

# Wisconsin Phenological Society

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## 2005 - Newsletter



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## WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting  
on **Thursday, May 19th, 2005**

From **10:00 a.m. until Noon**  
**Northview 040 (Zoology Lab)**

UWC-Waukesha

Directions to the room will be posted at the building entrance.

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## Message from the President

The National Phenological Network (NPN) web pages were officially launched in December of 2004! Please visit the site at <http://www.npn.uwm.edu> for more details. The pages of the site allow access to lilac data collected across the USA since 1956, complete instructions and guidelines for observing lilacs or appropriate native species in all parts of the USA, as well as web-based data submission forms that make sending in phenological data quick and easy. Please consider registering and participating in NPN as well as WPS.



Progress in the development of the NPN began to accelerate rapidly in late 2004. First, I was appointed to the Climate Change sub-committee of the National Ecological Observation Network (NEON) Design Consortium. We have had two planning meetings for this network so far in 2005, with a third planned for June. Phenology is being embraced by the NEON planning process, and the NPN concept is emerging as a priority. Second, with the help of a few key colleagues, we are planning a workshop that will be held in August to develop a plan for NPN implementation. I expect this event to be funded by the National Science Foundation, with additional support from several federal government agencies. Key goals will be to refine the scientific mission of NPN, and develop a long-term support program. Ideally, the current network of more than 11,000 cooperative weather observers across the USA will be encouraged to also participate in NPN. Closer to home, I would very much like to include a geographically distributed set of sites in Wisconsin as a subset of NPN that could contribute long-term observations. If you are associated with a nature center or other similar organization in the State and are interested in this, please contact me.

Lastly, I'd like to remind you that your observations are extremely useful to the scientific community. Please consider becoming a fully active member of the Society, by recording and reporting phenological observations. As part of the NPN pages, I plan to develop a web-based form for WPS observations, to make data submission to the Society easier than ever. As always, your support of the Society and its objectives is greatly appreciated.

*Mark D. Schwartz*

President

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## 2004 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, with housing and meals 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.

Please contact the Field Station for more information and a registration form, or visit our website at [www.uwm.edu/Dept/fieldstation](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/fieldstation) for full descriptions of each course, fee information, and a downloadable Registration Form.

*The 2005 workshop schedule includes the following courses:*

### **Vegetation of Wisconsin**

Instructor: James Reinartz

June 20 - 25 (Monday—Saturday)

Fee: \$375

### **Biology of Insects**

Instructors: Gretchen Meyer and Helen Hull-Sanders

22 & 23 July (Friday & Saturday)

Fee \$75

### **Beetles: Identification and Ecology**

Instructor: Dan Young  
5 & 6 August (Friday & Saturday)  
Fee \$75

### **Composites: Taxonomy and Evolution**

Instructor: Robert Kowal  
19 & 20 August (Friday & Saturday)  
Fee \$75

### **Wetland Delineation**

Instructor: Don Reed  
9 & 10 September (Friday & Saturday)  
Fee \$75

### **Birds, Migration and Bird Banding**

Instructor: Vicki Piaskowski  
16 & 17 September (Friday & Saturday)  
Fee \$75

### **Applied Ecological Hydrology**

Instructor: John Bell  
7 & 8 October (Friday & Saturday)  
Fee \$75

### **To Register:**

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## **Phenology on the World Wide Web**

The world wide web is full of phenological possibilities. Check out the following links:

- [WPS Website Homepage](#)
- [National Phenological Network](#)
- [ATTRA](#) - from the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service
- [Phenology in the classroom](#) - Journey North
- [Phenology for children and families](#) - DNR's EEK! Website
- [Resources for educators & families throughout Wisconsin](#) - Nature Net - sign up for a free seasonal on-line newsletter for parents & grandparents!

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## **Membership Information**

*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 2005/06 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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