



Belfast Bay
Watershed

BELFAST BAY WATERSHED NEWS

CATHY MORGAN BIRD WEEK May 11-18

Join various volunteer leaders for a bird walk each morning, plus one birding-by-canoe trip, and an evening woodcock party. Cathy Morgan always celebrated birds for the astonishing and important beings they are. Join us as we continue her spirit of love and appreciation of birds.

May 11, Saturday. 7:00- 9:00 am. Sears Island in Searsport. Kick off Bird Week by welcoming arrivals on World Migratory Bird Day. Meet at the gate at the far end of the causeway. Review your warblers and bring binoculars if possible.

May 12, Sunday. 7:00-9:00 am. Celebrate Mother's Day by bringing your Mother to Cloe and David's farm, 210 Oak Hill Road, Swanville. Birds of pond, meadow, and woods.

May 13, Monday. 7:00-9:00. Bird Walk at Ducktrap River Preserve (Coastal Mountains Land Trust) with Kristen Lindquist and Gary Gulezian. Meet at the trail on Rt. 52 in Lincolnville.

May 14, Tuesday. 7:00-9:00 am. Bird Walk at the McLellan-Poor Preserve (Coastal Mountains Land Trust) in Northport, guided by Ron Harrell. Meet at the small parking lot on Northport Ave. (US 1) between the Belfast Water District and Little River Veterinary Hospital.

May 15, Wednesday. 7:00-9:00 am. Bird Walk starting at "The Muck" in Belfast and walking part of the In-Town Nature Trail.

May 16, Thursday. 7:00-9:00 am. Bird walk on Sears Island in Searsport with Sandra Mitchell. Meet at the gate at the far end of the causeway.

May 17, Friday. 7:00-9:00 am. Bird Walk at Head of Tide Preserve (Coastal Mountains Land Trust), 85 Doak Road, Belfast. Field and forest birds.

May 17, Friday evening, 7:30 PM. Woodcock Party at Cloe and David's farm 210 Oak Hill Road, Swanville. Refreshments and short program by Mike Shannon, followed by a walk in the field to watch woodcock Sky Dance. Dress warmly.

May 18, Saturday. 9:00-1:00. Paddle and bird the Goose River in Swanville. Meet at the boat launch behind Swan Lake Grocery. Bring canoe or kayak, paddle, PFD, water, lunch, protection from sun, rain, bugs.

For more information, please call
338-1147.



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Programs

“If the insects disappear, what is going on?” Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm at the Belfast Library. In Maine and the rest of the world, is the decline of insects really happening? Should we be worried? What is the cause? What can we do about it? Dr. Frank Drummond, UMaine professor of insect ecology, will give us the latest research and what can be done for declining insects on whom we depend.

“Managing Woodlands for Birds.” Thursday, May 23, 12 noon-3:00 pm, Head of Tide Preserve, 85 Doak Road, Belfast. This popular Maine Audubon Program will provide you with tools to provide forest habitat for a wide range of birds and other wildlife, while meeting your other management goals. Take a woodland walk and learn about creating and fostering bird and wildlife habitat with Sally Stockwell, Director of Conservation with Maine Audubon.

Photos from April Break Day Camp during school break at a different Coastal Mountains Land Trust preserve each day.



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The Very Merry Month of May

Salmon Fry Release Time

Ten schools in our Fish Friends program will say goodbye to the salmon fry they have raised from eggs, gently sending them off with best wishes into Wescot Stream for a perilous two years in the stream, then swimming into the ocean and up to Greenland for a few years to grow big. We urge them to come back and spawn here some day.



Arbor Day - Dig it!

Third graders in East Belfast, Captain Albert Stevens, Ames, Montessori, and Drinkwater schools will each receive a white spruce seedling to take home and plant, for a total of 131 students with trees.



White spruce is a native Maine tree. The seedlings are donated by Maine Forest Service to BBWC. The students will receive a couple of work sheets about the importance of trees. On the day of seedling distribution the students will receive a short lecture on planting and caring for their seedlings.

Adults who have grown up with an Arbor Day tree will tell you how warming it is to see the huge abundant trees now, or to make a special pilgrimage to visit their childhood tree.

Natural Literacy ramps up for spring

The BBWC Natural Literacy Initiative is loaded with plans for outdoor activities at schools. Tree identification with Belfast Area High School students, birds and vernal pools with Waldo County Tech Center, Earth Day at Drinkwater School in Northport, one day for Drinkwater students and one for East Belfast and Nickerson students, Family Math Night at East Belfast School, and many other experiences for elementary schools in the area. With Troy Howard Middle School students we will be working on citizen science, micro plastic sampling, and trail maintenance. At Ames School, learning ecosystem relationships through planting, games, and skits.



Outings

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May 3 Goose River Clean-up. Meet at 9:00 am at the put-in behind Swan Lake Grocery on Rt. 141, Swanville. Bring your canoe, preferably 2 people, long-handled rakes, garbage bags, and your PFD. This is one day before the Keeping Belfast Beautiful community cleanup.

May 4 Keeping Belfast Beautiful Cleanup. To join the BBWC Team, call Dave Bond, 218-1183.

May 11-18. Cathy Morgan Bird Week. See page 1 and website for details.

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June 15, Saturday, 5:00-9:00 pm. Full Moon Dinner Paddle. Meet at the Belfast Boathouse at 5:00 pm, paddle across the Harbor to Young's Lobster Pound for dinner. Paddle back to the Boathouse in the setting sun and rising moon. Trip will be cancelled if weather doesn't cooperate.

May 23, 12:00-3:00. Managing Woodlands for Birds. See page 2.

BBWC wishes to **THANK** all our **individual members** whose support makes our work happen! And thank you, **Business Members!**

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Members invited

Come jump on board and help expand and strengthen our work in the community and watershed. Visit our website, call a board member, or email us at info@belfastbaywatershed.org

Mission: The Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition works to support conservation and stewardship of natural, scenic, and public access resources of the Belfast Bay watershed through research, community-building, and education.