



Lexington Conservation

Caring for our public land

February 2021

Nature Speaker Series

We've been busy putting together a series of **FREE** nature talks that will be offered this spring - from birds, to bees, to your backyard! See the topics below and be sure to mark your calendar!

Questions? Contact Conservation Coordinator Amber Carr at acarr@lexingtonma.gov

We hope to (virtually) see you there!

More than just the buzz: Using native plant-pollinator systems as a tool for biodiversity conservation with Dr. Robert J. Gegear



**Thursday, February 25, 2021
at 7:00 PM**

Ever wonder which bees benefit from your yard or how you can help rare species? Come learn about eastern North American plant-pollinator systems with Dr. Gegear. He will also highlight his Beecology Project, a citizen science project that uses eco-technology in order to collect data on 'at risk' plant-pollinator systems native to New England.

[Find out more including link to join](#)



Wicked Neat: Natural History of Vernal Pools with Matt Burne

**Thursday, March 18, 2021 at
7:00 PM**

Join BSC Group's Senior Ecologist, Matt Burne, for an in-depth exploration of one of New England's neatest natural history stories - vernal pools. Discover some of the fascinating creatures

that rely entirely on these small, temporary ponds and learn about the ecological interactions that make them so important to wildlife in the New England landscape.

[Find out more including link to join](#)

Bee City with Hannah Mullally

Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Come celebrate Lexington becoming the first Bee City in Massachusetts! Ever wonder how to create habitat for pollinators in your backyard? Learn from Xerces Society's, Hannah Mullally, as she describes how to plan, design, install, and manage habitat for pollinators in urban settings.

[Find out more including link to join](#)



Nibbling on Natives in Your Back Yard and Beyond with Russ Cohen

Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Join Russ Cohen, expert forager and author of Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten, for a 60-minute slide show featuring at least two dozen species of native edible wild plants suitable for adding to your own landscape, or nibbling on as you encounter them in other locales. Keys to the identification of

each species will be provided, along with edible portion(s), season(s) of availability and preparation method(s), along with guidelines for safe and environmentally responsible foraging.

[Find out more including link to join](#)

All About Backyard Birds with Michele Grzenda

Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Are you fascinated by all the visitors coming to your family's bird feeder? Join Michele Grzenda to learn skills to identify all those colorful feathered friends



you admire. She will teach you common songs and calls of our backyard birds as well as some helpful mnemonic memorization.

[Find out more including link to join](#)

Calling All Volunteers!



Join us on Stewardship Saturdays for volunteer work and camaraderie

THIRD SATURDAYS APRIL- OCT

ALL WORK DAYS 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

We will provide all tools and know-how, just bring work gloves, work appropriate clothing (no open-toed shoes), face mask, and a willingness to work! Projects vary from invasive plant management, habitat restoration, trail maintenance, and more!

[Register for upcoming events!](#)

Have Something to Share?

This is the place for all things stewardship in Lexington, including upcoming volunteer work events, newly completed projects, local trainings and educational events, as well as news from the Lexington Conservation Office. Please e-mail landstewards@lexingtonma.gov, with submissions for our next edition.

Stay up to date on COVID-19

[See the Town's COVID-19 Information webpage](#)

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