

Vernal Pool BioBlitz, Nahanton Park

Sunday April 14, 3-4:30 PM



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An example of a different spring pool, Bare Pond in Webster Woods.

Vernal pools are small wetlands that are important habitats for a great diversity of amphibians, aquatic insects, and other invertebrates. Join us as we explore a vernal pool in Nahanton Park

and document what we see in iNaturalist. Bring calf boots if you have them, but waterproof boots will not be needed. At the beginning of the event, we will provide a basic tutorial on the use of iNaturalist, a useful smartphone app for documenting plants and animals and improving your identification skills. Although we can't predict what we'll see, we may encounter frog or salamander eggs and might hear calling spring peepers or American toads. Meet at the main parking lot, 455 Nahanton, Street, Newton. Please check the Newton Conservators' events web page if we are forced to cancel due to heavy rain. For questions, email Trip Leader Jonathan Regosin: jonathan.regosin@gmail.com. ♦

Save the Date! — NewtonSERVES is Sunday, May 5.

Morning: Cold Spring Park Invasives, Nahanton Park Woodcock Meadow Invasives, Dolan Pond Invasives.

Afternoon: Houghton Garden Invasives. **Registration starts March 18 at:**

<https://newtonma.gov/government/parks-recreation-culture/newton-serves>

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Newton Conservators' Annual Dinner Meeting

Thursday May 9, 2024



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For this year's annual meeting, we will return to Post 440 on California Street in Nonantum. The event will start with a social hour at 6 pm, followed by a sit-down dinner at 7 pm, to be followed by a brief business meeting, awards ceremony and our featured presentation, **Can Pollinator Gardens and Conservation Lands Work Together to Increase Biodiversity in Our Community** by **Michael Piantedosi, Director of Conservation for Native Plant Trust**.

Michael will talk to us about the different (and overlapping) benefits of both cultivated pollinator gardens and natural, wild open space. In recent years, environmentalists have planted pollinator gardens throughout our region in order to support threatened bees and butterflies. That work is critical but not sufficient. In addition, we all must continue to support our forests and wild meadows, which are home to a greater diversity of native plants.