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Common Nighthawk Watch

Wednesday August 26, 2020 6:00pm–7:30pm
Suitable for tweens, teens and adults

A New York State designated Species of Greatest Conservation Need, the Common nighthawk is experiencing declines throughout many parts of its breeding range including New York state. With a 2-foot wingspan and a habit of feeding in flocks flying near the ground, these birds are easy to spot. We invite you to join us and the Hudson Mohawk Bird Club in the Discovery Center parking lot to see science in action and help us count common nighthawks flying over the preserve as they continue on their over 6,000-mile southward migration. Feel free to come any time between 6:00pm and 7:30pm and stay as long as you like. Reminder Notes: This event will take place in the Discovery Center parking lot.

Buckmoth Survey Training

Wednesday September 23, 2020 6:00pm–7:00pm
Suitable for adults

The Training: Join us to learn about the Inland barrens buckmoth, a giant silk moth that feeds exclusively on scrub oaks as a caterpillar, and how you can help survey them.

The Survey: Volunteers will conduct surveys to count buckmoths from late September through early October.

Snowpack Monitoring

Wednesday October 7, 2020 7:00pm–8:00pm
Suitable for tweens, teens and adults

The Training: Learn how your efforts monitoring snowpack around the preserve can help us understand wild-life population dynamics. Snow monitoring materials will be provided.

The Survey: Snowpack monitor volunteers will submit weekly snowpack data online from October through March.



Check out our Community Science schedule here or visit AlbanyPineBush.org for more info.

Reserve your spot at AlbanyPineBush.org/events or call 518-456-0655

Tweens and teens must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions? Contact volunteer@AlbanyPineBush.org or call 518-456-0655

2020 Community Science Volunteer Opportunities

The Albany Pine Bush Preserve needs you to become a Community Scientist!

Community Scientists are volunteers that help the Albany Pine Bush Preserve Commission collect scientific data at a large scale that we just couldn't do without you.

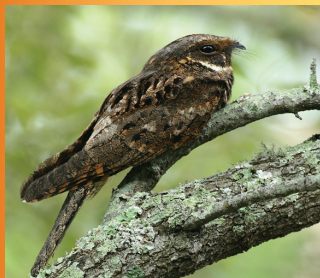
Help us survey for Eastern whip-poor-wills and American woodcocks. Or learn how to participate in large-scale community science opportunities like FrogWatch, the National Butterfly Count and Tracking NY's Turkeys.





PROGRAM INFO

Space is limited so please reserve your spot for Community Science opportunities at AlbanyPineBush.org/events or call 518-456-0655. Be prepared to collect some data with us at the event, or sign up to get trained to survey a site for us at a later date. Community Science work is done along our 20+ miles of trails in the preserve or even in your own backyards! Some opportunities are weather-dependent so keep an eye on your email and our website for updates.



FrogWatch Training Session

Wednesday February 26, 2020 6:30pm–8:30pm
Suitable for tweens, teens and adults

This Training: The evening will provide an introduction to FrogWatch, a community science program of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Volunteers will then train to become certified FrogWatchers.

The Survey: From February through August, certified FrogWatchers will listen to and report frogs and toads calling in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve study area.

iMap Invasives Training

Wednesday March 25, 2020 7:00-8:30pm
Suitable for adults

This Training: Volunteer community scientists can make valuable contributions that help conservation professionals manage invasive species. The evening will provide an introduction to iMap Invasives, an online mapping tool for sharing invasive species data.

The Survey: Volunteers will use the iMap Invasives App to document invasive species year-round in the preserve and in the neighborhood.

American Woodcock Survey Training

Wednesday April 15, 2020 7:00pm–8:00pm
Suitable for adults

This Training: We will learn about the American woodcock, an enigmatic woodland “shorebird” that has been declining in number since the 1960s, and how you can help us monitor them in the preserve.

The Survey: Between April 20th and May 15th, volunteers will conduct 5 surveys along APBP trails, listening for American woodcock displaying at dusk.

Eastern Whip-poor-will Survey Training

Wednesday May 6, 2020 7:00pm–8:00pm
Suitable for teens and adults

This Event: We will learn about the Eastern whip-poor-will, a bird whose incessant song used to keep people awake at night, and how you can help us monitor them in the preserve.

The Survey: Volunteers will listen for and record the characteristic call of the Eastern whip-poor-will under full moons. Surveys will be conducted twice from late May to early July on a portion of the APBP trail system at night.

Pine Bush Big Birding Morning

Saturday May 9, 2020 8:00am–1:00pm
Suitable for adults

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day with us by signing up to join one of our four teams, leaders provided by us, and bird with us from 8am to 12pm. The four teams will divide and conquer the preserve hiking trails in all regions. Your eyes and ears will help give us a snapshot of the birds in the preserve. We’ll regroup at noon at the Discovery Center for a light lunch to discuss our findings and see who saw the most birds, the most interesting bird, etc. We will meet at the Discovery Center but will be caravanning to the different trailheads for the surveys.

FrogWatch Training

Wednesday June 10, 2020 6:30pm–8:30pm
Suitable for tweens, teens and adults

This Training: The evening will provide an introduction to FrogWatch, a community science program of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Volunteers will then train to become certified FrogWatchers.

The Survey: From February through August, certified FrogWatchers will listen to and report frogs and toads calling in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve study area.

National Butterfly Count Training

Wednesday July 1, 2020 7:00pm–8:00pm
Suitable for adults

The Training: Join us to learn what butterflies can be found in the APBP and how you can participate in the National Butterfly Count on Saturday July 4, 2020.

The Survey: Volunteers will spend a day working together with a leader on or around July 4, weather dependent, to document and record butterflies in the preserve.

New York State Tracking Turkeys

Saturday July 18, 2020 11:00am–12:00pm
Suitable for tweens, teens and adults

The Training: Join us to learn about Wild turkeys, a bird that went from extinct in New York to downright common in the early 2000s, and how you can help the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation survey them.

The Survey: During the month of August, volunteers will use count cards to record turkey flocks & submit completed cards to the NYS DEC.



THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE FREE!

Reservations required for all attendees (regardless of age). Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

LOCATION

All training will take place indoors at the Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road
Albany, NY
518-456-0655
AlbanyPineBush.org/events



These projects involve surveying at night. Consider signing up with a friend!