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Trout Fishing and Cooking Tips

Take advantage of fall trout stocking! Learn where to find trout, what bait to try, what time of day to head out, and how to clean and prepare your catch. [Read fishing tips, watch a filleting video, and get a delicious recipe.](#)



This Fall: Be Safe, Be Seen

Hunting is a safe activity and everyone can feel comfortable using the woods at any time of year. While hunters are required to wear blaze orange during certain seasons, all outdoor users should wear blaze orange clothing as a precaution. [Get the 2022 hunting season schedule and review safety tips.](#)



Land Protected at Mt. Watatic

Nearly 200 acres of land on the south slope of Mount Watatic have been permanently protected thanks to North County Land Trust and other partners. Located in Ashby and Ashburnham, the new property will be managed by MassWildlife as part of the Ashby WMA. [Read more.](#)



Drivers: Brake for Wildlife

Fall is the breeding season for moose and white-tailed deer in Massachusetts. MassWildlife reminds drivers to be mindful of increased deer and moose activity on the roads, especially in the early morning and evening. [Read more.](#)



Every Turtle Counts

Turtles face many threats including habitat loss and illegal collection. The loss of just one adult turtle can devastate a local population. MassWildlife has teamed up with partners to spread the word about these long-lived, but sensitive creatures. [Learn how you can help turtles.](#)



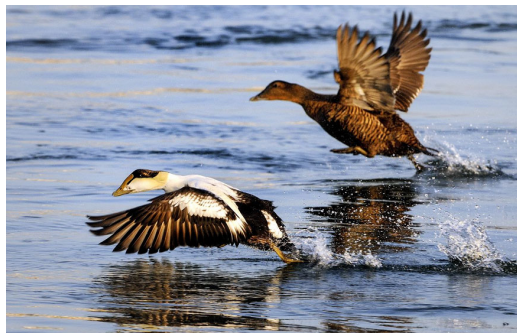
Spots Open: Hunter Education

Know someone who wants to start hunting? Basic Hunter Education is required for all first-time adult hunters. MassWildlife is pleased to announce a new option that has students complete an online study guide before attending one in-person field day. [Learn about all class formats and register now.](#)



Hunters: Help Common Eiders

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in domestic and wild birds in MA and throughout the region for the past several months. Because common eiders were impacted by HPAI, hunters across the Atlantic flyway are being asked to voluntarily avoid shooting hens and young, brown eiders this season. [Learn more.](#)



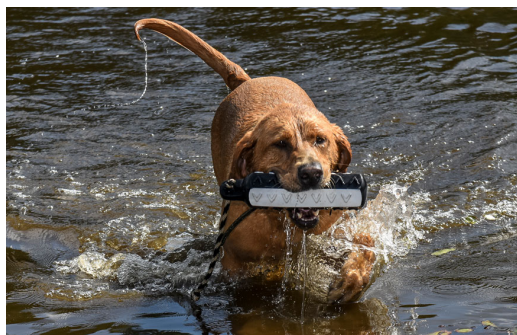
Want to Hear Something Scary?

Of the 9 bat species found in Massachusetts, 5 are endangered. This Halloween, ditch the haunted house and build a bat house instead! [Get bat house plans and learn how you can help conserve bats.](#)



Public Hearing Notice

A public hearing will be held on October 20 at 11 a.m. at MassWildlife Field Headquarters in Westborough on proposed regulations related to field trials for dogs on Wildlife Management Areas. [Get details about the hearing and learn how to submit public comment.](#)



Upcoming Events

- October 6:** Habitat Management Tour of Mashpee Pine Barrens WMA, Mashpee
- October 6:** Habitat Management Tour of Birch Hill WMA, Baldwinville
- October 13:** Habitat Management Tour of Mill Brook Bogs WMA, Assonet
- October 13:** Habitat Management Tour of Leyden WMA, Leyden
- October 20:** Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting, Westborough
- October 20:** Public Hearing on Retriever/Bird Dog Trials, Westborough

[Click here for all event details.](#)

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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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