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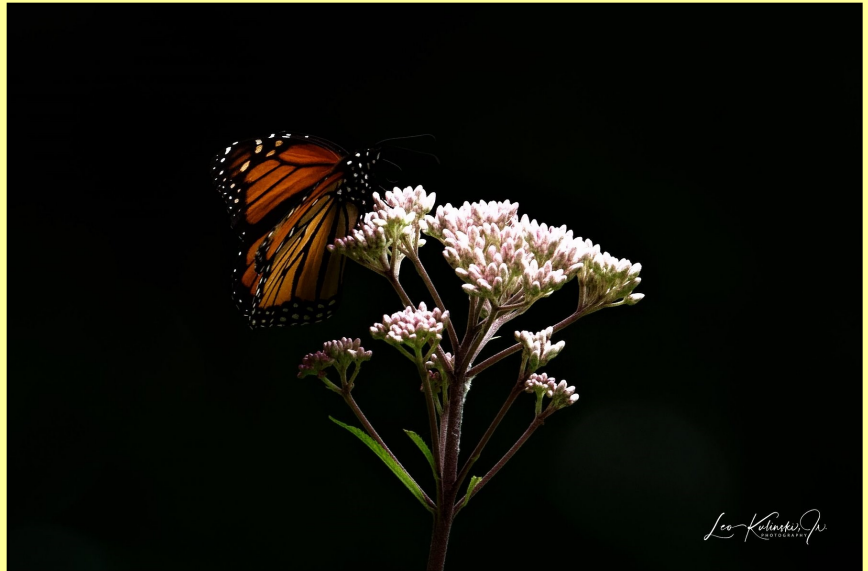
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Monarch Butterfly on Joe-Pye weed, Photo credit ~ Leo Kulinski, Jr.

Wildlife on the Move: Your Crucial Role in Supporting Migratory Species

By James Fischer, Research Director, White Memorial Conservation Center

Every spring and autumn, migratory wildlife embarks on a journey between two different areas in their lives. This migration, a phenomenon that unfolds in our backyards, forests, rivers, and skies, is a testament to the interconnectedness of ecosystems. It responds to seasonal changes and is necessary for these species to survive. Each species is uniquely adapted to the resources in these two areas. It requires that an ecological balance is maintained in both regions and along the path they navigate in between. These species hold a special place in our ecosystems because they indicate the health of the ecosystems they connect. Birds take flight, fish connect our rivers to the Atlantic Ocean, insects travel vast distances, and amphibians traverse our woodlands and wetlands to find suitable breeding grounds. These incredible migrations shape our local environment and remind us that we all share a responsibility in preserving the balance of nature. However, as people change the land and water, many of these species face new challenges threatening their population viability. You can play a crucial role in supporting these animals through simple yet impactful conservation efforts at home and in your neighborhoods.

Migration is a survival strategy to access ephemeral resources only available seasonally or to avoid harsh conditions. Migratory species spend time breeding and raising young in one area, and the other area is where they overwinter. Birds like the Ruby-throated Hummingbird travel thousands of miles

between Connecticut and Central America, while Green Darner Dragonflies complete a multi-generational journey spanning North America. Spotted Salamanders travel from under a log in the forest, where they spend the winter, to a vernal pool to reproduce. American Shad, Connecticut's state fish, spend their adult lives at sea then



Mountain Laurel

Photo credit ~ Margaret Stanford Hunt

swim upstream, usually returning to the channel where they hatched to spawn. These movements are essential for population stability and genetic diversity but are increasingly threatened by habitat loss, pollution, and climate change.

Our modern landscape, significantly altered by urbanization, road expansion, and habitat fragmentation, poses a threat to migratory species. Artificial light disorients nocturnally migrating birds, leading to window collisions. Pesticides, herbicides, and salt diminish insect populations, which are the primary food sources for many migratory birds. Roads and development disrupt amphibian travel routes, leading adults that would otherwise breed to be killed by vehicles. While these challenges may seem overwhelming, small-scale conservation efforts can make a significant difference.

Conservation Actions You Can Use in Your Backyard and Neighborhoods

You can create a hospitable environment for migratory species and support their journeys. Here is a short list of strategies you can do to help.

Plant Native Vegetation

Native plants are what our migratory species adapted to use for food and shelter. They are more nutritious and support their lives most effectively. Planting keystone species such as oak and maple trees will feed the broadest array of wildlife throughout the year. Native perennial wildflowers provide food for the insects that many migratory species consume to support their lives.

When you plan your garden, consider the soil moisture and sun exposure. Plan for flowers to bloom from early spring to late autumn. Trees and shrubs are some of the earliest blooming, while many wildflowers bloom relatively late, even after the first hard frost.

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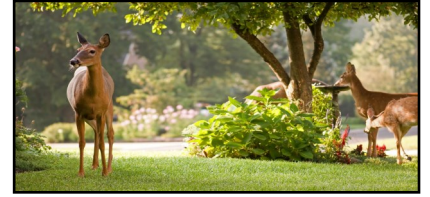
Reduce Pesticides, Herbicides, and Other Sources of Pollution.

Pesticides and herbicides contribute to insect population declines, affecting birds and bats that rely on them for food. Companion planting, a gardening technique that involves growing different plants together to benefit each other, is a natural pest control alternative to maintaining a healthy backyard habitat.

Be careful of the lingering effects of pollutants such as salt when deicing sidewalks and driveways. Just because they are out of sight in the spring and summer does not mean they are not having a long-term impact.

Create a Wildlife-Friendly Habitat in Your Backyard or Neighborhood

Migratory wildlife needs safe places to rest and refuel. Turning off outside lights reduces the disorienting effects of artificial lights on migrating birds and bats. Providing high-energy foods, such as black oil sunflower seeds and suet, ensures that the migrating birds have enough fat to travel long distances, even over the ocean. Applying decals or external screens to large glass surfaces reduces window collisions.



Support Reptile & Amphibian Migration

If you encounter a frog or salamander on a dark and stormy night while crossing a road near a wetland in late winter or early spring, carefully stop, turn on your vehicle hazard lights, and carefully aid the animal to the other side.

Turtles will move long distances to get to their preferred breeding location, so slow down, and if you can safely help them across the road, do so.

Restore and Protect Waterways

Fish species like Alewives and American Eels rely on clean waterways to complete their life cycles. Avoid dumping yard waste close to water sources. Consider joining local conservation groups working to restore aquatic habitats by removing dams or by-passing these structures with fish-friendly passageways.



Support Local Conservation Initiatives

Conserving wildlife corridors requires coordination between many partners. Volunteering to restore habitats, participating in citizen science initiatives, and donating to conservation groups can amplify efforts to protect migratory species. Staying informed about local policies related to land use and advocating for sustainable development can also help.

Small collective actions across our communities will yield meaningful results and build into large-scale efforts! By creating safe spaces, reducing environmental stressors, and advocating for wildlife-friendly practices, you can ensure that future generations continue to witness the awe-inspiring journeys of migratory birds, bats, insects, amphibians, and fish. Your individual actions, when combined with those of others, can make a significant difference and give hope for the future of these species.



Black and White Warbler ~ Photo credit: James Esslinger

Next time you hear the call of a warbler returning in the spring, see a monarch butterfly fluttering through your garden, or spot a school of fish navigating upstream, take a moment to appreciate their incredible resilience and know that your efforts help make their journeys possible.



**White Memorial Conservation Center
43rd Annual Family Nature Day Raffle
September 27, 2025 at 4:00 P.M.**

First Prize: A Trip for 2 to the Galapagos Islands

12 Nights / 13 Days, April 5 - 17, 2026

Donated by Stewart McPherson, Redfern Natural History Productions, LTD

Second Prize: A \$2000 AirBnB Gift Card

Third Prize: A 14 Foot Vintage Huron Canoe

Fourth Prize: A \$500 L.L. Bean Gift Card

Tickets: \$10.00 each! Only 3000 printed!

Purchase in the Museum Store, by phone: 860-567-0857, or online: www.whitememorialcc.org

Tracking Wildlife for Conservation: Supporting the MOTUS Network in Northwest Connecticut

By James Fischer, Research Director, White Memorial Conservation Center

What if a tiny radio signal could unlock the mysteries of wildlife migration, guiding conservation efforts to where they are needed most? The MOTUS Wildlife Tracking System is doing just that, and with your urgent help, we can make a lasting impact on the future of migratory species. Your support is crucial in this race against time.

MOTUS is an international research network that uses automated radio telemetry to track small flying wildlife. Tiny transmitters can be fitted to songbirds, bats, and insects as small as dragonflies and Monarch Butterflies and can be tracked with pinpoint accuracy. The detectors consist of a network of automated receiver stations. We can learn where the Little Brown Bats that roost at the White Memorial Foundation hibernate each winter and which species visit the property during migration as a stopover habitat. With enough data, we could learn what landscape features these animals use to navigate. We can learn which species follow rivers or ridgelines as they navigate. Some species may prefer large wetland complexes, while others favor coastlines.

MOTUS is essential in conservation because it provides real-time data on migratory patterns, stopover sites, and survival rates. We can identify critical habitats that need protection. We can learn how weather influences migration timing and how severe changes to these weather patterns impact the survival of migrating animals. MOTUS is recognized as a

priority in Connecticut's State Wildlife Action Plan because the data supports conservation policies and habitat restoration efforts.

You can see where receiver stations are in northwest Connecticut at <https://motus.org/>. A gap centered on the White Memorial Foundation needs to be filled. There are critical wildlife species in Connecticut that have experienced severe population declines. MOTUS has helped pinpoint vital resting and feeding loca-



An Eastern Red Bat wearing transmitter and antenna. Photo: Brock Fenton

tions in this region for Rusty Blackbird and Blackpoll Warbler, allowing conservationists to prioritize habitat protection efforts in forests and wetlands. MOTUS has been used to study the movements of bats, particularly species affected by White-nose Syndrome, such as the Little Brown Bat and Northern Long-eared Bat. Researchers have implemented targeted conservation actions by tracking migration routes between hibernacula and roosting sites,

such as protecting key foraging areas or determining appropriate times for wind turbines to operate.

Your support is not just a donation, it's a catalyst for change. By helping us install a receiver station at the Conservation Center, you are directly expanding the MOTUS network and contributing to the future of wildlife conservation. Your donations serve as a monetary match that White Memorial can leverage, making your impact even greater.

You can make monetary contributions in two ways. "Give Local" will be held for 36 hours on April 29 – 30. You can always donate on White Memorial's website: <https://whitememorialcc.org/>; please check off the category box for MOTUS. We anticipate providing a list of species detected on the receiver station. Individuals and businesses who wish to sponsor the receiver station will be acknowledged as a "Wildlife Tracking Hero" on the station's Tracking Reports. Imagine seeing your name on a seasonal "Migration Moment" in White Memorial's weekly email newsletter, "The Habitattler."

We look forward to welcoming you to our donor community, a vital part of our long-term conservation and scientific research at White Memorial. Your contribution, no matter the size, is integral to this new and exciting research effort. We can't do it without you!



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

32nd Annual Museum Sleep-In!

For 4-6th Graders

April 25 - 26

5pm Friday - 12pm Saturday

Kids in Grades 4-6, join us for a real-life "Night at the Museum" experience! We'll have a slumber party amongst the exhibits in the Museum. Plus, we'll embark on a night hike, gather around the campfire, make special crafts, explore Ongley Pond, and so much more. You'll also be treated to breakfast and a special program featuring live animals.

Parents, this is a drop-off program, but plenty of adult chaperones from the WMCC Education and Activities Committee will be present. Meet in the Museum. Advanced registration is required. Registration begins on April 1 and must be received by April 19. Space is limited to 25 kids. Please inquire about financial aid as needed. Event will occur rain or shine.

Members: \$60/child, Non-Members: \$120/child
(covers all materials, snacks, and breakfast)

For more information and to register, please visit www.whitememorialcc.org or call 860-567-0857.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IN HER CONTINUING SERIES, ZOË GREENWOOD HELPS YOU FIND SMALL WAYS TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

I was once a children's librarian. Each winter brought author studies- entire months devoted to a single author. Each week when the class came to the library, I would read a selection from one of the "books of the month". March was the month for Russell and Lillian Hoban, the authors of the wonderful *Frances* series. Frances was an independent thinker; she didn't follow the norm. Instead, she carved her own space and did her own thing. The last book of March was devoted to *Bread and Jam for Frances*. Frances was being stubborn. She didn't like what was being prepared for meals, instead always opting for bread and jam. Before they pulled their fur out, her parents wisely decided to give her just that - bread and jam, but ONLY bread and jam. The rest of the family ate whatever was prepared- spaghetti and meatballs, chocolate pudding, and so forth. After a while, Frances got REALLY sick of eating bread and jam and...I'll let you find the book yourself and find out what happened. That particular *Frances* book was just a springboard to what came next in the library- April, and reading and talking about Earth Day and the environment and what each of us can do to make the world a better place.

"Lovely." you say, "children's books. Glad you liked your job, but what does that have to do with me and nature and the environment?" Well, when you receive this newsletter, spring will be creeping slowly to our area and the winds of change will be upon us. So, it's time to make some important decisions. Will you proceed as though you have always done,

or will you look for more ways to let nature dictate what happens in your yard? Sure, you can mow the entire lawn and see a robin pull a worm out of the grass to eat or a rabbit casually hop through. That would be nice. But what would happen if



you left an area to grow longer; didn't mow the grass and wait to see what happens. It might look untidy for a bit, but soon plants will flower and you might have butterflies and bees or other interesting insects come and visit for the nectar. They might bring more birds to eat the insects and find nesting materials and on and on. That is what is commonly

known as biodiversity, more than one plant/insect/bird or mammal in an area. If more and more people began to maintain their properties in a like manner, more and more pollinators would be drawn to the area and thus more other varieties as well. It is more aesthetically pleasing to view a variety of plants and creatures rather than having a "bread and jam only" type of yard.

Being in nature is good for us. It is good for our nervous system. It is multi-sensory. It can reduce stress and promote better sleep and makes us feel and be more grounded. There is a growing body of research that says just that! It might also give us something new to eat...mint to add to our iced tea; "lemonade" made from sumac berries; tea made from white pine needles; dandelions to make wine; hickory and beech nuts to add to our diets. What happens in our own backyards has an impact on what happens in the whole world. Think globally, act locally, as the saying goes. The World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet Report 2022 sites a 69% average decline in global wildlife abundance since 1970. When your yard looks like every other yard in town, you are not helping.

While you are deciding which areas of your yard to "let go," also make a commitment to eating locally and in season. Much of the food available in our local grocery stores comes from very far away. Eating fresh cherries in January might be appealing, but where did they come from? How were they grown? Change what you can and ...

make a difference.

GIVE LOCAL
Greater Waterbury and Litchfield Hills
April 29-30, 2025

Connecticut Community Foundation
Timeless Impact*

www.GiveLocalCCF.org

The Connecticut Community Foundation's Give Local Greater Waterbury & Litchfield Hills

is a 36-hour online community giving event that encourages donors to lend their support to the nonprofit organizations that work every day to make our community stronger.

Every dollar donated to the Conservation Center from 7 a.m. on April 29th to 7 p.m. on April 30th will help care for our Animal Ambassadors, lend financial support to families in need, and support research of migratory species.

Your donations will be stretched with bonus funds provided by the *Connecticut Community Foundation* and generous *Give Local* sponsors. We are also eligible to win amazing cash prizes during the event!

Watch our website www.whitememorialcc.org, read your *Habitattler* for more details on how you can donate, or visit our personal *Give Local* page:

<https://www.givelocalccf.org/organizations/white-memorial-conservation-center>

Bring "Bats are the Best" to Your Classroom!

By Carrie Szwed, Education Director,
White Memorial Conservation Center

Thanks to a generous grant from *The John T. & Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation*, White Memorial can now offer a program called "Bats are the Best" at no charge to schools throughout Connecticut!



Bats are the Best!

During this program, our White Memorial educators enlighten students about these fascinating and unique mammals, which are incredibly beneficial to the planet. While there are no live bats in this program, we will use fun photos, videos, and interactive activities to count down all the reasons why bats are simply the coolest!

Next Generation Science Standards: (4)-LS1.1.4; (4)-LS1.2; (MS)-LS2.4; (MS)-LS2.5; (MS)-ESS3.3; (HS)-LS4.4; CC: Cause & Effect; Stability & Change; Structure & Function

"Bats are the Best" provides a succinct overview of bats and also makes a wonderful introduction to the bat-themed lesson plans that White Memorial will be publishing soon. Teachers and Administrators who are interested in scheduling this presentation for their class(es) should contact Education Director Carrie Szwed at carrie@whitememorialcc.org or 860-567-0857.

Spring Break Camp

Monday–Thursday, April 14–17

Grades 1-3: 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Grades 4-6: 1:30-4:30 pm

Members: \$25/child per session
or \$90/child for the whole week

Non-Members: \$40/child per
session or \$150/child for the whole week



Spend your vacation exploring the wild! Meet live animals up close, make some awesome crafts, tromp around the woods, and play fun games, all while learning about the amazing natural world around you. Bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay, but it is not necessary. Meet in the A.B. Ceder Room.

Advanced registration is required. Space is limited! You can sign up by day or for the whole week.

Please inquire about financial aid as needed.

To register, please visit whitememorialcc.org
or call 860-567-0857.

Additional Support by:
Connecticut Audubon
Earth Tones Native Plants

WINGS OVER WATER

Tuesday, April 22nd
6:30 & 7:30 viewings
Bantam Cinema & Arts Center
115 Bantam Lake Road, Bantam CT
\$10/person

Ripley
Litchfield Land Trust
Audubon
Steep Rock

Earth Day Showing
Sponsored by:
G Gallagher

Wings Over Water tells the story of the epic journeys of three amazing bird families- Join us to watch the triumphs and challenges of these remarkable creatures that defy all odds and soar across mountains, deserts, cities and forests as they head home to raise their young.



"A little flower that blooms in May /
A lovely sunset at the end of the day /
Someone helping a stranger along the way /
That's heaven to me."

~ Sam Cooke

White Memorial's Summer Nature Camp

Wonder Camp

Weekly 2-hour programs for children ages 4-5 featuring stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor adventures. Sign up by session or all 5 sessions. Wednesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, and/or Aug. 6

Discovery Camp

Week-long sessions featuring outdoor discovery, games, books, songs, and crafts that help kids learn about the natural world. For children entering grades 1-2. Sign up for one week only.
July 7-11, 14-18, or 21-25

Exploration Camp

Week-long sessions for children entering grades 3-9. Outdoor adventures await, both on White Memorial property and in many other natural places throughout northwest Connecticut. Sign up for one week only. July 7-11 or 14-18 for 3rd/4th grade, July 21-25 or July 28-Aug. 1 for 5th/6th grade, Aug. 4-8 for 7th-9th grade

More details on whitememorialcc.org. Registration begins
April 1 for members and April 15 for non-members.

Spring 2025 Calendar of In-Person, Virtual, and Hybrid Events

For more information on any of our programs, please call us at 860-567-0857. Register online: www.whitememorialcc.org

APRIL

Fresh Start Hiking Club!
April 1, May 6, June 3, 7:45 a.m.
Pre-registration required:
www.whitememorialcc.org

Hot Topic: Fire Safety & Prevention with James Bryan, CT DEEP Fire Control Officer
6:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room / Microsoft Teams

Nature's Nursery
April 3, May 1, June 5
Pre-registration is required:
www.whitememorialcc.org



Llama Walks with Debbie Labbe
April 5 & 19, 10:00 a.m.
Call 860-248-0355 for more information.

Discovering Amphibians: Frogs & Salamanders of the Northeast
Talk & Book Signing with John Himmelman
See page 7 for details.



Museum Children Free Week +
Oigong at the Museum
with Judith Erhmann-Shapiro
April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., A. B. Ceder Room, \$12.00
Please pre-register. Call 860-309-9489.

Happy Hour Hiking Club!
April 10, May 8, June 5, 4:00 p.m.
Meet in the Museum. Pre-registration required:
www.whitememorialcc.org

Gyotaku: Japanese Fish Print Making Workshop
with Cynthia Mitchell
See page 7 for details.



April 14 - 17 Spring Break Camp!
See page 5 for details!

Tiny Trekking with Kelly Orr
Newborn to 5 years, 3:00 p.m.,
Meet in the Museum.

Good Friday ~ Museum & Offices Closed

Star Party!
Astronomy program
with star-gazing to follow.
8:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room



Bat Hike!
See page 7 for details.



BATS COUNT!
Evening Bat Count at the Green Barn
7:00 p.m., Meet at the A. B. Ceder Room.

20 Easter Sunday ~ Museum Closed
20 - 26 Museum Children Free Week +

EARTH DAY PRESENTATION
Movie Night at Bantam Cinema & Arts Center
Wings Over Water
Sponsored by Gallagher Insurance
See pages 5 & 7 for details.



25 / 26 32nd Annual Museum Sleep-In
For Grades 4 - 6
See page 3 for details.



26 Early Spring Migrants Bird Walks
with Fran Zygmunt
7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.,
Meet in the Museum parking lot.

27 - May 3 Museum Children Free Week +

29 / 30 GIVE LOCAL! A Day of Giving!
See page 4 for details!

MAY

3 Mattatuck Trail Hike at White Memorial
Co-Sponsored with the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. Hike six miles of this beautiful 35 mile trail through White Memorial. 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
Please register online:
www.whitememorialcc.org

Llama Walks with Debbie Labbe
May 3 & 18, 9:00 a.m.
Call 860-248-0355 for more information.

4 - 10 Museum Children Free Week +

10 Bobbing for Bobolinks
at Apple Hill and Topsmead State Forest
8:00 a.m., Meet at the Apple Hill Trail Head
116 East Shore Road. Limited to 15.
Please pre-register: www.whitememorialcc.org

10 Bats for Kids with Colleen Harrak
2:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room
Pre-registration appreciated!

10 Icelandic Film: FUGLALIF (BIRDLIFE)
with Jóhann Óli Hilmarsson
See page 7 for details.



11 - 17 Museum Children Free Week +

16 Star Party!
Astronomy program
with star-gazing to follow
8:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room



17 Nature Tag Sale
Activity Shed, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



17 A Reading of The Lorax & Family Forest Walk
with Mike Berry & Colleen Harrak
See page 7 for details.



17 Connecticut Classical Guitar Ensemble
See page 7 for details.



Oigong & Yoga in the Garden
with Judith Erhmann-Shapiro
May 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., \$12.00
Please pre-register. Call 860-309-9489.

21 Tiny Trekking with Kelly Orr
Newborn to 5 years, 3:00 p.m.,
Meet in the Museum.

24 Sunset Paddle with Kelly Orr
See page 7 for details.



25 - 31 Museum Children Free Week +

26 Memorial Day
Offices Closed



31 Tower to Tower: A Road Trip
to Mohawk State Forest in Cornwall
10:00 a.m., To learn more and to pre-register,
visit www.whitememorialcc.org

JUNE

Llama Walks with Debbie Labbe
June 1 & 14, 9:00 a.m.
Call 860-248-0355 for more information.

7 Connecticut Trails Day!
Exploring Lake & Butternut Brook Trails
10:00 a.m., Meet in the Museum.



8 Litchfield Hills Road Race
Museum Closed



14 Amphibian Amble with Pam Velez
2:00 p.m., Meet in the A. B. Ceder Room.



20 Star Party!
Astronomy program
with star-gazing to follow.
8:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room



21 Tiny Trekking with Kelly Orr
Newborn to 5 years, 9:30 a.m.
Meet in the Museum.

28 The Striking World of Scintillating Snakes
with Colleen Harrak
See page 7 for details.



+ Free admission to children under the age of twelve when accompanied by an adult

SPRING 2025 VIRTUAL, HYBRID, & IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS
CALL 860-567-0857 OR REGISTER ONLINE: WWW.WHITEMEMORIALCC.ORG



April 5 Discovering Amphibians: Book Signing & Talk with John Himmelman
2:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room
Members: \$15.00, Non-Members: \$25.00

What makes amphibians so fascinating? They're mostly small and well camouflaged and easily overlooked as they go about their little lives. But appealing they certainly are. This presentation with photos of our New England **frogs and salamanders** takes us through a typical season of their emergence in late winter until bedtime in autumn – accompanied by recordings of the different frogs you've likely heard on those summer evenings and rainy nights. There will be a book signing following the presentation.



May 10 Film: FUGLALIF (BIRDLIFE) with Orinthologist Jóhann Óli Hilmarrsson
2:00 p.m., Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Members: FREE, Non-Members: \$10.00

Icelandic filmmaker Heimir Freyr Hlodversson's beautiful documentary released in October 2024 follows the life and passions of Iceland's greatest birder and author of *The Icelandic Bird Guide*, Jóhann Óli Hilmarrsson. Follow Johann from childhood to the present. Learn about his evolution into becoming the legend he is today. After the film, chat with Johann about his work. The film is laced with exquisite images of Iceland and beautiful photographs by Hilmarrsson. With English subtitles.



April 12 Gyotaku: Japanese Fish Print Making Workshop with Cynthia Mitchell
10:00 a.m., A. B. Ceder Room
Members: \$30.00, Non-Members: \$45.00

Gyotaku is the traditional Japanese method of printing fish, a practice which dates to the Mid-1800s. This form of nature printing, where ink is applied to a fish which is then pressed onto paper, was used by fishermen to record their catches, but has also become an art form of its own. Join artist Christine Mitchell in experimenting with this simple but beautiful printmaking technique utilizing both whole fish and also silicone cast fish forms. All materials included.



May 17 A Reading of The Lorax & Family Forest Walk with Forest Manager Mike Berry and Colleen HARRAK
2:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room
Members: FREE, Non-Members: \$5.00

"I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees."
 Dr. Seuss's beloved story teaches kids to treat the planet with kindness and stand up and speak up for others. Experience the beauty of the Truffula Trees and the danger of taking our earth for granted in a story that is timely, playful, and hopeful. The book's final pages teach us that just one small seed, or one small child, can make a difference.



April 19 Bat Hike! with Gerri Griswold
4:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room
Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$10.00

Enjoy a late afternoon stroll through bat habitats to our bat houses near Litchfield Town Beach! Close to 300 precious Little Brown Bats inhabit these structures that were installed by Research Director, James Fischer in 2018.



May 17 Connecticut Classical Guitar Ensemble Conducted by Michael Stubblefield
7:00 p.m., Activity Shed
All Tickets: \$10.00

Bring a picnic and enjoy a perfect spring evening in the company of this wonderful guitar ensemble that will perform a variety of genres. Michael Stubblefield is an American composer, guitarist, and music educator based in Hartford, CT. He is a graduate of The Hartt School at the University of Hartford with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Music Composition.



April 22 Wings Over Water
Sponsored by Gallagher Insurance at Bantam Cinema and Arts Center
Showings at 6:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
All Tickets: \$10.00

Join White Memorial Conservation Center, Litchfield Hills Audubon Society, Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy, Litchfield Land Trust, Bent of the River Audubon Center, and Steep Rock Association for a spectacular Earth Day screening of this extraordinary documentary film. As the glaciers retreated at the end of the last ice age, they left an astounding gift of connected rivers, lakes and wetlands across the heartland of North America. Today, these largely unknown water highways remain an oasis for sustaining wildlife, from the herds of bison that still roam the Great Plains to the vital honeybees that pollinate our crops and especially for the millions of magnificent birds that migrate along these "flyways."



May 24 Sunset Paddle with Kelly Orr
6:45 p.m., Meet at the boat launch on Whites Woods Road. Limited to 15 boats!
Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$10.00

What better way to end a day than a paddle on the Bantam River, communing with Nature, like-minded friends, and the setting sun! Join Kelly Orr for a trip up or down the river. Bring your own boat!



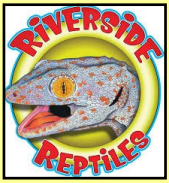
June 28 The Striking World of Scintillating Snakes with Colleen HARRAK
2:00 p.m., A. B. Ceder Room, Ages 10 and up
Members: \$5.00, Non-Members: \$10.00

Come explore the fascinating and often troubled history of snakes. Explore mythology and traditional views on snakes across the globe. You'll get up close and personal with some of our live snake ambassadors!



Become a member of
The White Memorial Conservation Center
 and take advantage of the generous member discount, along with free admission to the Nature Museum, a discount in the Gift Shop, And receipt of the quarterly newsletter with calendar of events. Your tax-deductible fee will help sponsor programs like these.
 A family membership is \$60.00 per year.
 An individual membership is \$40.00 per year.





MARK YOUR CALENDAR !
THE 43RD ANNUAL
FAMILY NATURE DAY

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2025

MASTERS OF THE SKIES
FERNCROFT WILDLIFE RESCUE ~ OPOSSUMS!
RIVERSIDE REPTILES
HORIZON WINGS RAPTOR EDUCATION
WHITE MEMORIAL'S ANIMAL AMBASSADORS
BUNNELL FARM WAGON RIDES + POTION TABLE
PIE SALE + FOOD + ARTISAN'S MARKET

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WIN A TRIP FOR TWO
TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS IN OUR RAFFLE!



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THE MUSEUM GIFT
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FIND THE
PERFECT GIFT FOR
MOM, DAD, AND GRAD!
POTTERY, HONEY, MAPLE
SYRUP, SOAPS
FINE ART, BOOKS, JEWELRY,
HAND-TURNED BOWLS, TOYS,
AND SO MUCH MORE!

SAVE THE DATE!

EARTH DAY
Plant Sale
 April 25th - 27th 2025
 @ the Goshen Fairgrounds

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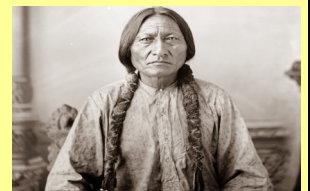


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"Behold, my friends, the spring is come;
 the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun,
 and we shall soon see the results of their love."

—Sitting Bull



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