



The holiday season is picking up steam, and hopefully many of you will be able to spend time with your loved ones and get a chance to enjoy the great outdoors! This is the perfect time to look for native birds (due to the lack of leaves) or explore new hiking trails. We would like to thank our partners and community members for all the love and support this year, may 2024 bring you all good health, happiness, and success!



What To Get Someone Who Has Everything?

Everybody has a lot of junk laying around their house that they never use. So this month I thought I would suggest some holiday gifts that people who garden or enjoy spending time outside might find useful, be low on cost and high on thought! !



Ask if they have a bird feeder!

- Gift card to a local native plant nursery
- Boot brush or pet hair brush (if they take their dog for walks)
- Tools such as hand pruners, pruning saws, plant extractors, Hori Hori knife, or back pack sprayers
- Hunter orange vests, sweatshirts, hats and/or mittens for hiking in low visibility or during hunting season
- Pressure washer for vehicles and boats
- National Park Service annual park pass, USFW Federal Duck Stamp, or state eGift cards (used for booking camping sites and merchandise and generally exclude hunting and fishing licenses)
- Garden kneelers are great for those with arthritis, and can be used both as a bench or padding for knees
- Subscriptions to reputable nature phone applications, magazines, or online courses
- Create a fishing decontamination kit (bleach or Formula 409, spray bottle, bucket, scrub brush, wash cloth etc.)
- Locally sourced maple syrup, honey, and jams (goes well with tea and biscuits)
- Native or invasive plant and animal guides (or the JLW CISMA calendar :))
- Donate to a local conservation organization or land conservancy
- Bird feeder, bird house, bee house (all can be homemade if you are crafty!) or bird food



Garden kneelers are useful for pulling weeds!

Hopefully we were able to suggest some useful gifts! Let us know if this spurred some ideas or if we missed any thing!

Upcoming Events

January 17th—ISC: Solving the mysteries of beech leaf disease: 6 years of partnerships; 11am to 12pm.

Registration required:

us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m-wG-fM5SWyCCH0-aGZbyA#/registration

January 30th & 31st—International Invasive Species and Climate Change Conference (virtual and FREE);

Registration required:

naisma.org/event/international-invasive-species-climate-change-conference/



Calendar Fundraiser!

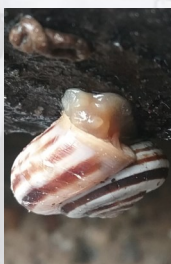
Our annual wall calendar is available for sale (\$16 plus \$3 shipping (\$5 if shipping to Canada))! Funds go towards helping to survey and manage invasive species, and create outreach material for the community! For details, please visit our website:

jlwcisma.weebly.com/calendar-ordering-information.html



Invasive Species Spotlight—Heath Snail

- *Xerolenta obvia* are terrestrial snails originally from Europe and Asia Minor
- They have a flattened shell which is white with dark brown spiral stripes; dime sized
- They reproduce twice a year with each clutch having about 25-40 eggs
- They have a lifespan of 2-3 years
- Is considered an agricultural pest for plant species such as grapes, peas, beans etc.



Native Species Spotlight—Eastern Blue Bird

- *Sialia sialis* is considered a partial migrator (food availability and winter weather being important factors that influence migration)
- Male birds attract females by bringing nest material to his nest cavity and waving his wings
- Main diet includes insects and fruit
- Oldest recorded eastern bluebird was 10 years old



If you have questions, please contact JLW CISMA Coordinator Dr. Shikha Singh at shikha.singh@macd.org or (517) 395 - 2089.

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