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TRAILCAM

Those who have attended programs presented by WRNC member Jim “Hikingcamera” Morelly have been amazed and entertained by wildlife images he’s captured with both his portable equipment and numerous trail cameras. With a network of trail cams deployed in remote spots in the Quabbin Reservation, Jim has plenty to keep him busy, since the cameras require regular supervision and maintenance. He expects to have logged 4,000 miles of hiking by the end of this year.

Some may recall Jim’s 2019 video footage of a black bear and her cubs emerging from an identified den site under a stone wall. After the bear family departed the site, Jim decided to leave his trail cam in place. To get an idea of the diversity of wildlife passing by this single location, watch this video that Jim compiled and is now sharing:

<https://youtu.be/UU2rv1Fph4k> Enjoy!

A MESSAGE FROM MASS WILDLIFE: GO WILD ON YOUR TAXES

One easy way to help endangered animals and plants in the state is by donating on your state tax return. Simply fill in the amount you would like to donate on Line 33A for Endangered Wildlife Conservation. Your meaningful donation will go to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Fund, a fund dedicated specifically to the conservation of rare species. This Fund supports MassWildlife’s Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, responsible for the hundreds of species that are listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern in Massachusetts. While Massachusetts has made considerable progress, 432 plants and animals are still recognized as rare in the state.

Already filed your taxes, but still want to donate? Learn more at:

<https://www.mass.gov/news/go-wild-on-your-taxes-this-year>

*** * * UPCOMING EVENTS * * ***

ATHOL PUBLIC LIBRARY & ALDRICH ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

ZOOM program—
LEARN ABOUT ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY!

with
Kevin Boucher
Tuesday
March 23rd
7:00 p.m.



Emission Nebula Ngc 281 is a photograph by Russell Croman/science Photo Library

Aldrich Astronomical Society member Kevin Boucher will discuss how photographs of galaxies, nebula, and other night sky wonders are taken. He'll describe the obstacles that need to be overcome to create these beautiful pictures and share his personal journey pursuing the hobby he loves. A slideshow of photographs taken through a telescope will be followed by information about what's visible in our night sky now.

This presentation is part of the NASA Science Activation program.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpdumuqz4sEtx2Rgqy56sY-zrXEkeB2VcB>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation message.

To learn more about astrophotography, visit:

<http://aldrich.club/astrophotography/>

WARE RIVER NATURE CLUB & FORBUSH BIRD CLUB

ZOOM program—

THE BIRDS-OF-PARADISE PROJECT

with Edwin Scholes

Center for Conservation Media at Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology

Wednesday March 24th 7 p.m.



Join us to learn about the stunningly beautiful family of *Paradisaeidae*. They are the most amazing and incredibly colorful family of birds.

There are 42 species of Birds-of-Paradise in 17 genera, distributed mainly across the Islands of Papua New Guinea and Irian Jaya (Papua) as well as northeastern Australia.

Edwin Scholes is the founder and leader of the Birds-of-Paradise Project, which uses tools and technology of natural history filmmaking for scientific discovery, public engagement, and forest conservation in the New Guinea region—one of the largest remaining tropical wilderness areas left on earth.

Edwin has been using audiovisual media to document and study the behavior and evolution of the birds-of-paradise since his first trip to New Guinea as a graduate student in 1999. In 2004 he teamed up with renowned wildlife photographer Tim Laman. His work has since then has included a substantial education and outreach effort to share worldwide the wonders of birds-of-paradise. A conservation media focus has been added to the Project, using the birds-of-paradise to bring attention to the global significance of forest conservation in New Guinea.



<https://cornell.zoom.us/j/96158620433?pwd=VUM3SzJpSHBhYUE3Y2JtazhTdE93UT09>

Meeting ID: 961 5862 0433 Passcode: 964902 Link will be live at 6:45 p.m.

MASS AUDUBON EDUCATION

Online program—

SPRING'S “BIG NIGHT”

with Scott Santino

Education Manager and

Teacher Naturalist,

Ipswich River

& Ian Ives

Director, Long Pasture Wildlife

Sanctuary

Friday, March 26th

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Members: \$20.00

Non-members: \$24.00



This multimedia program will highlight what's referred to as the “Big Night”, or the incredible spring migration of frogs and salamanders to vernal pools to breed. Vernal pools are seasonal freshwater ponds that often go unnoticed in local woodlands. However, looking in a vernal pool can reveal an incredible diversity of unique animals. You'll learn about an innovative conservation and education project to restore and create vernal pools, as well as what Mass Audubon is doing to make vernal pools more resilient in the midst of habitat loss and climate change.

After this session you'll be able to identify and protect vernal pools and celebrate each spring's Big Night!

For more information:

<https://www.massaudubon.org/program-catalog/mass-audubon-education/77016-spring-s-big-night-online>

FORBUSH BIRD CLUB



**BIRDING
LAKE QUABOAG
AND VICINITY
BROOKFIELD
Saturday, March 27th**

7:30 a.m. – noon

Leader: Rodney Jenkins (home: 508-757-5010; cell: 508-826-0164)

We'll look for the earliest passerine and waterfowl migrants.

Meet-up will be at the Lake Quaboag parking lot, Shore Road in Brookfield.

Group size is limited. Call to pre-register at least one day prior to the trip.

HARRIS CENTER FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION—Hancock, New Hampshire

Women in Science Speaker Series

ZOOM program--

**CRITTER CARTOONS
FOR CONSERVATION
with Rosemary Mosco**

Wednesday, March 31st



12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

If you missed Rosemary's talk for the Club in January, here's another chance!

Rosemary is a cartoonist, naturalist, and author,
and in her talk she'll dive into the funny side of nature.

Join us to discover why comics and science are natural allies.

To register:

https://uso2web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqceqsrijkpGNyOCjc6QTlxje2Jsx8_1iqW