



MASSWILDLIFE MONTHLY

May 2018



Trout stocking continues through May. [Learn where to catch one of the 500,000 trout stocked this spring.](#)

Director Jack Buckley retires

After 30 years with MassWildlife, Director Jack Buckley retired in April. Jack played a critical role in creating the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program and supported countless other conservation efforts.

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Learn to fish, for free!

Learn to fish at one of the many free fishing events held by MassWildlife's Angler Education Program across the state this spring. No fishing license required. All are welcome!

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If you care, leave them there

The arrival of spring means the arrival of newborn and just-hatched wildlife. Remember, seeing a young animal alone does not mean it's abandoned or needs to be rescued.

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The spring turkey hunting season is April 30-May 26. [Learn more.](#)

Spring is for the birds

Most bird feeders draw the unwanted attention of wildlife other than birds, like squirrels, mice, and even black bears. Try planting native trees and shrubs or adding a water feature to attract birds to your yard.

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Scott Melvin Memorial Fund

The Scott Melvin Memorial Fund was created to honor former MassWildlife Zoologist Scott Melvin in partnership with the Massachusetts Outdoor Heritage Foundation. The Fund's first grant recipients will research piping plovers.

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Plant a pollinator-friendly garden

Are you getting ready to plant gardens around your home? If so, take a minute to help native pollinators, like bumblebees, by carefully selecting your plants.

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Endangered Species Day is observed on May 18. [Learn how you can help the 425+ rare species in Massachusetts.](#)

Upcoming events

- May 4:** Montague Plains Birding and Ecology, Montague
- May 5:** Needham Recreation Family Fishing Festival, Needham
- May 5:** Snows Pond Family Fishing Festival, Charlton
- May 6:** Brookline Reservoir Family Fishing Festival, Brookline
- May 10:** Family Fishing Clinic, Littleton
- May 10:** Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Advisory Committee Meeting, Westborough
- May 12:** Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Young Children, Sudbury
- May 12:** Coes Pond Family Fishing Event, Worcester
- May 12:** Westborough Civic Club Family Fishing Festival, Westborough
- May 15:** Family Fishing Clinic, Shrewsbury
- May 16:** Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting, Dalton
- May 17:** Family Fishing Clinic, Wellesley
- May 18:** National Endangered Species Day
- May 19:** Cops and Bobbers Family Fishing Festival, Granby
- May 19:** Veterans Family Fishing Festival, Marlborough
- May 19:** Spec Pond Family Fishing Derby, Wilbraham
- May 19:** Family Fishing Festival, Burlington
- May 20:** Whitman's Pond Family Fishing Festival, Weymouth
- May 21:** Family Fishing Clinic, Concord
- May 22:** Family Fishing Clinic, Raynham
- May 23:** Family Fishing Clinic, Lexington
- May 29:** Family Fishing Clinic, Stoneham
- May 30:** Family Fishing Clinic, Andover
- June 2-3:** Free Freshwater Fishing Weekend

[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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