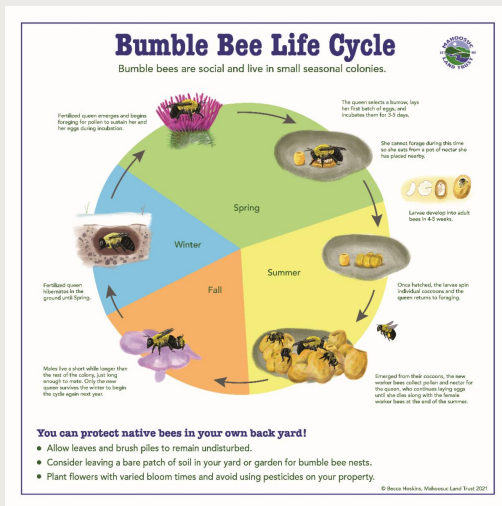




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We Save What We Love

by Sara Wright

When I was a small child, most girls liked dolls. I, on the other hand, had a huge toy frog that squealed when squeezed. I dragged the earsplitting amphibian everywhere. So, I suppose it was inevitable that I would seek out frogs as soon as I could!

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Bumble Bees in Spring

by Mike Murphy

In August, the Habitat For All Garden at Valentine Farm is a haven for bumble bees. Their colonies are at maximum size, and female worker bees can be seen busily collecting pollen and nectar to feed the last batch of newly hatched young. A few of the new bees will be the queens of their own colonies the following summer. These few queens will be the only survivors of the colony come winter. All the others, including the current queen, the workers, and the male drones, will die. Imagine what a new queen bumble bee faces when winter looms.

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Preparing for Peregrines

by James Reddoch

Marcel Polak, a member of the Woodstock Conservation Commission, has put out a call for volunteers to help monitor for peregrine falcon nesting activity at the newly established Buck's Ledge

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Upcoming Events!

Click below to read more and register for events at Mahoosuc Land Trust:

April 5th:

[Baby Birds: An Artist Looks Into the Nest](#) (online)
with Julie Zickefoose

April 12th:

[Be A Better Gardener](#) (4-weeks, fee)
with Barbara Murphy

April 13th:

[The Magic of Vernal Pools](#) (online)
with Dan Gardoqui

May 10th:

[Personal Habitat](#) (online)
with Julie Zickefoose

May 17th:

[Connecting to the Natural World with iNaturalist](#) (in person)
with Julie Reiff

May 21st:

[Spring Bird Walk - Northern Retreat](#) with James Reddoch

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Community Forest. The granite cliff at Buck's Ledge is perfect habitat for falcons.

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SAVE A SALAMANDER

by James Reddoch

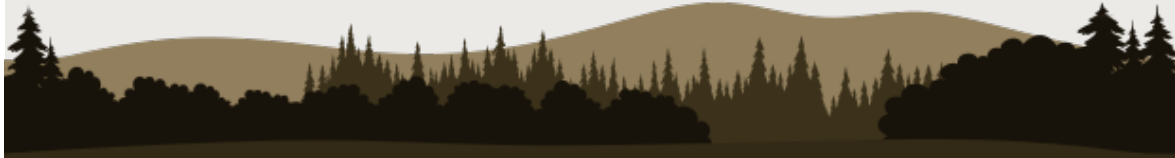
You know the phrase, "April showers bring May flowers." That is not the half of it! Those first April showers in Western Maine and Eastern New Hampshire triggers a mass migration of a wide range of creatures. On these "Big Nights," thousands of salamanders, frogs, and toads leave the upland forest where they have spent the winter and search for vernal pools where they breed and lay eggs. Unfortunately, this eons old migration can put many at risk when crossing roads.

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SIMPLE ACTIONS

Actions you can take as a conservationist:

- Save a salamander! Sign up to participate in a Big Night.
- April is the time to clean out your nest boxes before migrants arrive.
- Volunteer to help with peregrine falcon monitoring.
- Invite a child for a storybook walk at Valentine Farm in April - *A Log's Life* by Pfeffer, Wendy, Brickman, Robin



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