



# Forests, Wildlife & Communities Project



Audubon Vermont & Vermont Coverts are offering a series of programs for landowners to explore management practices to benefit wildlife. The programs may be attended as a series or as stand-alone programs. Please register by calling 802-434-3068 ask for Bridget or Jen or register through email at [bbutler@audubon.org](mailto:bbutler@audubon.org). All the workshops will be free of charge!

## **Creating a Vision for Your Forested Land** 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Mad River Valley** - January 26th Lareau Farm, Waitsfield

**Upper Valley** - February 2nd Hulbert Outdoor Center, Fairlee

**Bristol to Richmond Area** - February 3rd Walkover Gallery, Bristol

Forest landowners are the key to healthy forests in Vermont. This workshop will help landowners identify various habitat features on their property in order to create their own personal goals and objectives for the management of their property. Landowners will come away with a better understanding of what they want for their property as well as the resources and professionals available to support their decisions. This workshop is most appropriate for landowners with 25 acres or more. *Lunch provided*

## **Wildlife of Vermont Forests** 7 pm

**Mad River Valley** - March 17th Yestermorrow, Waitsfield

**Upper Valley** - March 10th Howe Library, Hanover NH

**Bristol to Richmond Area** - March 10th Carpenter-Carse Library, Hinesburg

Join biologists from Vermont Coverts and Audubon Vermont as they take you on a wildlife tour through Vermont's various forest habitats in search of wildlife! Learn what animals rely on our forested landscape and the management strategies that can enhance their presence in Vermont.

## **Wildlife Inventory & Monitoring** Evening Session 7 pm/Field Session 9 am to Noon

**Mad River Valley** - May 2nd & 3rd Harwood Union High School

**Upper Valley** - May 2nd & 3rd Justin Morrill Homestead, Strafford

**Bristol to Richmond Area** - April 25th & 26th Richmond Free Library

Many landowners want to know what wildlife species occur in their forested landscape. This workshop will help participants become better observers of wildlife, learn how to keep records of wildlife sightings and how to use this information when making management decisions. The evening session will focus on the techniques while the field session the following day will put those practices to work. Sessions may be attended separately but participants are strongly encouraged to attend both.

## **Invasives On Your Property** 9 am to Noon

**Mad River Valley** - July 19<sup>th</sup> Site TBA

**Upper Valley** - August 2<sup>nd</sup> Site TBA, Thetford

**Bristol to Richmond Area** - July 19<sup>th</sup> Green Mountain Audubon Center, Huntington

Invasive plants and animals are becoming an increasing threat to our forested landscape. The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will be joining Vermont Coverts and Audubon Vermont for this hands-on workshop. TNC's WOW! program will show landowners how to efficiently and effectively cut and chop woody plants like Japanese barberry, buckthorn and bush honeysuckle and smother and pull herbaceous plants like garlic mustard and goutweed as mechanisms to manage populations growing in woodlands. Landowners will also be able to discuss the benefits of safely utilizing herbicides during invasive plant removal and learn about the different types of herbicides on the market, how they work, and the safest and best techniques for application. Finally, proper disposal of invasive plants is a key in preventing their spread and landowners will learn the do's and don'ts of what to do with the plant once they are removed.

