ANNOUNCING 2015 NEBC FIELD TRIPS!

Yes, NEBC Field Trips are back – join us and explore interesting places with great plants, led by local expert botanists.   Trips for July and early August are listed.

Each trip is limited to 12 people, so please **contact the trip leader at least 1 week** in advance to be assured of a slot. The trip leaders will send meeting location and directions to those who register for the trip.

Saturday July 11 - Botanical treasures of the Greenfield and Montague area, Massachusetts.

On this trip, we'll explore the Connecticut River's rocky shoreline, gravel and cobble bars and ledges in search of its unique flora and many rare species.   The trip will also visit traprock ridges to find many specialist plant species of the open exposed rock and scree.

Level of difficulty – moderate (steep slopes, uneven footing)

Trip Leader; Matt Hickler (mhickler@hughes.net).

Saturday July 25 - Loverens Mills Cedar Swamp in Antrim and Stoddard, NH.

This TNC preserve contains a 4,000-year old Atlantic White Cedar swamp (accessed on a boardwalk) as well as diverse other wetlands – shoreline of the Contoocook River, beaver meadows, and red maple swamp – and upland forest habitats.

Level of difficulty – moderate (wet).

Trip leader: Joann Hoy (JoannHoy@LSGould.com).

Saturday August 1 – Big Rivers Wildlife Management Area, Kent County Rhode Island.

This trip will explore a large mixed oak-pine forest and a diverse seasonally flooded pond, with a focus on wetland species and coastal plan specialties.   We will also be collecting to augment NEBC's holdings from the under-collected Kent County.

Level of difficulty – easy (flat walking, some wet).
Trip Leader: Tim Whitfeld (timothy_whitfeld@brown.edu)

About the Trips: You must pre-register to get information on the trip meeting place and time. This will ensure that you have a slot, and will let the leader contact you if there are any changes. Trips may be cancelled if enrollment is low.   Bring lunch, water, insect repellent, plant field guides, hand lens, etc.