



The 1176th meeting of the New England Botanical Society will be held **Friday, 1 March 2024, at 7:00 PM ET** in Haller Lecture Hall (room 102), Geological Museum, 24 Oxford St., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, **and via Zoom.**



“Building a Community of Interest and Response to an Invasive Species Threatening Maine's Ash Trees and Wabanaki Cultural Lifeways”

By

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PLEASE READ:

- 1) **THIS PRESENTATION & MEETING WILL BE IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL:** This meeting will be **in-person** at Harvard University, but it will also be a **hybrid presentation using Zoom**. The link to join our Zoom Monthly Meetings will be reoccurring and is below. Also below is information on the free parking arrangements we have made for our members who plan to attend in person.
- 2) **DR. DAIGLE’S ABSTRACT:** For the past 15 years, Dr. John J. Daigle, a citizen member of the Penobscot Nation, has been working on a project mobilizing diverse interests to address potential threats from invasive species in Maine – the case of the Emerald Ash Borer. The research seeks to study and facilitate the ways that Wabanaki, basket-makers, tribes, state and federal foresters, university researchers, landowners and others come together to prevent, detect, and respond to the threat of Emerald Ash Borer. He has published research with co-authors on outreach and education, management, and policy. In 2023, the Ash Protection Collaboration Across Wabanakik or APCAW was created, offering informative webinars and in-person trainings, as well as a dedicated [APCAW website](#) for recorded sessions and other program information.
- 3) **2024-2025 NEBS SLATE:** The Slate for 2024-2025 Council proposed by the Nominating Committee will be sent in a separate email later and is posted now on the [What's New](#) webpage. The vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting on 1 March 2024 at 7 PM ET in person and via Zoom.
- 4) **NEW ENGLAND/NY PLANTS ID-A-THON (FEB 23-25):** See February 3rd email invitation for full details of this iNaturalist event happening now. [New England/NY Plants ID-a-Thon 2024](#)
- 5) **EAGLE HILL INSTITUTE DISCOUNTS (20%) & NEBS STIPENDS (\$150) FOR 2 STUDENTS:** The [Eagle Hill Institute](#), Steuben, ME, is again offering NEBS members a 20% discount for their 2024 in-person summer week-long seminars (May-Sept). This discount is applied towards tuition and accommodations, but not meals or lab/microscope use fees. Also, NEBS will cover one stipend per year of \$150 towards costs for the first 2 NEBS STUDENT members who register for a summer botany course. Contact Sara Helm-Wallace at nebc@rhodora.org for details and to apply. [Eagle Hill calendar](#).
- 6) **NEBS AT NORTHEAST NATURAL HISTORY CONFERENCE IN APRIL:** Several NEBS Council members are organizing a session on herbaria and their importance for botanical science. This annual conference organized by Eagle Hill Institute will be in Albany, NY, from April 19-21. Registration is now open and early registration closes March 25. Discounted lodging rates close on March 19. For full details: [Northeast Natural History Conference Home Page \(eaglehill.us\)](#)

- 7) **DUKE HERBARIUM NEWS:** While the next NEBS Herbaria volunteer day will not be until April 5, NEBS Council would appreciate members' attention to the news of Duke University [announcing it will close its herbarium](#), a collection of over 825,000 specimens. A petition to urge Duke to reconsider was started by ABLs, AIBS, ASPT, BSA, iDigBio, NSCA, SHC, and SPNHC on Feb 15 and has already received over 13,000 signatures. We ask that you add your voice to the [PETITION](#). NEBS will also be sending a letter to Duke administrators written by Dr. Janet Sullivan and Dr. Lisa Standley to express NEBS's opposition to Duke's decision. This news has also been covered by the New York Times and AAAS.
- 8) **RHODORA VOL 124 DOUBLE ISSUE (NO 998/999) HONORS DR WILBUR:** A huge thanks to the *Rhodora* staff for this recognition of Dr. Robert Lynch Wilbur and his botanical, professional, and personal influences. He passed in October 2022 after a long career, including as Curator of the Duke Herbarium.
- 9) **NEXT NEBS MEETING:** On Friday, April 5, 2024, Ted Elliman, MA botany/ecology instructor, retired Native Plant Trust, and Lauren Brown, CT author, VP Connecticut Botanical Society, will speak on **"Unlocking the Grasses, Sedges, and Rushes: Fresh Approaches to Identifying these Challenging Plants."** This meeting will be at Harvard University and on Zoom.
- 10) **PARKING LOCATION:** Our designated FREE parking lot is **the 52 Oxford St. Garage, near the intersection of Everett St. and Oxford St.** Parking in any other lot will likely lead to towing. Please find the Oxford Garage (52OX) in the Northeast corner of the [Printable Map](#) (PDF). At the booth at the entrance to the underground garage, please tell the attendant that you are with the New England Botanical Society. The [Interactive Harvard Campus Map](#) is useful for navigating around campus.
- 11) **FRIDAY PARKING ARRANGEMENTS:** Free parking for attendees will be from 5 PM to 9 PM on the Friday of the meeting.
- 12) **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE PAST DUE:** [Renew or Join for 2024 Here!](#) If you know of others who might be interested in our organization, please forward this link.

The next Council meeting will be 28 February 2024 from 6:00-7:00 PM ET via Zoom.

ZOOM INVITATION FOR NEBS MONTHLY MEETINGS

Topic: NEBS Monthly Meeting

Date and Time: First Friday of the month at 7:00 PM Eastern Time

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