

The Green Way

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or print form and mail to PO Box 391, Kingston NJ 08528.
Many thanks!

COMING EVENTS

KGA Annual Meeting and Program: Thinking Outside the Box about Your Woods and Bogs: How Private Forestry Practices Can Protect Rare Turtles

Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 7:30 PM on Zoom



Bog Turtle, photo by Eric Sambol

Turtles are well known for their longevity. The oldest member of this group (a Seychelles giant tortoise named Jonathan) celebrated his 191st birthday earlier this year! While a long lifespan is certainly a credit, it also lends a false sense of security when it comes to

the stability of a species. High density does not equal “healthy” if young individuals are not rejuvenating a population.

New Jersey has been proactive in protecting native turtles through state law, but since much of the remaining habitat available for our rarest species occurs on private property, landowner collaboration is essential for their continued survival. During this talk, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey (CWF) biologist Christine Healy, will introduce you to three of our local turtles (box, wood, and bog), discuss management strategies that you can employ in your forests and wetlands to benefit them, and share resources that provide financial and technical support to turtle champions.

To reserve a spot, please email tari@kingstongreenways.org

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Sunday, December 17, 2023, 7:30 AM to Dusk

The Kingston segment of this year's Audubon Christmas Bird Count begins at 7:30 AM to catch the "early birds". We will meet at the Lock Tender's House (near the intersection of Rt. 27 and the D&R Canal State Park in Kingston) and bird until noon, when we take a break for lunch at the Palace of Asia on Route 27 in Kingston Center. The group then continues with the count in the afternoon. You can join us for the morning, lunch, afternoon, or all of them.



If interested, call Karen Linder (609-683-0483) for more info. We would particularly appreciate help from experienced birders, but novices are welcome. It is a great way to build your skills and get to know the Nursery Lands better. Dress warmly, and bring binoculars if you have them!

PAST EVENTS

FALL FOLIAGE WALK--"Seeds, Nuts, and Whirlygigs"

Saturday, October 21, 2023



Photos of viburnum, left, hickory, above, and group picture below were taken by Boël Denne-Hinnov.



Karen Linder led an absorbing and educational walk through the Mapleton Preserve. We examined the multiple mechanisms that trees have evolved to survive and replicate. Fall colors were particularly and vividly beautiful following a good rain and favorable temperatures the week before.

BLUE MOON WATCH

Wednesday, August 30, 2023



Although the moon was obscured by clouds and trees as it was rising, it was a beautiful early evening in Heathcote Park. The air was pleasantly warm, and insect choruses serenaded an appreciative gathering. Those of us who continued to watch the night sky from home were rewarded with the spectacle of a glorious moon almost too bright to view with the naked eye.

Earth Day Cleanups

Saturday, April 22, 2023

The hearty morning corps of volunteers cleaned up around Rockingham and along Laurel Avenue on the Franklin Township side of Kingston, while the afternoon crew focused on litter in Mapleton Preserve and roadside trash along Ridge Road and Division Street on the South Brunswick side.



Your help is needed!

Our board is dwindling in size, and we are in urgent need of trustees who can bring fresh energy, diverse skill sets, and new perspectives and ideas to KGA. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please get in touch with Tari at tari@kingstongreenways.org

Our warm thanks to all who participated in making our community cleaner and safer!