

# NATIVE ROOTS

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

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## WABASH RIVERFEST 2011

SAT, JUL 9<sup>th</sup> - 9am\*\* to 4pm - Free admission  
at Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette

**A celebration of Indiana's historic Wabash River!**

Thrilling Canoe Races, Educational Exhibits, Kids Parade,  
Food, Live Music, Children's Activities and LOTS MORE!!

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Family Fun 5K Run begins at 8:30am!**

Details/Event times: [www.wabashriverfest.com](http://www.wabashriverfest.com)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### West Central Chapter of INPAWS - Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

WC-INPAWS PROGRAM Meetings—fourth Mondays at 7pm  
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area (West Lafayette)

**(NO WC-INPAWS PROGRAM MEETINGS JUNE & JULY)**

**NEXT PROGRAM is on MON, AUG 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm: Topic TBA**

For more information about WC-INPAWS programs, contact:

**PgmChair: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 [sueandtedulrich@msn.com](mailto:sueandtedulrich@msn.com)**

### STATE INPAWS Activities

**Landscaping with Native Plants- 2011 Garden Tour**  
SAT, JUL 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm

*A rare peek at some mature, private Indiana gardens  
that use native plants to define the landscape.*

**Free & open to the public, but registration is limited!**

**To register and receive the tour addresses/directions,**

e-mail [gardentour@inpaws.org](mailto:gardentour@inpaws.org) OR call **Amy Perry: 317-696-5074**

**INPAWS Hike in Henderson Park – Washington County**

SAT, JUL 16<sup>th</sup> 10am – 1pm ET led by Allen Pursell (TNC)

**Reservation deadline: WED, JUL 13<sup>th</sup> \*\***

*Henderson Park features a limestone glade, a cave, and some historic  
stone remnants of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.*

Hiking on gravel park roads and off-trail on moderate to steep slopes.

An optional trip into Mill Cave will be offered for those interested.

**\*\*Contact Allen Pursell: 812-737-2087 [apursell@tnc.org](mailto:apursell@tnc.org)**

Calendar of INPAWS plant pgms, fieldtrips & more: [www.inpaws.org](http://www.inpaws.org)

For INPAWS field trip info: **Mike Homoya** at [mhomoya@dnr.in.gov](mailto:mhomoya@dnr.in.gov)

### THE GREAT BEE COUNT

Join over 100,000 citizens who are helping to shape bee conservation  
efforts by planting bee-friendly plants and counting the bees for  
15 minutes each week this summer and beyond!

Go to [YourGardenShow.com](http://YourGardenShow.com) & select "Citizen Science," "Pollinators"

### NATURE PROGRAMS for KIDS

SAT, JUL 23<sup>rd</sup> – noon-3pm **Monarch Explosion! \$5/child\***

at Winterhaven Wildflowers & Monarch Preserve  
5724 S 900 West in West Point

Kids 5-12 yrs old will join a monarch hunt, harvest the eggs & larvae,  
& learn why such hunting & gathering is vital to preserve the monarch.

Taught by Reni Winter

Master Naturalist & Monarch Larva Monitoring Project trainer

**\*Reservations: 765-714-4288 or [milkweedformonarchs@gmail.com](mailto:milkweedformonarchs@gmail.com)**

**JUL & AUG day camps & overnight camps at WOLF PARK\***

Wolves & foxes & more: for kids ages 4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-12, 13-14

\*Located at 4004 E 800 N, Battle Ground, Indiana

**Info on camps/dates/cost: 765-567-2265 or [www.wolfpark.org](http://www.wolfpark.org)**

**Monthly Meetings of AUDUBON Jr. BIRDS & NATURE CLUB**

SAT, JUL 16 Butterfly Encounter; SAT, AUG 13<sup>th</sup> at Celery Bog

For kids in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade and older. **FOR INFO: Susan 765-583-2275**

## SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

[www.sycamoreaudubon.org](http://www.sycamoreaudubon.org)

**SAS PROGRAM Meetings**—second Thursdays at 7:15pm  
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area (West Lafayette)

**(NO SAS MEETINGS IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST)**

**THURS, SEP 8<sup>th</sup> Invitational Program:**

Bring a 5-10 minute program of digital images, slides, video, etc.  
Carry-in dinner at 6pm (before the meeting): bring a dish to share.

**PGM CHAIR—Diane Packett: [dpacket@pex.net](mailto:dpacket@pex.net) or 765-463-9231**

**Fieldtrip info: Barny 494-3565w, 497-3082h, [jduunning@purdue.edu](mailto:jduunning@purdue.edu)**

**SUMMER BIRD COUNTS – Indiana Counties**

Look for species & nesting indications June 1- July 31

**For forms & instructions go to "activities" at**

[www.indianaudubon.org](http://www.indianaudubon.org)

**AUDUBON ADVENTURES (Educational Materials)**

4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers interested in getting this program for students,  
contact **Rick Read: 574-583-3431** or [Richardaread@hotmail.com](mailto:Richardaread@hotmail.com)

SAS pays the cost for this National Audubon Society environmental  
education program for school classes in SAS's six-county area:

Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Tippecanoe, Warren and White Counties!

## ID'ing PLANTS & MUSHROOMS with NICK HARBY!

**PLANT ENTHUSIASTS GROUP:**

*Identifying plants along the Wabash River Trail in Lafayette.*

**Meets Sundays 4pm** at Peaceful Greens Restaurant: 219 Main St.

**LAFAYETTE MUSHROOM HUNTERS GROUP:**

*Holds forays looking for mushrooms in different Lafayette areas.*

**Next foray SAT, JUL 16** at Purdue Hort Park—

Meet 9:30am at McCormick Rd parking lot.

**FOR MORE INFO: [nickharby@yahoo.com](mailto:nickharby@yahoo.com) or 317-370-2895**

## COMMUNITY GARDENS OPEN HOUSE

at Cooperative Extension—3150 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette  
**SUN, JUL 10<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm**

*There are 150 garden plots employing various gardening techniques.*

Sponsored by Master Gardener Association of Tippecanoe County.

**FOR MORE INFO, call Jim Mailloux: 765-404-5057**

## Seminar: "GARDENS-More than a Pretty Flower"

**SAT, AUG 6<sup>th</sup> 8am-3:30pm** at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds

Topics: Gardens & Wildlife, Using Natives in Suburban Gardens,  
Veggie Gardening in Small Places, Apple Trees & Bees, Gourds!

**\$35 Registration Fee due by JUL 27 \* Sale Items-cash, check only**

**\* For registration form & details: visit [www.hcmga.org](http://www.hcmga.org)**

## "BUTTERFLY ENCOUNTER"

**on SAT JULY 16<sup>th</sup> at new location:**

Prophetstown State Park, Coneflower Picnic Shelter

**\* PASS or \$6/car PARK ENTRY FEE is required \***

(CANCELLED IF BAD WEATHER)

**10am-noon: Photography Workshop**

**11am-noon: How to Plant a Butterfly Garden**

**noon-1pm: Picnic lunch (RSVP\*\* please)**

**1-1:30pm: Identification Tutorial/Form groups**

**1:30-3:00pm: Butterfly appreciation walks**

**3-4pm: Compilation of results**

*This family-friendly event celebrates the beauty and diversity of Indiana  
butterflies—everyone from novice to expert is encouraged to attend!*

**NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED to PARTICIPATE!**

**\*\*PICNIC RSVP to [helena.haugen@evonik.com](mailto:helena.haugen@evonik.com) or 765-477-4228**

**Directions/event info/butterfly resource materials at:**

[extension.entm.purdue.edu/butterflycount](http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/butterflycount)

**More info: [Melissa Shepson 765-494-0997](mailto:Melissa Shepson 765-494-0997) [mshepson@purdue.edu](mailto:mshepson@purdue.edu)**

**Sponsored by: Evonik & Purdue's Entomology Department**



## WEDNESDAYS in the WILD

### Natural History Talks/Workshops/Fieldtrips

JULY - SEP 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 1-3pm or As Noted

Jul 6<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm SAVE THE BEES!** .....**BEEC**

Ruth Coors (local beekeeper) will talk about the importance of honeybees & share her experiences. Beekeeping equipment, books, and magazines will be on display, and possibly an observation hive.

Jul 13<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm Butterflies of Tippecanoe County** .....**STPK**

Purdue Entomologist Jon Neal will talk about our local butterflies and lead a butterfly identification walk. **Bring binoculars & \$6 park fee.**

Jul 20<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm Mammal Ramble** .....**WNC**

Join Naturalist Mary Cutler on this hike through the Tippecanoe Battlefield to learn about the common mammals of the woods, prairies & wetlands of Tippecanoe County—past and present. Opportunities to handle study skins & skulls of the animals discussed will be a key component of this hike for all ages.

Jul 27<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm Fisher Oak Savanna Walk** .....**FOS**

Walk the trails of this Jasper County property with Brad Weigel (NICHES Stewardship Manager); learn about the savanna/prairie habitat & the restoration work being done, enjoy the blooming prairie wildflowers, and look for the Yellow Fringed Orchids!

Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> **1-3pm Granville Sand Barrens Walk** .....**GSB**

NICHES has nurtured and protected a portion of this sand barrens in Tippecanoe County for 10 years. Learn about the progress made to sustain the biodiversity of this rare habitat on this hike led by Gus Nyberg (NICHES Executive Director).

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm Falcons & Falconry ..Bring a camera! ...BEEC**

Falconer Tom Hagovsky will give a presentation on the basics of what makes a falcon a falcon, and how handlers train birds of prey. Falcons "Lydia" and "Beast" will aid in the demonstration!

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm Backyard Wildlife Habitat** .....**SCHMIDT**

Dave and Randy Schmidt tell what is required to have your property certified and show how they have developed an extensive habitat in their backyard for all types of wildlife. **Bring lawn chairs!**

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> **7-9pm Lindberg Bridge Construction** .....**LNC**

Craig Shroyer, Project Engineer from Structurepoint, Inc., will show pictures of how the new bridge was built and discuss the challenges associated with this construction. Following the presentation, interested individuals can walk to the structure for a closer look at the channel under the bridge, as well as other interesting features!

Aug 31<sup>st</sup> **1-3pm How Celery Bog was Formed** .....**LNC**

Darrell Schulze (Purdue Soil Science Professor) examines evidence from soil maps and a digital elevation model which indicate that the buried ice block explanation for the formation of Celery Bog is incorrect. Outdoor soil sampling follows.

Sep 7<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm Wings & Wildflowers at Prophetstown** **STPK**

Naturalist Mary Cutler leads this walk to visit a fen and prairie at their peak. Butterflies, birds and blooming plants put on quite an end-of-summer display! **Bring \$6 gate fee, binoculars, & bug repellent!**

LOCATIONS of these FREE PGMS—OPEN to the PUBLIC

**BEEC (Brier Environmental Educ Ctr):** Battle Ground—turn by small BEEC sign on south side of Prophet St nr intersection with N. 9<sup>th</sup> St

**FOS (Fisher Oak Savanna):** Meet at 1pm EDT in property parking lot in Jasper County (directions at [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)), OR JOIN 12:15 carpool--Tippecanoe Battlefield parking lot off N. 9<sup>th</sup> St, in B.G.

**GSB (Granville Sand Barrens):** Meet at 1pm in property parking lot in Tippecanoe County (directions at [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)).

**LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area):** On north side of Lindberg Rd (betw Northwestern & McCormick) in West Lafayette.

**SCHMIDT (Dave & Randy's home):** 2813 N 400 W, in West Lafayette

**STPK (Prophetstown State Pk)\*:** Enter park via Swisher Rd (off N. 9<sup>th</sup> St, just south of Battle Ground); meet at 1pm at Coneflower Picnic Shelter, OR JOIN 12:45 carpool--Tippecanoe Battlefield parking lot off N. 9<sup>th</sup> St, in Battle Ground.

\* NOTE: PASS or \$6/car PARK ENTRY FEE is required.

**WNC (Wah-ba-shik-a Nature Center):** In Battle Ground, at the end of the Tippecanoe Battlefield parking lot off N. 9<sup>th</sup> St.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:

**Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Dan Dunten (765-775-5172), or Editor**

**Sponsored by:** Mary Cutler-TIPP CO Park & Rec Dept, Dan Dunten-WL Parks & Rec, Sycamore Audubon Soc, WC-INPAWS, NICHES

**HAPPY HOLLOW WALKERS** every MON, WED, FRI at 9am

Walk with Temple Pearson & enjoy nature while getting good exercise!

Meet in first parking lot by swings at Happy Hollow Park in W. Laf.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!**

[www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org) ~ 765-423-1605

**NEXT BOARD MEETING -- 7 pm TUES: Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>**

in the Wells Center/TAF at 638 North St, Lafayette

**NICHES WORKDAY**

**SAT, AUG 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm** at Indian Creek Basin—Tippecanoe Co.

Megan Benage leads this workday to remove invasive plants which threaten the sustainability of native plant communities.

**RSVP: Gus Nyberg 765-427-4345**

**INFO/directions: [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)**

**NICHES EVENTS/OUTINGS**

**Float down the Iroquois River: SAT, JUL 16<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm**

NICHES is partnering in a multi-county watershed planning effort for the upper Iroquois River. This 2.5 hour trip will paddle through town and pull out upstream of I-65. **OPEN TO:** people with boats and a limited number of people without boats.

IF YOU NEED A BOAT OR HAVE SHUTTLE QUESTIONS, call:

**Dan Perkins 219-866-8008** (Jasper County SWCD).

FOR DETAILS, call: **Gus Nyberg: 765-423-1605**

**NICHES at Montgomery County Fair: MON, JUL 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:30pm**

**CONSERVATION NIGHT**—live raptor demonstration & chance to interact with staff of NICHES & other conservation agencies active in protecting Sugar Creek.

**WEDNESDAY PROPERTY WALKS: JUL 27<sup>th</sup> & AUG 3<sup>rd</sup> 1-3pm**

FOR DETAILS, check Wednesdays in the Wild schedule.

**WORKDAYS – The Nature Conservancy in Indiana**

**SAT, JUL 23 9-12noon CDT Invasive Species Removal**—Newton Co

Remove common mullein from Kankakee Sands Prairie Restoration.

**RSVP/info: Andrea Locke 219-285-2184 or [alocke@tnc.org](mailto:alocke@tnc.org)**

**NATIVE TALLGRASS PRAIRIE**

**RECONSTRUCTION & MANAGEMENT**

**WED, JUL 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3pm**

at Westminster Village in Terre Haute: 1120 E. Davis Dr.

Presentation by Phil Cox—former Natural Resources Administrator at

US Army's Newport Chemical Depot

**INDIANA'S PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS**

**History, Progress & Community**

**FRI, AUG 12<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

at Dobbs Memorial Park Native American Museum

5150 Poplar Drive in Terre Haute

Presentation by **Dr. Paul Rothrock** (Taylor University)

**MORE INFO: Phil Cox 765-548-4007 or [philwcox@gmail.com](mailto:philwcox@gmail.com)**

**COMMUNITY GREEN EVENTS**

**GO GREENER at the SAGAMORE FARMERS' MARKET - West Laf.**

**WEDNESDAYS:** drop off batteries, reading glasses, hearing aids,

CFL bulbs, printer cartridges, plastic bottles w/lids

**WED, JUL 13 COMPOSTING DEMO** by Dan Dunten

He will show compost bin he made with recyclable materials, have tumblers showing the starting product, the end product & how much food is diverted from the landfill, and present other info!

**DROP OFF UNWANTED OR OUTDATED MEDICATIONS/DRUGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> THURSDAY of every month (in 2011)

at West Lafayette Police Department lobby: 711 West Navajo St.

**GO GREENER INFO: Diane Damico at [dianedamico@mac.com](mailto:dianedamico@mac.com)**

**Fifth Annual Indiana BAT Festival –Terre Haute!**

**SAT, AUG 27<sup>th</sup> - Free admission**

**10am-5pm Presentations** at Indiana State Univ, Science Building

Features live bat and bird programs, talks by leading bat experts, conservation exhibits, book authors, inflatable cave for exploration, activities for children, bat house information, bat merchandise

**6-10pm Bat Science Night** at Dobbs Park in Terre Haute

**Event Details/Directions: [www.isubatcenter.org/batfest](http://www.isubatcenter.org/batfest)**

**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 SEP-OCT issue need to reach me by AUG 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Please send your info to [mohrsamuels@comcast.net](mailto:mohrsamuels@comcast.net)

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