

Fall 2012

PRESERVE!

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve



Herpetiles in the Preserve

By Jeff Lorch

When most of us visit the Lakeshore Nature Preserve to observe wildlife, we direct our attention to birds in the treetops or mammals crossing the path ahead of us. But the next time you go for a walk, keep your eyes on the ground directly in front of you and you just might be fortunate enough to see some of the most secretive creatures that inhabit the Preserve - the herpetiles.



Photo Michelle Louis

Preserve visitor, Penelope, and her dad, help an American toad cross a busy path near their plot in the Eagle Heights Community Gardens.

Herpetile is a word that refers collectively to reptiles and amphibians, and altogether about 10 species inhabit the Preserve. The most abundant of these is the American toad which can be heard trilling in late April and May from the Class of 1918 Marsh, the swales on Pic-

nic Point, and the retention ponds between the Natatorium and Lot 60. During the rest of the year you may find toads throughout the Preserve. Another common resident is the leopard frog. Listen for its low

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snore-like call in April near the Class of 1918 Marsh. Walk the edge of the tall grass surrounding the marsh later in summer to observe the adults as they hunt for insect prey. To find the Preserve's most elusive amphibian, you'll have to don a snorkel and swimsuit. Mudpuppies, large aquatic salamanders, move into the lake shallows to breed in late spring. The females nest under large rocks and guard their eggs until they hatch.

As you walk along Willow Creek or take the trail between the Natatorium and Class of 1918 Marsh, keep an eye out for the Preserve's reptile residents. Painted turtles frequently bask on logs overhanging the lake. If you are really observant, you may even spot the head of a snapping turtle or softshell turtle as they come up for air while hunting fish and aquatic invertebrates.

As recently as a few decades ago, nearly twice the number of herpetile species would have occupied the Preserve. However, because of shrinking

habitat, many of these species have disappeared. Sadly, such declines are not limited to the Preserve. Nearly half of Wisconsin's herpetiles are of conservation concern due to habitat loss and alteration, collection for the pet trade, and even intentional killing. Amphibian and reptile conservation begins with educating yourself and others about the plights of these creatures and their importance to humans and natural ecosystems.

Take some time to learn more about Wisconsin's herpetiles, and the next time you visit the Preserve, make sure to familiarize yourself with some of its lesser known residents before they go underground or dig into the lake-bottom mud to wait out the long, cold winter.

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Volunteer in the Preserve:

Please join us! Come on out to meet new people, get exercise, learn about local plants and animals, and have fun. The Preserve provides the tools, training, and snacks. Bring your own drinking water. Long pants, sturdy shoes (not sandals), hat, and sunscreen are recommended.

September

Activities will include clearing woody invasives on Picnic Point, pulling weeds, whipping herbaceous weeds, and removing invasives near the storage area north of Bills Woods near Eagle Heights Gardens.

Sept. 7, Friday, 9-noon, meet at Picnic Point lot

Sept. 8, Saturday, 9-noon, meet at Picnic Point lot

Sept. 23, Sunday, 9-noon, meet at Picnic Point lot

October

Oct 5, Friday, 9-noon, meet at Frautschi Point lot

Oct 6, Saturday, 9-noon, meet behind Trip Hall (dorm) on the Lakeshore Path to work in Muir Woods near Parking lot 34.

Oct 21, Sunday, 9-noon, meet at Muir Knoll next to the Gard Memorial Storyteller's Circle to work in Muir Woods edge.

November

Nov 9, Friday, 9-noon, meet at Frautschi Point lot

Nov 10, Saturday, 9-noon, meet at Picnic Point lot

Nov 18, Sunday, 9-noon, meet at Willow Creek Woods next to metal sheds between the Natatorium and the Lakeshore Path to rake leaves off mounds and remove invasive shrubs.

December

Dec 7, Friday, 1-3 pm, meet at Frautschi Point lot

Dec 8, Saturday, 1-3 pm, meet at Picnic Point lot

NOTE: Volunteers 17 or younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian *or* bring a signed liability waiver. Parking for Volunteer Days is free and parking is always free on weekends. Details can be found on the *Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve* website. Volunteer activities are a collaboration between the *Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve* and the Preserve staff. If you have questions or need more information, please contact John Magnuson at 608-233-2036, jjmagnus@wisc.edu or Bryn Scriver, Preserve staff, at 608-220-5560, bscriver@fpm.wisc.edu.

*Delicious autumn!
My very soul is
wedded to it,
and if I were a bird
I would fly
about the earth
seeking the successive
autumns.*

-George Eliot

Do you have a favorite quote on nature or the seasons? Send it to us for possible inclusion in an upcoming issue. See "Contact Us" on page 5.

Fall Field Trips:

Fall Birding at Lakeshore Nature Preserve

August 26 (Sunday) 8:00-10:00 am Come search for fall migrants, including confusing fall warblers, flycatchers, and sparrows while hiking through woods, prairies and gardens. Cosponsored by Madison Audubon Society. Meet at the Class of 1918 Marsh parking lot. Leader: Marty Evanson (271-6846)

Know Your Biodiversity

September 8 (Saturday) 8:00-9:30 am Come explore the Frautschi Point area to identify animal and plants focusing on their natural history and human uses. Meet at Frautschi Point Parking Lot. Leader: David Eagan (249-0409)

Bird Banding at Biocore Prairie Bird Observatory

September 15 (Saturday) 8:00-12:00 noon Learn about bird banding (possibly with a bird in hand) and appreciate the importance of bird banding to conservation. Co-sponsored by the Madison Audubon Society. Park at Frautschi Point or Picnic Point parking lot and walk to the Biocore Prairie. Leader: Mara McDonald (274-2534)

Inshore Fishes of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

September 18 (Tuesday) 6:45-8:15 pm Beach seines and Fyke nets will be used to collect fishes on both sides of the Point about half way out— a beach to the northwest and an area near woody habitat and rotted plants to the southeast. Meet at Picnic Point parking lot. Leaders: John Magnuson (*Friends*-262-3010) and Ted Bier (UW Center for Limnology)

Exploring the Lakeshore Preserve with Steve Laubach

September 29 (Saturday) 10:00-11:30 am Join us for a tour of the cultural and natural history of the Preserve. We'll learn about the area's pre settlement landscape, envisioning a now-vanished 15 room house, sea plane hangar, and graduate student tent housing and visit a two century old oak tree that was witness to it all. Meet at Frautschi Point Parking lot.

Late Fall Birding at the Lakeshore Preserve

October 13 (Saturday) 8:00-10:00 am In contrast to the rush of the spring migration, fall migrants linger in the Preserve. Join us for the challenge of sparrows and late fall warblers in the gardens, prairies, and woodland edges. Co-sponsored by Madison Audubon Society. Meet at the Class of 1918 Marsh parking lot. Leaders: Eric Wood and Roma Lenehan (238-5406) or Peter Fissel (226-0260)

Stargazing in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve

October 26 (Friday) 6:30-8:00 pm Dr. Jim Lattis and staff at UW Space Place will present a brief program about the current night sky followed by star gazing with telescopes, WEATHER PERMITTING. Meet at U.W. Parking Lot #131 (where Lake Mendota Drive meets University Bay Drive). Leader: Jim Lattis (262-4779)



Photo Gisela Kutzbach

Glenda Dennison and Roma Lenahan
with *Friends* member, John Icke

Lenahan, Denniston Honored

On April 16, Glenda Dennison and Roma Lenahan received the *2012 Conservation and Environment Award* from the Kiwanis Club of Madison. The award honors individuals who are part of an organization dedicated to restoring and preserving natural areas. Glenda and Roma were nominated for the award by John Icke, long time member of the *Friends*. At the award luncheon at the Edgewater Hotel, Glenda gave a talk on the restoration process, from planning and planting to maintaining and monitoring plants. She dazzled those attending with beautiful photos from the Preserve. Guests enjoyed the PR material on the *Friends* provided by Roma.

The chair of the Agricultural Conservation and Environment committee, Leonard Massie, presented the award. The plaques read:

"In recognition of activities as a *Friend of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve*, which include the site's environmental history, migrant bird counts, planting projects, contributions to the newsletter and website, field trip program, unofficial photographer, and the control of invasive species."

Congratulations, Roma and Glenda.

Celebrating Our Success

We celebrated our 10th Anniversary on Tuesday, April 3rd, 2012, with two of the founders of the *Friends*, Tom and Kathie Brock, taking us on a walk back in history. Starting with the *Madison Park and Pleasure Drive Association*, formed in 1892, they led us to the beginning of restoration work in 1996 and the creation of the *Lakeshore Nature Preserve* as a part of the University's 2000 Master Plan. The Brocks highlighted the group of hard working volunteers who became the founding members of the *Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve* in 2001. The *Friends* is dedicated to volunteering in Preserve restoration, fundraising, and educating the public about the Preserve.

In matters of business we also celebrated, giving heartfelt thanks for the dedicated service of our retiring long-term secretary and newsletter editor, Roma Lenahan. David Mickelson will now serve as secretary. Patricia Becker and Michelle Louis will replace Lenahan and Marcia Schmidt as the newsletter team. In further business we elected one new Board member, Galen Hasler, and re-elected three continuing members, Evelyn Howell, Jeff Lorch, and David Mickelson. Other current officers of the *Friends* are John Magnuson, president, Gisela Kutzbach, vice-president, and Marcia Schmidt, treasurer.

Kudos to 2012 Garlic Mustard Challenge

Thanks to you, the 2012 Garlic Mustard Challenge was a great success. At final count, 1,076 volunteer hours were logged. Many were by *Friends*. Roma Lenahan of the *Friends* and Bryn Scriver of the Preserve staff recruited both student and community groups to the Challenge. From pulling garlic mustard, designing awards, keeping records, supplying tools, bags, juice, and snacks, to advertising, and organizing the celebration on May 5-kudos to all involved!

How do we measure this success? Walking through the Preserve with spring ephemerals in their glory, 381 filled garbage bags, smiles on our volunteers' faces? In a rough monetary estimate, with volunteer time valued at \$10/hour, volunteers gave an \$11,000 gift to the Preserve. Looking to the long-term, garlic mustard is declining in many areas and we can see the results in the blossoming native plant community. But, best of all, we were all "pulling together."

Total bags pulled = 381
Total hours of pulling = 1076
Total hours for *Friends* = 414
Community groups participating = 11

Bravo !



Photo John Magnuson

Trail to Give Marsh a New Voice

By Jenna Mertz

Work begins this summer to create a new audio trail that leads visitors on a tour of the Class of 1918 Marsh. The Stanley Dodson Audio Trail will replace interpretive signage that James Zimmerman, UW Arboretum naturalist, produced in 1972 and will invite listeners to use their phones to access information on Marsh ecology and history. Ginny Dodson, Robert Bohanan, and Jenna Mertz, along with other *Friends*, will write the script and prepare the audio.

Stanley Dodson, a former UW zoology professor, is best known for his research on size-selective predator-prey interactions in zooplankton communities. He served as a mentor for graduate and undergraduate students and guided *Friends* fieldtrips to the Marsh with his wife Ginny. Dodson passed away in 2009, and the audio trail is dedicated to his legacy as a distinguished scientist and caring teacher.

Warblers Nest in Preserve Again

By Bill Barker

Protonotaria citrea, the prothonotary or golden swamp warbler, returned to Picnic Point right on schedule. Unable to evict the black

*"Sweet! Sweet!
Sweet!"*

capped chickadees busily incubating their second clutch of eggs in the preferred middle nest box, the warblers set up housekeeping in the

easternmost box. As of June 2nd, three of the five eggs had hatched. Many delighted area birders reported glimpses of the adults or of hearing the SWEET! SWEET! SWEET! call of the male over the next two weeks as the pair tended the nestlings.

Thanks to your help, the Lakeshore Nature Preserve provides invaluable habitat and opportunities for us to learn about its residents.

Spotted in the Preserve

- Bobolinks have been spotted for the second consecutive year in Biocore Prairie. Bobolinks often migrate over 10,000 km to reach their nesting grounds.
- Another lone star tick was recently captured at the Arboretum. *Amblyomma americanum* has been spotted more regularly in this area the last 2 years. UW Entomologist Susan Paskewitz says that "could reflect isolated populations that have successfully established but are too focal and small for us to detect." Want to help? If you find a deer tick (*only* those found in the Preserve or Arboretum are needed) or a lone star tick from *any area location*, please place it in a small jar or zip-close plastic bag and contact Dr. Paskewitz at 608-262-1269 or smpaskew@wisc.edu.

Have you spotted a noteworthy species in or near the Preserve recently? We'd love to hear about it. See "Contact Us" on page 5.



Photo Bill Barker

Inside the nesting box, 3 of 5 prothonotary warbler eggs have hatched. Busy parents tend to the nestlings while awaiting 2 more arrivals.

Going Batty

Community Gardeners Aim to Attract More Bats

By Will Waller

In July the Eagle Heights Community Garden installed six bat houses with the goal of expanding bat habitat for our local population while also benefiting the gardens. Availability of summer roosting habitat is thought to limit the population of bats in any given area. These well-known predators of night-flying insects can consume half of their body weight in insects each night. That's up to 1000 mosquito-sized insects per bat per hour! But bats not only eat mosquitoes, they also eat agricultural pests such as corn rootworm, potato beetles, and earworms.

In addition to habitat loss, our bats may soon be subject to the deadly White-Nose Syndrome (WNS). Although not yet discovered in Wisconsin, the fungus has been identified in Iowa, only about

90 miles from the Lakeshore Nature Preserve. This disease affects bats as they hibernate in winter and has mortality rates of up to 100% in infected sites. Although bat houses won't protect our bats from WNS, providing a summer home may give them a fighting chance by offsetting some of the stress of habitat loss.

Garden Registrar Emerita Professor Gretel Dentine and DNR Conservation Biologist Heather Kaarakka initiated the project. Kris Ackerbauer, Assistant Director, Facilities Planning and Management, built the bat houses, and the Community Gardens paid for the materials and provided the labor to install them. A monitoring program to track the success of the bat houses over the years is planned.



A little help, please...

- If you or a student you know has a *research project in the Preserve* that you think ought to be highlighted in a future issue of *PRESERVE!*, please let us know.
- *Be curious!* Do you have a question about the Preserve's flora, fauna, history, planning, plantings, or other topic? If you want to know, chances are others do, too. For the next issue, we'll choose a question and find an expert to explain. See "Contact Us" above.

Local photographer Deborah Ahlstedt recently exhibited photos from the Preserve at the UW Health Sciences Learning Center, including the photo below entitled "Heron."



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We Appreciate Your Input

Ideas and announcements for our newsletter and website are welcome. To request space in our next newsletter, please tell us about your material by Oct. 19. Article submission deadline is Nov. 16.

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Thanks to Our Many Volunteers and Donors

Together we care for the Preserve.



Photo Cathie Bruner

A strong turn out on a chilly day. *Friends* and student volunteers pose for a photo after removing woody invasives at Picnic Point.

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Also see starred () listings. Major Donors contributed more than \$100 since July 2011.*

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 dinates most volunteer events
 at the Preserve and works
 closely with the Friends.*

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*I'm interested in volunteering. Please send me
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 Prairie _____ \$50
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What color is the water in Lake Mendota?



Photo Cathie Bruner

Standing, left to right: Kristina Bartowitz, Jenna Mertz (Preserve staff/student), Daniel Stien, Adam Gundlach (Preserve staff supervisor), Christopher Warneke, Allison Schmidt, Nicholas Schiltz. Kneeling: Kennedy Gilchrist and John Magnuson, both *Friends*.

The *Friends* supported 5 Audubon & Prairie Partners interns on the Lakeshore Nature Preserve 1.5 days each week this summer. On one of the hottest days, they learned from *Friends* and the UW Center for Limnology about exotic aquatic plants, hydrological problem areas in the Preserve, and a bit of lake science. One question they can all answer—*What color is the water in Lake Mendota?* The counterintuitive answer is that the water, itself, has no color and is clear. Reflection of the sky makes it look blue, scattering of light from algae in the water makes it appear green.

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