

Wisconsin Phenological Society

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WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting
on **Saturday, May 5th**
From **10:00 a.m. until Noon**
at the Department of Geography Conference Room,
Bolton Hall 410D
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Campus

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2001 Natural History Workshops

at the UWM Field Station

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station is to conduct a series of Natural History Workshops. These workshops offer an opportunity to study focused topics at college-level instruction under the guidance of noted authorities. Most workshops present two full days of instruction; housing and meals are available at the Station. Enrollment is limited to 20; the atmosphere is informal and instruction is individualized. Workshops may be taken for undergraduate or graduate college credit by enrolling in UWM, Topics in Field Biology. Fees vary. Please contact the Station for more details and a registration form, or visit our website at www.uwm.edu/Dept/fieldstation for full descriptions of each course, fee information, and a printable Registration Form. The 2001 Workshop Schedule includes seven courses:

Vegetation of Wisconsin

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz

May 21-26

Land Snails: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Jeffrey Nekola

June 1 & 2

Sedges: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Anton Reznicek

June 15 & 16

Ferns and Fern Allies of Wisconsin: Recognition and Identification

Instructor: Dr. Carl Taylor

June 22 & 23

Dragonflies: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: William A. Smith.

July 6 & 7

Wetland Delineation

Instructor: Don Reed

Sept. 21 & 22

Birds, Migration and Bird Banding

Instructors: Vicki Piaskowski and Gene Albanese

Sept. 29 & 30

To Register:

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Official Start of the
EUROPEAN PHENOLOGY NETWORK

On March 1 the European Phenology Network (EPN) - a network to increase the use of Phenological data and to stimulate monitoring and research in Europe in the context of climate change - was officially launched during the first project meeting at Wageningen University, in the Netherlands. The EPN-project will be funded for three years (2001-2003) by the European Commission and involves thirteen partners from several European countries.

Phenological observations in recent decades have shown significant changes in phenology of plants, birds, insects and amphibians, caused by an observed change in climate. These changes impact natural systems via changes in growing season length, competition and food availability. They also affect agriculture via changes in frost damage, quality of

crops, and the timing/distribution of pests and diseases. Last but not least, human health is affected via changes in the pollen season start (hay fever), and the distribution of pests and diseases.

EPN will provide an intellectual infrastructure to deal with the many issues and organizations involved. Thereby, EPN will stimulate the involvement of the general public's monitoring activities with a focus on involving students (12-18 years old) in scientific research.

EPN is coordinated by the Environmental Systems Analysis Group of Wageningen University in the Netherlands. In total 13 partners from several European countries are involved. Detailed information on the EPN project is available at the website: <http://www.dow.wau.nl/msa/epn/>. At this website you can register to be kept informed on the progress of the European Phenology Network.

Phenology on the World Wide Web

The wealth of knowledge available today on the Internet is astounding. And there's no shortage of people interested in phenology! Browse any of the following sites to discover phenological interest around the world:

- www.student.wau.nl/~arnold/links.htm
 - www.attra.org/attra-pub/phenology.html
 - and Nature Net: www.naturenet.com
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Please support the Phenological Society's objectives by paying annual dues or becoming a life member. Annual dues are used primarily to defray the mailing cost of our Newsletter.

Please send your name, address, and which of the following actions you would like to take:

- \$2 for 2001/02 dues
- \$___ as further contribution to the work of the Society
- \$50 Lifetime Membership
- Please delete my name from the membership list
- Please send me information regarding programs of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Please send to:

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