

Wild Things, a Chicago Wilderness Conference for People and Nature

Saturday, March 5, 2011 8:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
University of Illinois at Chicago

Keynote speaker: Curt Meine, Conservation biologist and Leopold biographer
The Legacy of Aldo Leopold in the Chicago Region
including a preview of a new Leopold film

"One of the best eco conferences ever." Wild Things brings together people who care about nature for serious and fun lectures, workshops, and information booths. Spend a day with the region's most expert volunteers and professionals. Sessions are introductory and advanced and will explore:

Birds. Prairies. Networking. Insect calls. How to burn an oak woodland. What to wear in a wetland. Dragonflies. Savanna orchids. Where to find it all and how to help it to thrive.

Comments from last time:

"I loved the quality of the presentations."

"I felt very energized by so much wonderful commitment to protecting and sharing the wonders of our natural world."

"That is the best group of kindred spirits!"

"I hope to use what I learned to become more involved."

Register today! (Registration for exhibitors opens today too - register early because these spots fill quickly.) Early registration is \$28 and ends on January 30, 2011. Registration is at <http://www.habitatproject.org/WildThings2011/registrationform.asp> and conference information can be found on the Habitat Project web site at www.habitatproject.org.

Wild Thing. You make my heart sing!

Detailed Schedule

Click on the session code (e.g. D1, C2, K3) to view the abstract and topic for that session.

8:00am Registration Opens

9:00–10:00am Welcome & Keynote Speaker

KEY	Green Fire: The Legacy of Aldo Leopold in the Chicago Region (<i>includes a preview of a new film about Leopold</i>) - Curt Meine
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10:15–11:00am Breakout Sessions 1

A1	Get creative: Engage local elected officials in your conservation efforts - <i>Bona J. Heinsohn</i>
B1	Humor in Art A Softer Way to Deliver the Environmental Message - <i>Lynda Wallis, Owner, Tyler Etters</i>
C1	From Radishes to Rudbeckia: Introducing Nature through Community Gardening - <i>Glenda Daniel</i>
D1	Important Bird Areas for Landbird Migration in the Chicago Region - <i>Douglas Stotz</i>
E1	Panel: Prairie Restoration - <i>Bill Kleiman, Chip O'Leary, John Peters</i>
F1	LCFPD Wildlife Monitoring Program - <i>Gary Glowacki, Tim Preuss</i>

<u>G1</u>	Long-term monitoring of biodiversity under variable cover regimes - <i>Scott N. Kopal, Wayne A. Lampa</i>
<u>H1</u>	Bringing Back the Butterflies: Captive Rearing and Release of the Regal Fritillary at the Indian Boundary Prairies - <i>Doug Taron, Vincent Olivares</i>
<u>I1</u>	Natural Bridges: Connecting Audiences to Nature through the Arts - <i>Anamari Dorgan, Peggy West</i>
<u>J1</u>	Managing Evolving Resources - <i>Joel Brown</i>
<u>K1</u>	Conservation@Home: empowering property owners to implement sustainable landscapes - <i>Jim Kleinwachter</i>

11:15–11:45am Breakout Sessions 2

<u>A2</u>	Promoting Conservation Science in Policy Debates: Creating a forum and dialogue to engage the public on their terms - <i>Susan Donovan, Jane Balaban</i>
<u>B2</u>	Botanical Illustrations with Native Plants - <i>Jo Shaw</i>
<u>C2</u>	A mentoring program for homeowners with native plant gardens - <i>Carol Rice</i>
<u>D2</u>	Breeding Birds of Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie - <i>Jim Herkert, Bill Glass</i>
<u>E2</u>	The Reproduction and Ecology of Oaks - <i>Thomas Simpson</i>
<u>F2</u>	Endangered Orchid Recovery - <i>Lisa Culp</i>
<u>G2</u>	The Hunt for <i>Thismia Americana</i> : How a Regional-Level Plant Survey Can Drive Conservation - <i>Rebecca Schillo, Linda Masters</i>
<u>H2</u>	Tracking Turtles: Conservation of the Blanding's Turtle from headstarting to field release and beyond - <i>Celeste Troon</i>
<u>I2</u>	Climate change impacts in the Chicago Wilderness region - <i>Kimberly Hall</i>
<u>J2</u>	The High Point Vernal Pools Undisturbed remnants of a glacial landscape - <i>George Johnson, Cheyenne Raduha</i>
<u>K2</u>	How To Disappear: Community Restoration - <i>Pete Leki, Julie Peterson</i>

11:45–1:15pm Lunch

	There will be poster sessions, book offerings , and multimedia presentations over the lunchtime period.
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1:15–2:00pm Breakout Sessions 3

<u>A3</u>	Using bird monitoring results to improve grassland restoration - <i>Joe Suchecki, Jenny Vogt</i>
<u>B3</u>	Water Monsters and Thunderbirds: Stalking the Mythological Wildlife of Our Region - <i>Judy Speer</i>

<u>C3</u>	Beyond Grass and Concrete: Using Urban Space for the Greener Good - <i>Michelle Parker, Michael Howard, Christine Nye, Helen Cameron</i>
<u>D3</u>	Birds in Poetry - <i>John Elliott</i>
<u>E3</u>	Panel: Woodland Restoration - <i>Ken Klick, Greg Nowacki, Stephen Packard, Tom Vanderpoel</i>
<u>F3</u>	Panel: Whether and how to include endangered and threatened species in restoration seed mixes or other types of distribution: current policies, practices, knowledge and guidelines - <i>Susanne Masi, Jane Balaban, Mary Kay Solecki, Scott Kobal, Jane Grillo</i>
<u>G3</u>	Demystifying Mapping: How to Make Useful Natural Area Maps Without all the Gear - <i>Erika Hasle</i>
<u>H3</u>	Karner blue <i>Lycæides melissa samuelis</i> restoration in the Toleston Strandplain Macrosite of Northwest Indiana. - <i>John Henry Drake</i>
<u>I3</u>	Climate change impacts on wildlife: Birds in the Chicago region as a case study - <i>DougLAS Stotz</i>
<u>J3</u>	A Trek Across Chicago Wilderness - <i>Jack MacRae</i>
<u>K3</u>	Native Woody Plants for the Urban Environment - <i>Connor Shaw</i>
<u>L3</u>	Fostering Collaborations with Educators and Students - <i>Bob Porter, Steve Frankel, Linda Vic, Kurt Leslie</i>

2:15–2:45pm Breakout Sessions 4

<u>A4</u>	Bridgeview Court Natural Area: Restoration & Diversity Management in an Urban Setting - <i>Louis Mulé</i>
<u>B4</u>	Remembering Wild Beauty: The Life of Edwin Way Teale - <i>Joan Engel</i>
<u>C4</u>	CW Green Infrastructure Vision: Implementation Opportunities for Land Owners, Local Governments, and Developers - <i>Dennis Dreher</i>
<u>D4</u>	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors Migratory Bird Rescue and Protection - <i>Annette Prince</i>
<u>E4</u>	Seed Sharing - <i>Linda Balek</i>
<u>F4</u>	Suburban Deer Management - <i>Brad Woodson</i>
<u>G4</u>	What are the historic fire frequencies in Midwestern forests, woodlands, and savannas? New data from a 226-year fire scar record - <i>Greg Spyreas</i>
<u>H4</u>	Why do yellow-breasted chats sing at night? - <i>Mark Alessi</i>
<u>I4</u>	What Natural Areas managers could do now to begin to adapt to climate change - <i>Bill Kleiman</i>

<u>J4</u>	Using monitoring results to increase bird populations in Kane County - <i>Drew Ullberg, Judy Pollock</i>
<u>K4</u>	How do stewards educate the public and get politicians' support for open space and ecological management? - <i>Pat Hayes</i>
<u>L4</u>	Plants of Concern: 10 years of citizen-based rare plant monitoring - <i>Susanne Masi</i>

3:00–3:45pm Breakout Sessions 5

<u>A5</u>	Effective Lobbying - <i>Barry Matchett, Jonathan Goldman</i>
<u>B5</u>	Robert Kennicott 1835-1866: A death decoded - <i>Stephan Swanson</i>
<u>C5</u>	A perspective: Open space, Sustainability; Influence upon Inner city living - <i>Richard Dobbins, Sherry Williams</i>
<u>D5</u>	Birds of Illinois: A Century of Change - <i>Jeff Walk</i>
<u>E5</u>	Panel: Wetland Restoration - <i>Dave Casey, Aaron Feggstad, Dominic Kempson, Jean Sellar</i>
<u>F5</u>	Panel: Seeding - <i>Ken Klick, Linda Masters, John Peters, Tom Vanderpoel</i>
<u>G5</u>	Four types of monitoring provide four different perspectives on Somme Prairie Grove - <i>Stephen Packard, Karen Glennemeier</i>
<u>H5</u>	Monarchs: biology, migration, citizen science conservation and becoming a certified waystation - <i>Pat Miller</i>
<u>I5</u>	The Benefits of Green Infrastructure for Sustainability during Climate Change - <i>Bill Eyring</i>
<u>J5</u>	An introduction to the insects and spiders of the North Branch - <i>John & Jane Balaban</i>
<u>K5</u>	Back Yard Gardening for Birds and Butterflies - <i>Marian Thill</i>
<u>L5</u>	How to Organize a BioBlitz - <i>Julie Sacco</i>

4:00–4:45pm Breakout Sessions 6

<u>A6</u>	Thank you for running! How to run for office and how to win - <i>Debra Shore</i>
<u>B6</u>	The Art and Artistry of Interpreting Nature - <i>Lisa Roberts, Sharon Bladholm, Vivian Visser</i>
<u>C6</u>	Hands Across Borders - <i>Cassandra A. Cannon</i>
<u>D6</u>	Sustainability Studies at Roosevelt University: Re-envisioning Education in the Urban Environment - <i>Michael A. Bryson, Carl A. Zimring, Mirsad Spahovic, Pedro Alegre</i>
<u>E6</u>	Panel: Wildlife Restoration - <i>Joanne Earnhardt, Gary Glowacki, Allison Sacerdote</i>
<u>F6</u>	Panel: Invasive Species Control - <i>Kent Fuller, Dave Hodge</i>

<u>G6</u>	Biological Survey of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Property - <i>Ronald French, Jennifer Wasik, Irwin Polls, Sheryl DeVore</i>
<u>H6</u>	Up in Arms! - <i>Valerie Blaine</i>
<u>I6</u>	Panel: Climate change considerations for developing regional plant list guidelines - <i>Suzanne Booker-Canfield, Abigail Derby, Kay Havens, Mark Duntemann</i>
<u>J6</u>	Singing Insects on the Move - <i>Carl A. Strang</i>
<u>K6</u>	Using Social Media - <i>Michelle Parker, Greg Neise</i>
<u>L6</u>	Turning Buckthorn Into Toys And Other Useful Objects - <i>Sean Shaffer</i>