

Wisconsin Phenological Society

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Spring 2002 - Newsletter



WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting
on **Friday, May 31st**
From **10:00 a.m. until Noon**
at UWC - Waukesha
Northview 040 (Zoology Lab)
Directions to the room will be posted at the building entrance.

*If you need directions to UWC-Waukesha, please contact:
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Message from the President

I am pleased to report that phenological observations in our neighboring country to the north should soon greatly increase, as a national network is now being implemented there. This is a natural expansion of a current program, *Plantwatch*.

Plantwatch originally budded from a program called the *Alberta Wildflower Survey*, which was started by Elisabeth Beaubien in 1987. In 1995, realizing the great potential of a wider-reaching program, she led the effort to create *Plantwatch*. Since its launch seven years ago, *Plantwatch* has attracted observers from all over Canada, the United States, and Europe. *Plantwatch* Canada now has a regional coordinator in each province and territory across the 0.625country. This spring a new national *Plantwatch* web site will be launched across Canada by the *Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network Coordinating Office* (EMAN CO) of Environment Canada. At this new web site, people will be able to click on a specific province or territory to connect to its survey and its list of plant species. There will be plant descriptions with full-color photos, and

many other useful items. The current *Plantwatch* web site (<http://www.devonian.ualberta.ca/pwatch>) will become the *Alberta Plantwatch* site, with links to EMAN's national web site. I am optimistic that with these developments in Canada, momentum is building for the launching of a similar national phenological network in the USA. I hope to report progress on that frontier next year.

Also, we have made an effort to send this newsletter to anyone who has been a member of the Society at anytime during the last five years. If your "dues status" (on the data reporting form) says "expired" please consider renewing your dues and becoming an active member. Your financial support of the Society is greatly appreciated, and your observations are extremely useful to the scientific community.

Mark D. Schwartz

President

2002 Natural History Workshops

at the UWM Field Station

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station conducts a series of Natural History Workshops. These workshops offer an opportunity to study focused topics at college-level instruction under the guidance of noted authorities. Most workshops present two full days of instruction, and housing and meals are available at the Station. Enrollment is limited to 20; the atmosphere is informal and instruction is individualized.

Workshops may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit by enrolling in UWM, Topics in Field Biology. Fees vary. Please contact the Field Station (see below) for more information and a registration form, or visit our website at www.uwm.edu/Dept/fieldstation for full descriptions of each course, fee information, and a downloadable Registration Form. The 2002 workshop schedule includes six courses:

Vegetation of Wisconsin

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz

June 17 - 22 (Mon. - Sat.)

Plant-Insect Interactions: Ecology and Evolution

Instructor: Dr. Gretchen Meyer

July 19 & 20 (Fri. & Sat.)

Grasses: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Robert Freckmann

July 26 & 27 (Fri. & Sat.)

Common and Nuisance Algae

Instructor: Dr. Craig Sandgren

Aug. 2 & 3 (Fri. & Sat.)

Population Censusing and Territory Mapping in Birds

Instructor: Dr. Scott Tarof.

August 26-30 (Mon. - Fri)

Mushrooms and other Fleshy Fungi: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Alan Parker

Sept. 14 & 15 (Sat. & Sun.)

To Register:

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Phenology on the World Wide Web

The world around us tends to change with noticeable attention to the seasons. It's not always the same with technology—there's always something new coming into existence. These two worlds can and do meet, however. Proof is in these websites regarding phenology:

- [*ATTRA's wildflower data*](#)
 - [*DNR's Phenology for children & families*](#)
 - *Nature Net:* [*Resources for educators & families*](#)
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Please support the Phenological Society's objectives by paying annual dues or becoming a life member. Annual dues are used primarily to defray the mailing cost of our Newsletter.

Please send your name, address, and which of the following actions you would like to take:

- \$2 for 2002/03 dues
- \$___ as further contribution to the work of the Society
- \$50 Lifetime Membership
- Please delete my name from the membership list
- Please send me information regarding programs of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Please send to:

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