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Get Close To A Wild Bird

This is the time of year when everyone interested in birds can be a nosy neighbor. Pairs have mated, eggs have been laid, the parents are sharing "sitting" duty and technological voyeurism is possible because cameras are in place in some nests.

There are probably many others but here are three interesting sites, two from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology (CLO) and one from New Jersey's Department of Fish and Wildlife (F&W).

The Peregrine Camera courtesy of F&W has been in operation for a number of years and still fascinates. The nest in which the camera is located is located on a building on Hudson Street in Jersey City. As of May 1, 2012 the eggs have not hatched

Peregrine camera: <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/peregrinecam/jcp-live.htm>

The two CLO nests are:

Blue Heron nest. If you're lucky you will see one of the parents fly straight at the camera as it returns to the nest. Or you might see the changing of the guard as they alternate their sitting duties. <http://www.allaboutbirds.org/page.aspx?pid=2433>

The Red Tail Hawk nest is on a light pole above Cornell's Athletic Fields. This week I watched a fluffy chick eat raw meat that a parent ripped from a carcass. http://www.allaboutbirds.org/page.aspx?pid=2422&utm_source=Cornell+Lab+eNews&utm_campaign=d03c5597ed - eNews HawkHatch Flash April2012 &utm_medium=email

When: May 9 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

May Speaker Tom Gilmore

Tom has fly fished around the world for over 40 years. During that time he has recorded the details of landing over 11,000 game fish with a fly rod.

He retired recently from the presidency of New Jersey Audubon so he has only a few dozen other activities to keep him busy and we were very lucky and were able to get him to return for another speaking engagement.

Tom will do his program on "Summer in the City"...about fishing in our tri-state area.



No! Fish like the one in the photo will not be found in our streams. But all of us probably dream about catching something similar—and it's a nice picture of Tom with one of his catches.

"Don't tell fish stories where the people know you; but particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish."

Mark Twain

EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact Ed Higgins at (easyedh@gmail.com) well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.

Other events marked with an M are being sheperded by Rich Malizia. If you have questions or wish to volunteer contact Rich at 973-304-0789 or remqcp@optonline.net

Please consult EJTU's web site's "Upcoming Events" for the most up-to-date information and details.

- May [Thu]** Trout stocking
- May 9 [Wed]** Members meeting
- May 26 [Sat]** Mahwah Fishing Derby[M]
- Mar31/Apr 1** Pequest Open House
- Jun 9 [Sat]** Ramapo River Day [M]
- Jun9/16** Block Island Trip
- Jun 13 [Wed]** Members meeting
- Jul 8 [Wed]** Members meeting
- Summer [Dates TBA]** Ramapo boulder propping
- Summer/Fall [Dates TBA]** planting along Cresskill Brook
- Aug 11 [Wed]** Members meeting

Fly the Flag on
Memorial Day
Monday
May 28, 2012



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Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Location: The American Legion Hall,
33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

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Not A Muppet!

Around noontime on the last Thursday in April, some of East Jersey's trout stocking crews were at Darlington and at Halifax Road while others of us were downstream waiting for Ray Adam and Marty Adamkiewicz to complete the float stocking and bring the boat to the take-out.

A large Blue Heron had made numerous trips up and down river, probably watching to see where we put the trout that would be his next meals, there were the usual mallards paddling around and, of course, a Canada goose or two grumbled about being disturbed. As we looked for rises and tried to identify the bugs that floated downstream a big bird flew overhead and landed in the top of a tree next to the river; a BIG BIRD!

Since Ed Sikorski had been able to see that the bird had a white head we were fascinated by this unusual visitor to our area. We tried to get a better look at what we felt sure was a bald eagle while a flock of birds gathered in the trees around it. The smaller birds did not make noise or try to harass it as they usually do to hawks; they quietly sat in the trees nearby.

Finally the eagle spread a very long pair of wings and calmly flew downstream. Ray and Marty arrived soon after this and they also reported that they had seen the eagle as they rowed from Glen Gray Road to the take-out.

**Visit the East Jersey TU
web site
www.eastjerseytu.org**

**Welcome to
April's New Members**



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| Fabian Barrios | Fair Lawn |
| George Cattiny | Mahwah |
| Michael Kaiser | Ho Ho Kus |
| Lawrence Kovach | Ridgewood |
| Benny Margherita | Woodland Pk |

Newark Watershed

The Newark Watershed area contains four reservoirs (Canistear, Clinton, Echo Lake and Oak Ridge) that can be fished if you purchase the proper permits from the Watershed's office on Echo Lake Road.

This is photo of a 17 inch rainbow that was caught in the Clinton Reservoir on opening day.



The Watershed recreation area has 35,000 acres of land where, with the proper permits, you can hike, horseback ride hunt and fish.

The office is at 223 Echo Lake Road, New Foundland (about a mile east of Route 23). Telephone: 973-697-2850

EJTU Shirts

Most of you have noticed that one of our board members, Elio Chiavola, has a large selection of flies available for sale at our monthly meetings. He also had nice, olive colored shirts with embroidered EJTU logo but most of them have been sold.

Elio now has a new supply of shirts - this time in stone color. He even has a few shirts in sizes to fit the ladies.

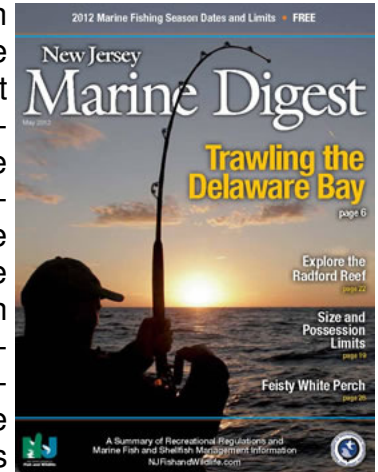


The Chapter is not trying to raise funds with these shirts! Elio buys good quality and then has to have them embroidered, so we are close to breaking even when we charge \$40 per shirt.

NJ Fishing Digests



The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife has announced that the 2012 Marine Digest is available online in PDF format. An interactive Flash version will be available soon on the publisher's website. The PDF version can be downloaded in its entirety and in



smaller segments. The print version will begin arriving the first week of May in coastal bait and tackle shops, marinas, sporting good stores, and marine supply stores.

To view (and print) the Digest or access the Flash version (when available), visit <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/digmar.htm> on the division's website.

The Freshwater Digest has been available for a while. If you don't have a copy yet you can go to the following url to read or download it: <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/digfsh.htm>

Ramapo River Day a Day for Kids

School groups, scout troops, and youth groups are invited to attend an environmental education program sponsored by East Jersey Trout Unlimited and Ramapo College faculty.

When: Saturday June 9, 2012

Time: 9:30 AM TO 12:30 PM Rain or Shine

Where: Halifax Road at the Ramapo River in Mahwah, NJ (Behind the Ramapo College tennis courts off Rt. 202)

Who Can Attend: Fourth grade through high school aged children

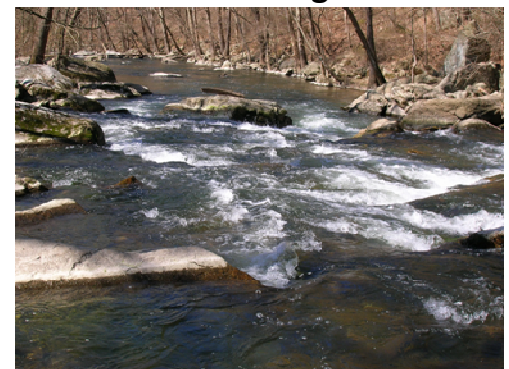
Participants will learn about the things that live and grow in the Ramapo River watershed: what makes a healthy environment, what you can do to protect it, catch and identify bugs, do water chemistry experiments, learn about non-point source pollution and botany. Try casting a fly rod and observe fly tying demonstrations.

More information is available from Rich Malizia at 973-304-0789 or email him at remqcp@optonline.net

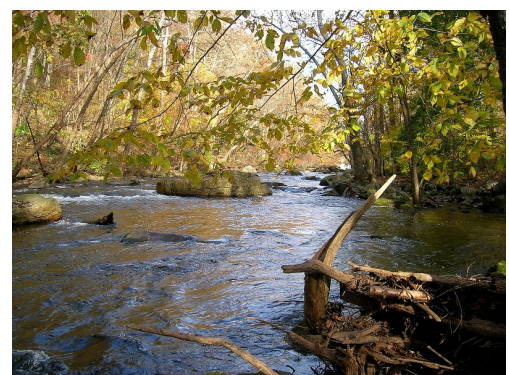
The program is offered free of charge, but attendance is limited so please reserve your spot soon. Advance registration is required.

The Bivisible: a classic attractor fly that uses two contrasting colors; the darker one easy for trout to see while the lighter one allows flyfishermen to see the fly on the water.

Two Views of the Musconetcong River



Warren Glen



Cadillac Rock

Flanders Brook

In the introduction to his 2011 book, *Flyfisher's Guide to the Big Apple*, Tom Gilmore highlights the impressive work that was done on New Jersey's Flanders Brook. Tom's first sentence in his description of the transformation of Flanders Brook is, "The fact that today we have native brook trout and stream bred brown and rainbow trout thriving in Flanders Brook – which runs parallel to and only a few feet away from the heavily traveled Route 206 – is a testament to modern environmental laws, conservation activists, and inter-governmental cooperation."

Sad to say that, according to reports from the area, the environmental laws appear to have been flouted, the inter-governmental cooperation disintegrated and Flanders Brook is now no more

than a lifeless, riprap lined trough.

When the NJ Department of Transportation had to widen Route 206 they, along with NJ DEP, Fish & Wildlife and the local TU Chapter got together and re-located the existing trout to another stream before work was begun. Then, when the highway widening was complete the Department of Transportation rebuilt the habitat with appropriately placed rocks. Trout from upstream and downstream of the work area made their way into the rebuilt stream and a year later brook trout, browns and rainbows were once again found in that section of Flanders Brook. An unusual ecological success story – for a while.

It seems that someone probably

felt that the brook might flood if it was left as it was after it was rebuilt by the cooperative governmental and volunteer effort. They removed the fish habitat, lined the banks with riprap and then filled the spaces in the riprap with finer material.

The destruction of the brook did not only eliminate trout. According to a TU member who has seen the area, if a flood does occur water will now rush down the brook to a culvert, fill the channel and probably undermine Route 206.

When the sad news about Flanders Brook was reported at a recent, statewide meeting of TU Chapters no one knew who had decided to re-channel the brook, or who had authorized or carried out the work.

Pat Hamilton, of New Jersey Department of Fish and Wildlife, wrote a one-page summary of how Flanders Brook and its trout were saved. You can find it at the url below.

Saving a Stream – The Flanders Brook Story

By Patricia L. Hamilton, Senior Fisheries Biologist
(NJ Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife)

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/flanders.htm>

If you know of a library or other appropriate institution that would like to host the EJTU display please contact Doug Penna at 201-288-4409



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