

Welcome to the
White Memorial Conservation Center's
Research & Conservation Forum



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A Monthly Flyer that Highlights the Programs' Accomplishments

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Reviewing the Month of February 2010

Waterfowl Nestbox Maintenance



We have checked 24 nestboxes out of the 32 installed on the property. We need to check 8 boxes before waterfowl nesting season begins this spring. So far, the data indicates that 133 Wood Ducks fledged, 14 Hooded Mergansers fledged, and 1 Great-crested Flycatcher nest was successful in 2009. Only 4 Wood Duck and 1 Hooded Merganser nests failed last year. Once the ice is gone, but before breeding season begins (mid-April), we'll check the remaining boxes via canoe/kayak. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact [Dave Rosgen](mailto:dave.rosgen@whitememorialcc.org).

Connecticut Highlands

Forest Health Monitoring

Research Project

Presentations



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Carriage House

White Memorial Conservation Ctr.

March Volunteer Meeting



**"What Information Should I Record When I Report It to White Memorial?"
A Refresher**

All of your general observations are important to us. The data that you record and pass along insures the observation is more useful in our subsequent analysis. We will be discussing: "When to take a photo", "What is a scale and why is it useful", "What is a waypoint", and many other important items. Our next meeting will be March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come visit with friends and learn a little bit along the way. Light refreshments will be served.

Scientists from CT Agricultural Experiment Station, Yale F&ES, Audubon Connecticut, and UCONN will present their research in the Bantam and Shepaug watersheds exploring how to measure and monitor forest health. Although forests cover nearly 70% of CT, we are beginning to learn how to assess the health of these resources. This project will be coming to a watershed near you, so come see how you can help these nationally renowned scientists with their work.

2010 Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources



The 4th Connecticut Conference on Natural Resources (CCNR) is a multidisciplinary conference bringing together individuals working with natural resource and environmental management in Connecticut to share research, information, and ideas. The conference is held at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT on Monday, March 8, 2010. Click the following link: <http://www.ccnr.uconn.edu/>

2010 Songbird Nestbox Maintenance and Monitoring Begins



It's that time of year again, nestboxes need to be readied for our breeding cavity nesting birds. Boxes are visited periodically to monitor productivity and chick development. Please contact [Dave Rosgen](#) if you are interested in helping with this project.

2010 Great Backyard Bird Count Recap!



The highest number of species (48) and individual birds (2512) were observed during this year's count on the property by 10 participants! Out of the 91,000 lists submitted so far, Connecticut ranks second in North America for having the greatest number of participants!

Highlighted Species

- Snow Goose -- Bantam Lake Outlet
- Red-shouldered Hawk -- Cemetery Pd.
- Hermit Thrush -- Wheeler Hill
- Swamp Sparrow -- Pt. Folly Marsh

Most Abundant Species

- Canada Goose -- 833
- Mallard -- 290
- Dark-eyed Junco -- 198
- Black-capped Chickadee -- 184
- American Crow -- 146
- American Robin -- 140



This Season's Projects:

- Spotted Turtle Population Demographics
- Amphibian Coverboard Experiment Continued
- Property-wide Frog Survey by Call Recognition
- Bat House Installations and Monitoring
- Snake Coverboard

- Monitoring Throughout the Property
- and many more!

Reply to this message if you are interested in helping White Memorial's Research and Conservation Programs. Do you have a friend who would like to help? Forward this message to them and bring them along to the next monthly meeting!

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