



# Lexington Conservation Caring for our public land



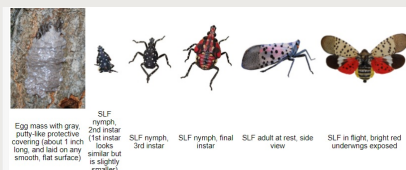
Adult SLF (photo credit: Lawrence Barringer, PDA)

## Have you seen me?

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) announced that **Spotted Lanternfly** has been found in Worcester County, the easternmost known infestation.

“The spotted lanternfly can have devastating impacts on Massachusetts’ agricultural industry, including on a number of farms and orchards in this part of the state that we want to protect from this pest,” said MDAR Commissioner John Lebeaux. “Early detection and reporting is the best way to slow the spread of spotted lanternfly. Members of the public, particularly those in the Fitchburg area, have seen this pest, they are asked to report it as soon as possible.”

Do I look familiar?



SLF  
Egg mass with grey, putty-like protective covering (about 1 inch long, and laid on any smooth, flat surface)  
SLF nymph, 1st instar  
SLF nymph, 2nd instar  
SLF nymph, 3rd instar  
SLF nymph, final instar  
SLF adult at rest, side view  
SLF in flight, bright red underwings exposed

## Idylwilde Community Garden Coordinator Needed for 2022!



Our current Community Garden Coordinator, who has helped the Community Gardens flourish for the past eight years, will be stepping down at the end of the 2021 season and we are looking for one or two people to fill this role going forward. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, email Conservation Coordinator, Amber Carr [acarr@lexingtonma.gov](mailto:acarr@lexingtonma.gov)

[Report an Observation](#)



## Leave the Leaves!

Provide habitat for local wildlife, save time and money by leaving the leaves on your property.

They provide nutritious mulch, overwintering habitat for insects and other wildlife, and you spend less energy and money collecting and sending leaves elsewhere.

[Read more here!](#)

## Upcoming Events

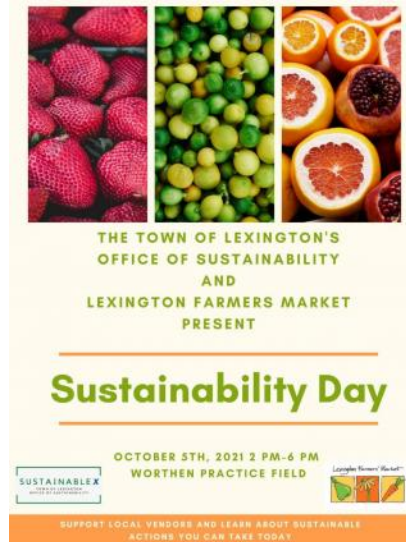
### Sustainability Day @ Lexington Farmers Market

October 5th 2P.M.-6 P.M.

Get the freshest fruits and vegetables and visit our special guest vendors to learn more about what sustainable actions you can take in the community.

Come and learn about programs and opportunities to make more sustainable choices, while supporting local food.

Worthen Road Field (the new market location)



## Native Pollinator Plant Sale

A range of hard-to-find perennial native pollinator plants will be for sale at the Lexington Living Landscapes table at Sustainability Day at the Farmer's Market on Worthen Road, Tuesday October 5th from 2-6pm. Profits from the sale will go towards supplies for the new Lexington Native Plant Nursery.





Plants will include Narrow Leaf Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*), Sweet Goldenrod (*Solidago odora*), Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*), Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*), Hyssop-leaf Boneset (*Eupatorium hyssopifolium*), fall blooming Asters, and many more.

Many of the plants for sale are not eaten by rabbits because the leaves have a strong taste. There will be guidance at the table for plant selection according to your growing conditions. Plants will be from \$3-\$8 with the majority at \$5. Payment can be made by cash, check, Paypal, or Venmo.



**[Find out More!](#)**



## **Stewardship Saturdays**

volunteer work and camaraderie

**Next Event: Meadow Management @ Shaker Glen**

**October 16th 9 A.M.-12 P.M.**

Bring your own gloves, snack and water all other materials will be provided.

Park in the Christ Revolution Church parking lot at 451 Lowell Street. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Lead Steward: Don Grant  
[dgrantlex@comcast.net](mailto:dgrantlex@comcast.net)





# Citizens for Lexington Conservation Walks

[Register and find out  
more](#)



## Leisurely Friday Walk Series

Explore two of Lexington's favorite Conservation areas in a more leisurely fashion this fall. The pace will be measured, the grades gentle and the distances moderate.



Friday October 8: 10-11:30 am  
Meagherville Conservation Area

Friday October 15: 10-11:30 am  
Hayden Woods Conservation Area

Walk Leaders:  
Keith Ohmart [kohmart@verizon.net](mailto:kohmart@verizon.net)

Eileen Entin [eileenhome@gmail.com](mailto:eileenhome@gmail.com)



**Goat Walk @Chiesa Farm**  
10/2 12:00- 2:00pm

Come join the local Lexington goats for their daily pasture walk through the fields and woodland at Chiesa Farm.

Walk Leader: Laurene  
Beaudette  
[laurene@iwebinsight.com](mailto:laurene@iwebinsight.com)

**iNaturalist Walk @Dunback Meadow**  
10/17 1:30- 3:30pm

This exploratory walk of Dunback Meadow will provide an opportunity to use iNaturalist to see what can be learned using this handy smart phone resource. Plants will be the focus (since they are easiest to photograph) but we'll look at other organisms as available.

Walk Leader: Barbara Katzenberg  
[barbara.katzenberg@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.katzenberg@gmail.com)

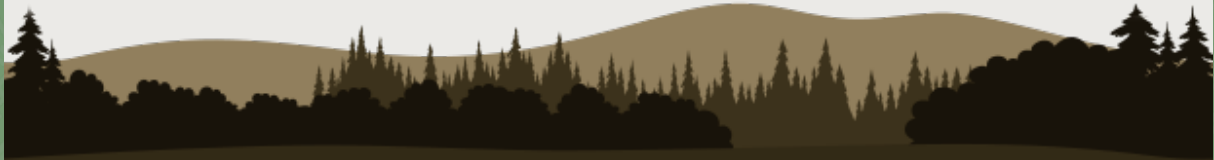
## Nature Photography @ Whipple Hill

10/23 9:00- 11:00am

Late fall is one of the best times to visit the Whipple Hill Conservation property. With the leaves off the trees the property's magnificent stone walls and rocky features of the landscape really stand out.

Meet at the signed entrance to the property at the top of Winchester Drive opposite Berkshire Drive. Steady rain cancels.

Walk Leader: Sunder Neelakantan [diadensunder@gmail.com](mailto:diadensunder@gmail.com)



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