



MASS WILDLIFE MONTHLY

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Teaming up for fish conservation

MassWildlife and UMass have conducted surveys in nearly 50 rivers to understand the impacts of dams and dam removals on fish and aquatic invertebrates. MassWildlife is also partnering with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to monitor juvenile American shad in the Connecticut River.

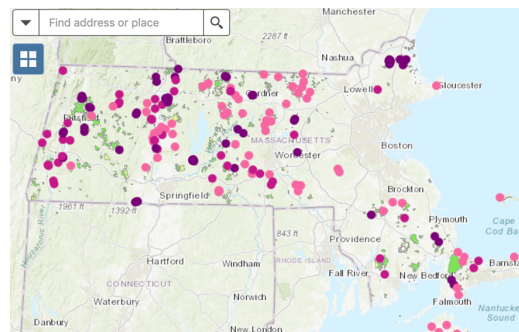
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New pheasant stocking map

Looking for places to pheasant hunt? Try out MassWildlife's new map showing pheasant stocked areas! If you have suggestions to improve this map, please let us know.

[Try out the pheasant map...](#)



Wildlife habitat grants awarded

MassWildlife recently awarded \$341,396 in grants to 13 municipalities, conservation organizations, and private landowners to improve habitat for wildlife on 698 acres.

[View grant recipients and projects...](#)



Help rare animals and plants

Giving Tuesday is the international day of giving following Thanksgiving. Get in the spirit of the season by supporting MassWildlife's Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program, which protects the state's most vulnerable animals and plants.

[Learn how to help...](#)



Hunting out of state? Prevent CWD

Chronic Wasting Disease is a contagious neurological disease that kills deer and moose. To keep CWD from spreading into MA, it's illegal to import deer parts from places where CWD has been detected like MD, NY, and PA.

[Get more info about CWD areas...](#)



The newest issue of *Massachusetts Wildlife* magazine features articles on bats, crows, and endangered turtles. [Subscribe today.](#)

Spotlight: Junior Duck Stamp

Learn how to participate in the Massachusetts Junior Duck Stamp Program, a statewide art contest for K–12 students. Also, hear from long-time participant, Jenna Gormley, about her experience with JDS through the years.

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Researching wood turtles

In the early 1850s, Massachusetts researchers reported finding over 100 wood turtles in a single afternoon. Today, only 2–3 wood turtles per survey is typical. MassWildlife Herpetologist Mike Jones recently looked to

historic records to learn how wood turtle populations have changed over time.

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2019 Youth Deer Hunt Day

On September 28, 950 young adults participated in the 2019 Youth Deer Hunt Day. Approximately 77 harvested deer were reported through the online MassFishHunt system.

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Kent's Island Creek restoration

In October, state officials and partners celebrated the completion of a new bridge to Kent's Island in Newbury. This bridge restores tidal flow to the coastal salt marsh and provides improved, safe access for wildlife conservation and recreation activities.

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Upcoming events

Nov. 2: Project WILD and Aquatic WILD, New Bedford

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Nov. 14: Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Advisory Committee Meeting, Westborough

Nov. 19: Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting, Westborough

[See Calendar of Events...](#)

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Who we are

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is the state agency responsible for the conservation of all freshwater fish and wildlife in the Commonwealth, including endangered species. MassWildlife restores, protects, and manages land for wildlife to thrive and for people to enjoy.

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