



Climate Prep Week 2023

Family Nature Walk: Concord Land Conservation Trust's Nashawtuc Hill/Observe Birds & Native Plants
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2:00—4:00 PM

Join Peter Alden as he guides us on a family nature walk of the Egg Rock and Nashawtuc Hill Circuit!

Park on the right along Frenchman's Meadow just after the Sudbury River bridge on Nashawtuc Road. We assemble at the start of Squaw Sachem Trail. First destination is Egg Rock where the rivers join. Next the famous hemlock grove along the Assabet River. We skirt by fields and woodlands on a wide trail counter-clockwise past many fruiting trees, shrubs and vines with frugivorous birds. Return is along Musketaquid Road and Sudbury River meadows.

As an outdoor event, the weather may impact the date.

This event is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library.

Register Here: <https://concordlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/family-nature-walk-on-concord-land-conservation-trust-s-nashawtuc-hill-observations-of-birds-and-native-and-invasive-plants-with-peter-alden/>

Houseplant Swap Party

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2:00—3:30 PM
Fowler Branch Backyard

See in Climate Prep Week (9/24-9/30) by expanding and/or exchanging your houseplants!

In connection with Fowler's ongoing houseplant swap, bring in your no-longer loved houseplants, your surplus, or cuttings from favorites to share with other community members. Even if you're just getting started, we will have cuttings to plant from the library and library staff's collections. Staff will be on hand to share tips and tricks, and we welcome your expertise as well.

Please do your best to bring pest-free, disease-free plants!

Fowler Afoot: A Walking Book Club

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 10:00—11:00 AM

Fowler Branch

Join Fowler Afoot, the fourth Wednesday of the month. We will meet at the Fowler Branch Library at 10 am, and then walk together on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will meet inside. The plan is to walk the trail for about twenty minutes and then turn around. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

For September we meet during Climate Preparedness Week and will read Doug Tallamy's book, *The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees*. Copies of the book will be available for pick up at Fowler and the eBook is available on Hoopla.

If you want to learn more about how we can make a difference in the future of the planet with our own backyards, join us again at 6:30 PM at the Main Library for a video, What's the Rush? from Doug Tallamy's nonprofit Homegrown National Park® and community discussion.

Register Here: <https://concordlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/fowler-afout-a-walking-book-club-17/>

"What's the Rush? The Solution to the Biodiversity Crisis," from Homegrown National Park

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 6:30—8:00 PM

Goodwin Forum, Main Library

Bring your friends and neighbors! Join us during Climate Prep Week to view Doug Tallamy's "What's the Rush?" video, and find out what you can do in your own yard to regenerate biodiversity. Tallamy is Professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware and the author of *Bringing Nature Home*; *Nature's Best Hope*; and *The Nature of Oaks*. His grassroots organization, Homegrown National Park®, is a non-profit dedicated to galvanizing individuals and communities to regenerate biodiversity and ecosystem function by planting native plants, with an initial goal of 20 million acres of native plantings across the United States.

The video will be followed by a chat with panelists who are already taking steps to shrink lawns, remove invasive species, add native plants, avoid insecticides, herbicides and fertilizers, reduce nighttime light pollution and more. There will be opportunities to ask questions, gather resources and learn how you can get involved and get on the map.

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Register Here: <https://concordlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/whats-the-rush-the-solution-to-the-biodiversity-crisis-from-homegrown-national-park/>

Sustainable Makes: Hydroponic Planters

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2:00—4:00 PM

The Workshop, Main Library

Celebrate Climate Prep Week with the Workshop by building your own mini hydroponic system out of a mason jar! Seeds for a variety of leafy greens provided. Recommended for ages 10 to 110.

Registration opens on Saturday, September 16 at 2PM.

Family Bike Rodeo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 3:00—4:30 PM

Fowler Branch

As part of Climate Prep Week, join us for a Family Bike Rodeo in the Harvey Wheeler Lot at 55 Church Street (across the street from the Fowler Branch Library). Pedal on over! Don't forget your helmets and water bottles! There will be fun for all! We'll have bike safety courses and tips, bike checks, bike decorating, and more! Get ready for Safe Routes to School's Bike to School events the beginning of October.

Register Here: <https://concordlibrary.assabetinteractive.com/calendar/family-bike-rodeo/>