



Coastal Wildlife Habitat Workshop

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

9:00 AM - 3:15 PM

Cape Cod Museum of Natural History
Route 6A, Brewster

This workshop will cover the different kinds of wildlife habitat associated with coastal areas: coastal banks, beaches, barrier beaches, wetlands and uplands adjacent to salt marshes. The program will discuss significant wildlife habitat features and ways in which to protect them under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations, Massachusetts Endangered Species Act and local by-laws. Focus will be on habitat used by mammals (wild canines), mustelids (river otter; mink, fisher), fall food sources for migrating passerine birds, and important habitat features for migratory shorebirds. The goal is to equip professionals and volunteers with information to help them make more informed decisions about protecting and managing coastal wildlife habitat and species that depend on these areas.

Target Audience: conservation commissions, planning boards, natural resource officers, local and state coastal managers, landscapers, landscape designers, and land managers.

AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:30 Sign-in and coffee
- 9:30 – 9:45 Welcome, Introductions and Workshop Overview
Tonna-Marie Rogers, Waquoit Bay Reserve
- 9:45 – 10:45 **Protecting Coastal Wildlife Habitat in Massachusetts** - *C. Diane Boretos, Wetlands Biologist and Wildlife Tracker, Call of the Wild Consulting and Environmental Services*
This presentation will describe significant wildlife habitat features and the importance of indigenous plants for wildlife. Identify significant wildlife corridors and protecting connectivity with different habitat types will also be discussed.
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Conservation of Beach-nesting and Migratory Shorebirds on Beaches in Massachusetts** - *Scott Hecker, Executive Director, Goldenrod Foundation*
This lecture will explore issues facing the protection of beach-nesting bird habitats and migratory shorebirds when they are and when and where they are not protected under the umbrella of the presence of rare species. Examples of best practices that protect the species and habitats (including real world examples by site managers); and suggestions on where and how to start to increase protection at the local level will be discussed.
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch *(provided)*
- 1:00 – 3:00 Field Trip - Walk to Wing's Island and Crowes Pasture
Led by Diane Boretos and Scott Hecker
- 3:00 – 3:15 Wrap-up and Evaluation

ONLINE REGISTRATION

www.waquoitbayreserve.org

1. Click on **Coastal Wildlife** under Upcoming Events on the Reserve's homepage
2. If you have previously registered for a workshop, just type in your email address and hit LOGON to review your information and register.
Your email address is your User ID
3. FIRST TIME ONLINE REGISTRANTS: please choose "Add me as a user"
Remember to hit **SAVE** when finished. Then **"REGISTER"**

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