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The President's Perch
Jeri Maurer

"I feel a great regard for trees; they represent age and beauty and the miracles of life and growth."

Louise Dickinson Rich - author

For those of us who love the trees at Thorncrag and Woodbury, this has been a particularly difficult winter. With over one hundred trees broken or blown down in the two sanctuaries, it has been the most damage our forests have sustained since the ice storm of 1998. Our thanks to the volunteers who have spent many hours clearing trails.

We can take comfort in the fact that downed trees create new habitats for a healthy forest serving as a rich and fertile seed bed for young trees, other plants, for mosses, lichens and fungi as well as many different types of invertebrates.



Along the Blue Trail





Photos by:

Dan Marquis
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LEWISTON / AUBURN AREA

GUIDED BIRD WALKS

SPRING / SUMMER 2024

The Stanton Bird Club is pleased to continue our **Guided Bird Walks** in the Lewiston / Auburn area. All walks are **free** and open to everyone, beginning naturalist to advanced birder. Walks are led by Stan & Joan DeOrsey, Gordon Smith, and Dana Little who identify and comment on birds seen and heard.

Anyone interested in walking, seeing new places, fresh air, and nature is welcomed. Walks are held in a variety of interesting and diverse local habitats, plus some areas less often visited. Please mark your calendar and join us on the Wednesdays listed, or pick and choose those which most interest you.

May 1	Schott Preserve, Greene	Leader: Stan	Meet at the Schott home, 303 South River Rd., Greene; the last home at end after road becomes gravel, drive up driveway to park.
May 8	Papermill Trail, Lisbon	Leader: Stan	Meet at the boat launch parking lot at Frost Hill Ave. on Route 196, Lisbon
May 15	Small-Burnham Conservation Area (Ina Small's home), Litchfield	Leader: Stan	Meet at the Small home, 476 Pine Tree Rd., Litchfield
May 22	Hallelujah Farm, Lisbon	Leader: Dana	Meet at 57 River Road, Lisbon; drive up the driveway and park to the right of the barn.
May 29	Androscoggin River Trail, Lisbon	Leader: Gordon	Meet in parking area for Papermill Trail at the boat launch, Rt. 196 at Frost Hill Ave.
June 5	Whitman Spring Road - south end, before West Auburn	Leader: Gordon	Meet at the trail, where Spring Rd. dead ends, turn just beyond Summer St.
June 12	Riverside Trail, Lewiston	Leader: Dana	Meet at the corner of Winter and Whipple Sts. in Lewiston at Sunnyside Park
June 19	Camp Gustin & Curtis Bog, Sabattus	Leader: Dana	Meet at Loon Pond Rd., Sabattus; beyond last house is a sign on right for Camp Gustin, a large parking lot is on the left.
June 26	Woodbury Sanctuary, Monmouth	Leader: Gordon	Meet in the parking lot off Carver Rd., a gravel road off Rt. 126.
July 10	River Rise Farm, North Turner	Leader: Stan	Meet at 35 River Rd., Turner; off Rt. 219.
July 24	Fitzgerald Preserve, Brunswick	Leader: Gordon	Meet on the entrance road, Lindbergh Landing (Lindbergh Crossing) off the Old Bath Rd.

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- **Meeting Locations**, as noted above, meet at the walk location. Reservations are not required.
- All walks **start at 8AM** at the walk location. Walks end by 11AM, but you may leave early.
- Walks will be held even if it is drizzling, but if there is a steady rain at 7AM and projected to continue past 9AM, the walk is canceled.
- Walks are approximately 2 miles on a generally even and basically dry surface.
- Ticks are always a concern, tick gaiters, socks over pants, or high boots can work well.
- Bring binoculars and dress for the weather, layers work very well.

Bates Bird Walks

April 30, May 7, 14, 21

An early morning bird walk starting at 6:30am in front of Hathorn Hall on the Bates College campus, past Mt. David to Riverside Cemetery. Leader: Christine Murray.



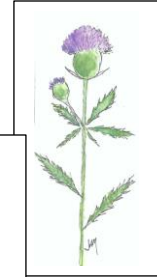
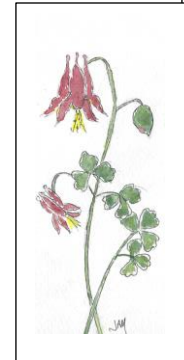
Annual Larry Nadeau Memorial Wildflower Walk

and Plant Sale

May 5th 1-3 pm
at Thorncrag



Wildflower Walk: 1pm
Led by Master
Naturalists Penny
Jessop and Christine
Murray



Gavin Bavis, Hayden LeCompte, Payson Goyette, not present Cody Dionne

Little Library at Thorncrag

Our thanks to National Honor students, Gavin Bavis, Hayden LeCompte, Payson Goyette and Cody Dionne for building a little library for Thorncrag Nature Sanctuary and to Gillian Bavis, a volunteer with the Lewiston Public Library for reaching out to us with the offer. Gillian will be watching over the little library for us.

It is already being well used and is stocked with nature guides and other nature themed books.



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Nature Week at Thorncrag
July 15-19 2024 9 am to Noon
6-12 year olds
REGISTRATION \$25
Scholarships available
For More Information call Penny Jessop at 782-5467

Registration Form available at Stantonbirdclub.org

Thorncrag is a place to explore the hidden wonders of the natural world.
Every day is a balance of science, wonder, discovery, and art!

'Critter Connections'
'Wonder of Wind'
'Wild about Water'
'Things with Wings'
'Rocking Out'

