthful Eating April 1	Member: \$15.00	Non member: \$25.00
_____ Nevermore: Remembering the Thylacine	Member: \$15.00	Non member: \$25.00
_____ Woodcock Cocktail Party	Member: \$5.00	Non member: \$10.00
_____ Nick of Time: Raptors and DDT	Member: \$15.00	Non member: \$25.00
_____ Hiking & Healthful Eating May 6	Member: \$15.00	Non member: \$25.00
_____ Nevermore: Remembering the Passenger Pigeon	Member: \$15.00	Non member: \$25.00
_____ Monarch & Milkweed Watercolor Workshop	Member: \$35.00	Non member: \$45.00
_____ Hiking & Healthful Eating June 3	Member: \$15.00	Non member: \$25.00
_____ Nevermore: Remembering the Great Auk	Member: \$15.00	Non member: \$25.00

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Address _____ City _____

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Please circle one: member non-member

Payment enclosed: Program fee: \$ _____ Membership fee: \$ _____ Total \$ _____



Become a member of the White Memorial Conservation Center and take advantage of the member discount, along with free admission to the Nature Museum, a discount in the Gift Shop, and receipt of the quarterly newsletter and calendar of events. Your tax-deductible fee will help sponsor programs like these.

A family membership is \$50.00 per year and individual is \$35.00.

Make check payable to:
WMCC and mail to:
P.O. Box 368
Litchfield, CT 06759

April hath put
a spirit of youth
in everything.

~William Shakespeare



Nevermore:
The Yangtze River
Dolphin
Extinct 2002



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
34TH ANNUAL
FAMILY NATURE DAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2015

FEATURING
BRIAN BRADLEY: SKY HUNTERS IN FLIGHT
RIVERSIDE REPTILES
THE BAT LADY
MEET THE NORTH AMERICAN PORCUPINE
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