



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
MUSCATATUCK NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
12985 EAST U. S. HIGHWAY 50
SEYMOUR IN 47274-8518**



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 14, 2017 at 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Muscatatuck Visitor Center

CONSERVATION HAPPENINGS IN SOUTHERN INDIANA:

GOALS:

***To facilitate a meeting to create an opportunity to keep the conservation community connected, increase dialogue about landscape level conservation and all the things happening for conservation in southern Indiana**

***To expand the audience to work with partners, stakeholders, and landowners while increasing awareness of landscape and watershed conservation issues, opportunities, and benefits through environmental education, outreach, and technical assistance.**

AGENDA:

Welcome: **9:00AM** – Susan Knowles, Private Lands Wildlife Biologist, USFWS
Big Oaks NWR – update; Joe Robb, Refuge Manager

Jennings County Share Some Space Pollinator Project- Successful action means more habitat on the ground! National Earth Team Partnership Award recipients; Andy Ertel, Jennings County SWCD

Conservation Initiatives at Franklin College; Ben O’Neal, Ph.D. Department of Biology Chair
The Effects of Hybrid Cattails on Common Loons; Spencer Wesche
The Impact of Hydrology on Nesting Waterbirds; Antonio Gioe
Monitoring of White-tailed Deer at Muscatatuck NWR; Alex Bird
Students (8-10) poster session in the Visitor Center

Partners for Fish and Wildlife – updates; Jeff Kiefer, Indiana Private Lands Coordinator, USFWS

Increasing Interest, Habitat, and Resources for Pollinators through a Seed Collection initiative
Volunteering for Monarchs (Pollinator Partnership NFWF grant); Julia Kemnitz, Private Lands Biologist
USFWS, Ben Miller, Landscape Conservation Initiative Liaison, IDNR

Bears in Indiana – What are we going to do? How many have visited Indiana, What to Expect; Taylor Rasmussen, Nongame Mammalogist, IDNR - Division of Fish & Wildlife

CORRIDORS (Conservation on Rivers and Roadways Intended To Develop Opportunities for Resources and Species); Erin Basiger, South Region Landscape Biologist, IDNR

Updates and Announcements:

Patoka NWR - updates; Bill McCoy, Refuge Manager
Hoosier National Forest - update; Mike Chaveas, Forest Supervisor
State Wildlife Action Plan update; Brad Feaster
Muscatatuck NWR – updates, Alejandro Galvan, Refuge Manager

Enjoy the Refuge

Lunch will be served at the refuge to give an opportunity to mix and mingle:

Sponsored by the Muscatatuck Wildlife Society and Big Oaks Conservation Society.

Please RSVP: susan_knowles@fws.gov so we have enough lunch!

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