

Wednesday Evening Programs at the Quincy Bog Natural Area – 2023

Programs will take place at 7:00 PM at the Nature Center (131 Quincy Bog Road in Rumney) unless changing Covid conditions dictate otherwise. Covid protocols will be announced on the Quincy Bog website (www.quincybog.org) and in program publicity. All talks are free (donations are gratefully accepted) and open to the public. These lectures are underwritten in part by the Ruth V. Fisher Fund. For more information, visit our website or contact Betty Jo Taffe (phone, 786-2553, email bjtaffe@gmail.com).

June 14 – Tunes for the Bog – Brian Eisenhauer

Join **Brian Eisenhauer** for an evening of classics and lesser-known songs on the acoustic guitar with vocals to celebrate the season. With a lifelong love of music, Brian enjoys playing tunes with friends and in our amazing local music scene.

June 28 – Nature in Pieces: The Effects of and Responses to Terrestrial and Aquatic Habitat Fragmentation – Amy Villamagna

New Hampshire is no stranger to the effects of development and land use change. Historically driven by intensive logging and today by rapidly expanding residential development, nature is increasingly fragmented. Join conservation ecologist and Plymouth State University associate professor **Amy Villamagna** to explore the direct and indirect effects of habitat fragmentation in New Hampshire and how conservationists and scientists are working to avoid future loss.

July 12 – Canaries in the Coalmine: Bird Population Declines in New Hampshire – Iain MacLeod

A 2019 paper in the journal *Science* highlighted a 29% net loss in bird populations in North America since 1970. Avid birder and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center Executive Director **Iain MacLeod** will look at bird population trends in New Hampshire that show a similar decline. Many familiar songbirds are vanishing while others like raven, wild turkey and pileated woodpecker are increasing. What is behind these changes and are there ways to mitigate or reverse the trend?

July 26 – Fabulous Fungi of the White Mountains – Rick Van de Poll

Presenter **Rick Van de Poll** has led the popular Fabulous Fungi Workshop and Wild Edible & Medicinal Plants & Fungi Workshop at the Bog in past years. His talk will introduce attendees to the rich diversity of fungal life forms in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Well over 2,000 species occur there, some of which are deliciously edible yet some of which will kill you. He will also discuss the essential role fungi play in the ecosystem that provides much of our life support in a changing climate.

August 9 – The Art of the Science of Beekeeping – Dorinda Priebe

Beekeeper **Dorinda Priebe** has been pursuing the study of honey bee biology and practice of beekeeping management for over 20 years. She and husband David Priebe are both Eastern Apicultural Society Certified Master Beekeepers, serving as the Apiary Team in the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture. Join them for an overview of honey bee husbandry, with emphasis on managing honey bee colonies in the Northeast.

August 23 – Bobcats in New Hampshire – Patrick Tate

New Hampshire Fish & Game Wildlife Biologist **Patrick Tate**, who is also certified by the Wildlife Society, will talk about the natural history, past study, current monitoring, and general information about Bobcats in New Hampshire. Many New Hampshire residents and visitors have reported observing bobcats at a higher rate over the past decade, and various biological data confirm an increasing bobcat population.