

## ANNOUNCING 2016 NEBC DAY FIELD TRIPS!

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

**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.

### **Sunday June 26 – Inventory of Muddy Pond Conservation Restriction, Westminster, MA**

- Explore a new access trail to a northern Worcester County pond with a bog perimeter on a 70-acre conservation restriction held by the town of Westminster, a recent project area of the Mount Grace Conservation Trust. Besides enjoying a pleasant walk, we will create a partial inventory of plants and animals to aid future management of the site. Time permitting, an Ashburnham bog site may be visited also.
- Level of Difficulty – Easy 1.5-2 miles, but be prepared for wet conditions.
- Trip Leader: Paul Somers ([ipsomers1@verizon.net](mailto:ipsomers1@verizon.net)). Paul will send meeting time, location, and directions to those who register for the trip.

### **Saturday July 23 - Sedges of the Great Swamp Wildlife Management Area, Kingston, RI**

- Visit the wonderful Great Swamp Wildlife Management Area and search for sedges in the woods, swamps, bogs and fens. If time permits, we will also visit Worden's Pond to look for early coastal plain pondshore sedges, as well. Our focus will be *Carex*, but other genera are also likely.
- Level of Difficulty – easy walking, but be prepared for wet conditions.
- Trip Leader: Lisa Standley ([lisa\\_standley@verizon.net](mailto:lisa_standley@verizon.net)). Lisa will send meeting time, location, and directions to those who register for the trip.

### **Saturday August 27 – Birding and Botanizing at the Hamilton Sanctuary, West Bath, ME**

- Gather for a fun and collegial expedition to Maine Audubon's Hamilton Sanctuary in beautiful mid-coast Maine! Together, we'll help Maine Audubon by documenting the birds and plants of the sanctuary, using "[iNaturalist](#)" to compile and share our observations. Pack your smart phone or tablet, alongside your hand lens and binoculars – and we'll have fun birding and botanizing in the digital age!
- Level of Difficulty – 2.75 mile trail with easy to moderate walking.
- Trip leader: Melissa Cullina ([mcullina@mainegardens.org](mailto:mcullina@mainegardens.org)). Melissa will send meeting time, location, and directions to those who register for the trip.

**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.