

# Changes in the Forests and Fields Around Us

## 2019 Forestry and Conservation Seminar Series

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### **Tuesday, April 23, 7:30pm: The Great Amphibian Migration**

**Jim Andrews** (Founder of the Vermont Herp Atlas) – During the first 40 degree, rainy evening of each spring, thousands of amphibians wake from their winter slumber and begin a well-orchestrated migration from forests to their spring breeding grounds. Come learn about these annual events, and how you can help these species.

### **Tuesday, May 21, 7:30pm: Spring Wildflowers**

**Liz Thompson** (Vermont Land Trust) – Each spring, before the hardwood leaves emerge, the flush of spring light to the forest floor allows for a very short, yet incredible display of ephemeral wildflowers. Learn about the species of wildflowers and other plants in our area, what you can expect to find in the forests in late spring.

### **Tuesday, June 25, 7:30pm: The Birds of Summer**

**Bridget Butler** (AKA The Bird Diva) - Ahhh, the birds of summer! Who are they, where are they and what are they up to during the summer? Bird Diva Bridget Butler will show us how to take a look at interesting bird behaviors, family dynamics, and the transition into fall. Her presentation will feature photos and stories from her birding adventures.

### **Tuesday, July 23, 7:30pm: The Insects of Summer**

**Emily Meacham** (Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation) – We wouldn't have birds without insects! People often associate summer in the woods with black flies, mosquitos, and deer flies, but there are many more (and much more interesting) insects that can be found in our forests, fields, and waterways. Learn about the diversity of insects!

### **Tuesday, August 13, 7:30pm: Fish Behavior in the Late Summer**

**Pete Emerson** (Vermont Dept. of Fish and Wildlife) – Like animals on land, fish change their behavior over the course of the summer and fall. This may be to find food, stay cool, or to prepare for breeding. Come learn about what fish are doing in late summer and where to find them.

### **Tuesday, September 10, 7:30pm: Why Leaves Change Color**

**Josh Halman** (Vermont Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation) – Each year the hillsides in Vermont light up in a cacophony of colors, but why does this happen? What do these changes have to do with how a tree prepares for the cold winter months? Come learn these and more, as we dive deep into the science of fall foliage.

### **Thursday, October 10, 7:30pm: What are Mammals Doing to Prepare for Winter?**

**Jill Kilborn** (New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.) – Snowshoe hares change their fur color in the winter, but when does this happen and why? Come learn about adaptations northern forest mammals, and what they are doing in late fall as the seasons change.



*All talks are held in the Activity Center at Craftsbury Outdoor Center and free and open to the public with refreshments served. Info at [craftsbury.com/forestry](http://craftsbury.com/forestry)*