

2013 American Wetlands Month Events

Nationwide

May 9: National Wetlands Awards Ceremony

Since 1989, the National Wetlands Program has honored nearly 200 champions of wetlands conservation. On May 9th from 6-8pm, the Environmental Law Institute, EPA, and other federal partners will, once again, honor a diverse group of individuals for their extraordinary commitment to conserving wetlands at an award ceremony on Capitol Hill at the U.S Botanic Garden. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the Environmental Law Institute via email (wetlandsawards@eli.org) or by phone at (202) 939-3862.

Website: <http://www.nationalwetlandsawards.org>

May 11: Migratory Bird Day

On May 11th, International Migratory Bird Day will celebrate its 21st anniversary. International Migratory Bird Day events are now hosted at over 500 sites throughout the Western Hemisphere, reaching hundreds of thousands of youth and adults. As part of the 21st anniversary celebrations, the theme, "Life Cycles of Migratory Birds" will focus on bird life cycles and detail all aspects of migratory bird life - from migration to breeding to nesting to raising young. Think Wetlands!

Website: <http://www.birdday.org/>

May 21: Webinar: "State and Regional Wetland Restoration Strategies" and

May 29: Webinar: "Designing Wetlands for Rare Amphibians"

Increasingly wetland restoration is becoming a tool not only for bringing back lost wetlands, but for managing and increasing wildlife populations, reducing flood heights, protecting water quality, mitigating climate change and providing important recreation and economic opportunities. Join us on May 21st (2pm eastern) as representatives from the Association of State Wetlands Managers and Friends of St. Joe River Association (Jeanne Christie and Matt Meersman) present "State and Regional Wetland Restoration Strategies" and on May 29th (3pm eastern) as Tom Biebighauser presents "Designing Wetlands for Rare Amphibians". Both of these events aim to stimulate the exploration of new ways to leverage wetland restoration to solve threats to human health and safety, wildlife, sustainable agriculture and a host of other challenges.

Website: <http://aswm.org>

May 30: Webinar: "Coastal Wetlands Restoration: Policy, Practice, People"

Join us on May 30th (12-1:30pm eastern) as we highlight current restoration practices and needs in our nation's coastal wetlands. We will first discuss the Coastal Wetland Reviews completed by EPA and NOAA to identify stressors to coastal wetlands and successful strategies currently being used to protect and restore them. Representatives from Bayou Rebirth will then showcase how thousands of volunteers have worked to plant grasses and trees at wetland sites while learning about the plight of the Louisiana coastal system. Becoming advocates for Louisiana's coast, volunteers become rooted in their experience that environmental restoration can achieve multiple benefits, including personal growth. Bayou Rebirth maintains wetland plant nurseries; facilitates a wetlands education program for local students; and recently began installing rain gardens and developing a retail native plant nursery to engage the public in local environmental stewardship.

Website: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/833866322>

District of Columbia

May 9: Seminar: "Wetlands & Water Resources, Balancing Needs of People & Nature"

On May 9th from 3:30-5:00pm, the Consortium of Aquatic Science Societies and the Environmental Law Institute will host a seminar in the Rayburn House Office Building before the National Wetlands Awards Ceremony. The seminar will include a crash course on wetland and river ecology and a discussion about water infrastructure, with a particular focus on issues addressed in the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA). Please join for any or all presentations in the Rayburn House Office Building 2325 – Science Committee Hearing Room. After the seminar, you are invited to attend the 2013 National Wetlands Awards Ceremony.

Indiana

May 18: Mind BOGgling Event

Celery Bog Nature Area, 1620 Lindberg Rd., West Lafayette, IN

This FREE family event, will run from 9:00am - 5:00pm and feature hikes, demonstrations & presentations, games & crafts, art & music, and a viewing of "Green Fire."

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