



MASSWILDLIFE MONTHLY

March 2020



Spring trout stocking

MassWildlife staff are stocking nearly 500,000 brook, rainbow, brown, and tiger trout into waters across Massachusetts this spring. Wondering which waters are stocked near you?

[Get daily stocking updates at mass.gov/trout](https://www.mass.gov/trout)



Run for Wildlife: Register now

Join MassWildlife on May 17 for a trail run to protect wildlife! Register for the 5K, 10K, or Kids Fun Run on the Wayne MacCallum WMA in Westborough. All proceeds will benefit the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Fund to conserve rare animals and plants.

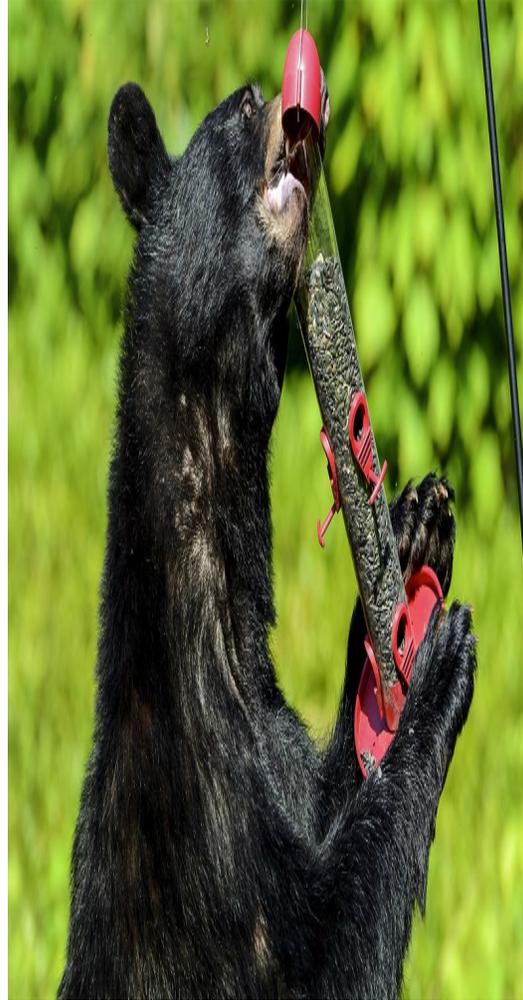
[Learn more and register...](#)



Take action, bears are active

With spring approaching, black bears are active and searching for food. If you have bird feeders or keep chickens, bee hives, or livestock, take precautions now to keep bears wild and out of neighborhoods.

[Learn how to prevent conflicts with bears...](#)



Watch for amphibians on the road

This spring, be mindful of amphibians as they emerge from their winter retreats and travel to breeding sites. As they migrate across the landscape, they often cross roads. Avoid traveling on small roads near wetlands and vernal pools on rainy nights.

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Filing your taxes? [Support rare species conservation by donating on Line 33A on your state income tax form.](#)

Species Spotlight: Brook floater

There are only four populations of brook floater, an endangered mussel, remaining in Massachusetts. Freshwater mussels play an important role in cleaning water by filtering out algae and bacteria.

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2020 Youth Turkey Hunt

Hunter Education graduates aged 12–17 are invited to participate in the 2020 Youth Turkey Hunt! The Program includes a seminar, followed by a mentored turkey hunt on April 25.

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Report winter fish kills

Thick ice and snow can lead to decreased oxygen levels in ponds, causing a fish kill. If you see dead fish, report it. While most fish kills are caused by natural events, it's important for biologists to rule out other causes like pollution.

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Upcoming events

Mar. 3: Climate Refugia Webinar

Mar. 7: All About Bats, Ashburnham

Mar. 8: MassWildlife at the Annual Birders Meeting, Westborough

Mar. 10: Family Ice Fishing Clinic, Lancaster

Mar. 11–15: MassWildlife at the Boston Flower & Garden Show, Boston

Mar. 17 & 19: Beginner Fly Tying Class, Westborough

Mar. 28: MassWildlife at the MA Land Conservation Conference, Worcester

Mar. 31: Fisheries & Wildlife Board Meeting, Westborough

Apr. 8: Restoring Fire-Influenced Landscapes and Wildlife, Athol

Apr. 11: Growing Up WILD, Concord

[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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