⇔ BioBlitz Events 2025 ⇔

Editor's Intro: These BioBlitz events are part of a larger effort by Newton Conservators to document and raise awareness about the great diversity of plants and animals that inhabit Newton's open spaces. At the beginning of the event, we will give a brief tutorial on the iNaturalist app, which we use to document species and as an identification aid.

Vernal Pool BioBlitz: Sunday, April 6, 10-12



Jon Regosin explores the vernal 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 vernal pools in Webster Woods/Hammond Pond Reservation and document what we see in iNaturalist. Bring calf boots if you have them, but waterproof boots will not be needed. We may encounter frog or salamander eggs and might hear calling spring peepers or American toads. We will also look at a variety of vernal pool invertebrates under magnification.

Meet at Hammond Pond Parkway, at the trailhead just south of the MBTA tracks on the west side (parking available along the west side of the road).

Registration is optional but recommended, so we can send you scheduling changes, directions or advice (such as about trail hazards) before the event and educational

resources after it. Please register at https://newtonconservators.org/events/ For questions, email jonathan.regosin@gmail.com

Edmands Park Pollinator BioBlitz: Sunday, June 7, 10:30-12:30



Entrance to Edmands Park

Come explore the pollinators of Edmands Park and improve insect identification skills. Surrounded by stone walls and bordered by Boston College Law School on one side, this park contains woods, small clearings, wetlands, Edmands Brook, and a glacial esker. Its open oak forest contains beeches, locusts, maples, birches, and pines. Learn more about Edmands Park at https://newtonconservators.org/property/edmands-park/on Newton Conservators' website. You can check out the current iNaturalist project including previous observations for Edmands Park at https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/edmands-park-newton-ma.



Water plants in winter at Edmands Park

Parking is available along Blake Street. Enter at North end near the old field habitat https://maps.app.goo.gl/KaDSRYGnynNHqbra7.

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Save the Date! Newton SERVES is Sunday, May 4.

We will have several activities — check our Events page or the city's Newton SERVES page for more info.

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