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Saturday, May 7, 2016



Butterflies in My Backyard

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Renowned lepidopterist Victor DeMasi will give a presentation about butterfly meadows and discuss the fate of butterflies in our changing environment. He will explain how butterfly gardens can promote pollinator diversity and address the growing problems of climate change and invasive plant species as they relate to butterflies. After the presentation, Victor will lead a walk through the wildflower meadow, weather permitting.

Victor DeMasi lives in Redding and is a research affiliate at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History in New Haven. His fieldwork with butterflies has been cited in the "Connecticut Butterfly Atlas" and in the book "Swallowtails of the Americas."



Ecology Walk

8 – 10:30 a.m.

Using data from Highstead's long term monitoring plots, Ed Faison, Highstead Senior Ecologist, will discuss the remarkable changes that have occurred to Highstead's woods over the past 11 years. Interesting birds will also be pointed out along the way, so bring your binoculars!

Open Trails

Highstead's trails will be open for self-guided tours.

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 11, 2016

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.



Wildlife Habitat Depends on Quantity and Quality: Enhancing Habitats Large and Small

Wildlife biologist Peter Picone will share his knowledge about enhancing habitats, with experience drawn from professional and personal projects. Picone's talk will offer tips to help make your backyard wildlife friendly, and include topics ranging from native plants to discouraging invasive, non-native plants. This practical, how-to oriented presentation will help landowners take the first step toward starting a project in their own yard.

Peter Picone is a wildlife biologist and has been working in the field of wildlife habitat management for over 30 years. He works for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Habitat Management Program.



RSVP as space is limited: rsvp@highstead.net or 203-938-8809.