NATIVE ROOTS

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

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THE MOST IMPORTANT NUMBER IN THE WORLD:
Building a Worldwide Movement to Fight Climate Change!
Presentation by **Bill McKibben**, author and environmentalist, on **WED, MAR 11** at 7pm—at Goshen College, Sauder Concert Hall
For more info, contact: Paul Steury paulds@goshen.edu
or visit website-- **billmckibben.com/350.org**

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
~ open to the public ~

MON, MAR 23 – "Lotus Bogs"
— Master Gardener Susan Goldman will talk about how to create, develop, and maintain a lotus garden in your yard.
— NATIVE PLANT & SEED EXCHANGE

MON, APR 27 – "Native Plant Species of the Prairie"
— Skylar Hill, assistant property manager at Prophetstown State Park, will talk about our native prairie species and the prairie restoration at the park.

PgmChair: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 sueandtedulrich@msn.com

WILDFLOWER WALKS

SAT APR 11 10:30am-2:30pm White River RC&D Wildflower Hike*
*Explore two unique areas: a barrens in Spring Mill State Park** and the Cave River Valley.* **Meet at INN Parking Lot at 10:30am
***NOTE:** Limited to first 40 to register ($5 fee) at 812-279-8117 Ext 5
Led by field guide author Kay Yatskievych & Carroll Ritter-SycamoreLT
www.fs.fed.us/r9/hoosier/docs/events/wildflower_rcandd.htm

SAT APR 25 INPAWS Hike in Allee Woods (Parke County)*—led by Dr. Amanda Ingram, Asst. Professor of Biology, Wabash College*
Details closer to date at: *www.inpaws.org*

NATIVE PLANTS sold here…

Howard County SWCD Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale
MAR 27—LAST DAY to ORDER *
SAT, APR 18 9am-noon PLANT PICK-UP DAY
at Jackson Morrow Park, Kokomo, IN
* For plant list & order form: *www.howardswcd.com*
Questions? 765-457-2114 ext 3

George Peregrim—N*ative Plants Unlimited:* *over 90 species*
APR 3—Advance Orders DUE *
May 1-3 and 7-10 –2009 Spring Plant Sale **at new location:**
GreenCycle of Indiana 2695 Cicero Rd (SR 19), Noblesville, IN
** Plant list/order form/sale hrs: *www.nativeplantsunlimited.com*
Questions? 317-506-5456 or ***nativeplants@earthlink.net***

MAY 9 INPAWS Native Plant Sale & Auction (Indianapolis)
Details to come at: *www.inpaws.org*

Walter Beineke—The Land Nursery *(Tipp Co, west of WL)*
--grows mostly native trees and shrubs. For plant list & more info, **contact Walt at: 765-463-2994** or ***wbein2@verizon.net***

GARDENING EVENTS

SAT MAR 7th 10am-2pm **Purdue Extension OPEN HOUSE**
11am & 1pm special presentation: **Benefits of Gardening**
At Purdue Extension -- 3150 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette

SAT APR 25th 9am-3pm **GARDEN EXPO 2009 and PLANT SALE**
at Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds -- 1010 Teal Rd, Lafayette
For information: 765-572-2769 or **scottswoods@verizon.net**

Wednesdays 3-6:30pm **MAY-OCT Sagamore West Farmers Market**
Contact Kathleen.mills50@gmail.com *re: free space for non-profits*

Interested in starting a community vegetable garden in Lafayette?
Contact Mary Lehmkuhl: mlehmkuh@purdue.edu

SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

www.sycamoreaudubon.org

SAS PROGRAM Meetings—second Thursdays **at 7:15pm**
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette
Dinner with the speaker is at 6pm in the MCL Cafeteria-West Lafayette
~ open to the public ~

THURS, MAR 12 "Bird Abundance & Diversity in the Montane Forests of Costa Rica"
— Ecologist Matt Gasner will present the results of his research on Costa Rican forest birds and the possible effects of climate change.

THURS, APR 9 "What's New at the Wildcat Wildlife Center?"
— Executive Director Carol Blacketer will give an update on the center and what it does to rehabilitate injured birds and mammals, as well as what the public can do to help.

PGM CHAIR—Diane Packett: dlpackett@pex.net or 765-463-9231

FRI/SAT Mar 27-28 SAS Spring BAKE & PLANT Sale – WL Library
Proceeds benefit Wildcat Wildlife Center's RAPTOR FLYWAY!
Coincides with 50th Anniversary of Book Fair SAT/SUN Mar 28-29!
(70% of items are $1 or less!) VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED!
Details: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275, *sueandtedulrich@msn.com*

SAS FIELDTRIPS
Meet in the gravel parking lot in Celery Bog Nature Area.
(north side of Lindberg Rd betw Northwestern & McCormick in WL)

SAT MAR 7 8:30am Local waterfowl & eagle trip…to look for mirgrating waterfowl at Celery Bog, Mulvey Pond, Pine Creek in Benton County, & possibly Bald Eagle nest in SW Tipp Co.*(Half-day)*

SAT APR 4 7:30am Early Spring Migrants at Celery Bog …to look for sapsuckers, migrating sparrows, vireos, wetland birds and other signs of spring! *(Half-day)*

SAT APR 18 7:30am Spring Migrants at Horticulture Park …to look for warblers and other migrants. If anything unusual is being reported in the region, we may go further afield *(Half-day)*

SAT MAY 9 -- The BIG DAY in MAY
People in Indiana will be birding to see what species can be found in their county on what is traditionally the height of songbird migration!
Call COUNTY Compilers: TIPP--Barny Dunning 765-494-3565; WARREN--Susan Ulrich 583-2275; WHITE--Rick Read 574-583-7000

THURSDAY EARLY BIRD HIKES at HORT PARK begin MAR 5th
Start time: 8:00am*—times to be adjusted later depending on sunup!*
Meet in the east parking lot of Hort Park in grove of River Birches on McCormick Rd across from Purdue West shopping center in WL.
(~ 1-hour hike)
For field trip or hike info: Barny Dunning 494-3565w, 497-3082h

NEW — Hoosier Environmental BOOK CLUB
Meets 1:30pm at Barnes & Noble (next to Tippecanoe Mall)
SAT MAR 21st -- Animal, Vegetable, Miracle
SAT APR 18th -- The World Without Us
For more info, contact Falon French: ffrench@hecweb.org

NICHES EVENTS

(plus more on website calendar at www.nicheslandtrust.org)

WED APR 1st PHOTOGRAPHIC TOUR of NICHES Land Holdings
7-9pm at Tippecanoe County Public Library, Meeting Room B
Board member Dave Krohne's photos on display/Light refreshments.

WED APR 22nd 6:30-8:30pm **NICHES Annual Meeting**
at the Wells Center: 638 North St, Lafayette
Presentation by Doris Myers on "Art and Nature"
along with food, drink, and a silent auction

SAT MAY 2nd 9am-noon **NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP ***
Hosted by accomplished photographer, Dave Krohne,
at his home in western Tippecanoe County
for individuals trying to improve their photography skills.
Cost is $25; all proceeds go to NICHES Land Trust.
*** NOTE:** Limited to 20 people; reservations required by APR 24th.*
For info/to register: 765-423-1605 or niches@nicheslandtrust.org

"WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"
Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips
MAR-MAY 6, 2009 1-3pm or As Noted

Mar 4th 1-3pm **DUCKS of Celery Bog** ……*binoculars*…….. **LNC**
Indoor talk by avid birder Susan Ulrich *will be followed by outdoor walk (weather permitting) to look for birds around the marsh.*

Mar 11th 1-3pm **Otters, and Bobcats, and Woodrats…Oh, My! LNC**
Nongame Wildlife Biologist Scott Johnson *will give an update on the status of the state's efforts to restore & protect these mammals.*

Mar 18th 7:30-9:30pm **Sounds of Spring—the Wacky Woodcocks!**
Experience this spring ritual with Naturalist Mary Cutler & members of Sycamore Audubon Soc.(Dress for the weather; binoculars)**AMPH**

Mar 25th 7-9pm **Garlic Mustard: An Unremarkable English Wildflower Conquering America! ……..... LNC**
Steve Hallett (Purdue Dept of Botany & Plant Pathology*) will talk about how plants become invasive and discuss research findings involving garlic mustard's underground chemical warfare with soil microorganisms!*

Apr 1st 7-9pm **Nature's April Foolers (MIMICRY) …..… LNC**
Using color slides and demonstrations, Purdue Entomologist John MacDonald *explains why some insects are green or drab, or in other ways blend into their background, while others are brightly colored and "boldly announce their presence!"*

Apr 8th 7-9pm **Greening Your Business ……..…..…… LNC**
Using what SIA has done since 2000 as the model, Denise Coogan (Safety & Environmental Compliance Mgr at Subaru), *talks about what companies can do to "Reduce, Reuse and Recyle."*

Apr 15th 1-3pm **Forest Health Problems …….. LNC**
Phil Marshall (DNR State Entomologist & Forest Health Specialist) *discusses diseases and insects that are common problems in Indiana forests and trees, and how to manage them.*

Apr 22nd 7-9pm **Fantabulous Frogs & Other Amazing Amphibians**
Meet some frogs, toads, and salamanders up close with Wendell Zetterberg, Jr. (Amphibian Educator/Conservationist). *Find out why they're so amazing, and why they're in decline worldwide.* Indoor program followed by outdoor search for spring frogs. …….. **LNC**

Apr 29th 1-3pm **Birdfoot Violets Walk in Warren County** ... **NICHES**
Susan Ulrich (active in NICHES Land Trust) *leads a hike through the Weiler-Leopold & Black Rock Barrens properties. Focus will be on spring wildflowers, but we'll see birds, and other wildlife & plants, too!* CARPOOL leaves LNC at 12:30pm OR meet at Weiler-Leopold 1pm.

May 6th 1-3pm **Shooting Stars & More (Wildflowers) CLEGG**
Walk wooded ravine trails with Jim Peterson (CLEGG manager and wildflower aficionado); *enjoy the many wildflowers as you learn about the gravel hill prairie restoration on this property along Wildcat Creek!*

LOCATIONS of these FREE PGMS—OPEN to the PUBLIC

AMPH(Tipp Co Amphitheater): Meet in parking lot off North River Rd, near Soldiers Home Rd in West Lafayette

CLEGG(CLEGG Garden): In Lafayette, on 400E (Eisenhower Rd) just south of its intersection with 200N.

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

NICHES (Weiler-Leopold): Meet at 1pm in Weiler-Leopold parking lot (directions at *nicheslandtrust.org*) OR join 12:30pm CARPOOL--LNC

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:
Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Brian Tunis (765-497-7158), or Editor

COMMUNITY GREEN EVENTS

GREEN DRINKS meets 6:30pm at Spurlock's -- 721 Main St, LAF
WED MAR 4th 7pm GREEN BUILDING—talk by Spencer Valentine
WED APR 1st 7pm Buying LOCALLY GROWN produce—City Foods

De-Trash the Wabash – APR 4th *Free T-shirts to first 100 volunteers!*
WALKERS register 8:30-9am at Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette
BOATERS **contact Riverkeeper Rae Schnapp: 765-714-4829**

BACKYARD CONSERVATION seminars 6-8pm **at** Tipp Co Public Lib
THU MAR 19 Backyard Ponds (construction & maintenance)
THU MAR 26 Backyard Wildlife Habitats
MON APR 13 Rain Gardens & Water Conservation
Info: Tipp Co SWCD 765-474-9992 x113 sean.rock@in.nacdnet.net

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN—PUBLIC MEETING **APR 23rd**
6-9pm at HolidayInnCtrCitySelect--LAF/**StanLambert: 765-420-8505**

WL Go Greener Commission info: dianedamico@mac.com

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Protect woodland wildflowers--PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!!!

The INPAWS RIP (Remove Invasive Plant) Squad could use your help at its SPRING 2009 workdays
Plastic bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!

TUESDAYS 3-5pm West Lafayette Parks	THURSDAYS 3-5pm Tippecanoe County Parks
Mar 24 Celery Bog Nature Area	**Mar 26** Prophet's Rock Woods
Mar 31 Cumberland Woods	**Apr 2** Ross Hills Park
Apr 7 Happy Hollow Park	**Apr 9** Prophet's Rock Woods
Apr 14 Celery Bog Nature Area	**Apr 16** Ross Hills Park
Apr 21 Celery Bog Nature Area	**Apr 23** Prophet's Rock Woods
Apr 28 Happy Hollow Park	**Apr 30** Ross Hills Park
May 5 Happy Hollow Park	**May 7** Prophet's Rock Woods

Workdays continue thru May 28th: Contact editor for full schedule.

Workday Meeting Locations
Call contact person** *about iffy weather & to confirm meeting place*

Celery Bog Nature Area—*Meet in parking lot by Lilly Nature Ctr, WL*

Cumberland Woods/Michaud-Sinninger Woods—*Meet in parking lot off Salisbury St just north of Cumberland Ave in West Lafayette.*

Happy Hollow Park—*Meet in last parking lot after entering the park from Happy Hollow Rd in West Lafayette.*
**Brian Tunis 765-497-7158 or Bob Cheever: 765-775-5124

Prophet's Rock Woods—*Meet at little Prophet's Rock parking lot on Prophets Rock Road, just north of 600N (toward Battle Ground).*

Ross Hills Park--*Meet at far end of park's 2nd parking area (loop drive). Ross Hills is located off Division Rd near Ravines Golf Course.*
**Joan Samuels 765-567-7023 or Mary Sue Waser 765-589-3228

GREAT ANNUAL GARLIC MUSTARD PULL
SAT, APRIL 25, 2009 from 10am-noon

Plastic bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!
Meet at athletic complex parking lot off Salisbury St. just north of Cumberland Ave. *Work will be done in Michaud-Sinninger Woods.*
Contact Brian Tunis (765) 497-7158 for more information.

NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!
www.nicheslandtrust.org

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS -- 7 pm TUES: Mar 24th, Apr 28th
in the Wells Center at 638 North St, Lafayette

WORKDAYS at NICHES Properties
Property directions on website; 10am-1pm, unless noted otherwise.

SAT MAR 28 Granville Sand Barrens –*Tippecanoe Co.*
Brush pile burning; followed by bird hike let by Matt Gasner.

GARLIC MUSTARD PULLS:
SAT APR 4 Black Rock –*Warren County (Susan Ulrich)*
SAT APR 11 Wright Rock Creek –*Warren County (Susan Ulrich)*
SAT APR 18 Hoffman Easement –*Tipp County (For property directions, contact Mary Sue and Peter Waser at 765-589-3228)*

SAT & SUN, APR 25** & 26 10am-5pm **Bachner Nature Reserve** – *Montgomery Co (Gus Nyberg)* **RSVPs encouraged: 765-423-1605**
Tree planting along beautiful Sugar Creek; nearby camping at Shades State Park or on gravel bar on site. **5400 trees—HELP!**
**NOTE: SAT tree planting follows 10-11am Property Dedication
Details:Gus Nyberg 765-423-1605 or **gnyberg@nicheslandtrust.org**

KANKAKEE SANDS PROJECT Workdays/NEWTON County
(RSVPs appreciated but not required; note listed time is CentralDT)

SAT, MAR 14 & MAR 28 9am-12noon CDT **Transplanting Seedlings**
Work will be done in the toasty warm Kankakee Sands Greenhouse!
For more info: Alyssa Nyberg 219-285-2184 or **anyberg@tnc.org**

Hoosier Herpetological Society
meets third Wednesdays – 7:30pm
at Butler University in Gallahue Hall, Rm 105 or 108
For more info: **www.hoosierherpsociety.org** *or contact:*
Wendell Zetterberg, Jr. 765-249-2298 or wzetterberg@gmail.com
For ToadTimes, visit: groups.google.com/group/toadtimes-newsletter

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 MAY-JUN issue need to reach me by* APR 27th.**
Please send your info to *mohrsamuels@comcast.net*
or call (765) 567-7023. **Joan Mohr Samuels, Editor**
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