



# Riffles

The Monthly Newsletter of the  
East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## President's Beat

Trout Unlimited has always considered itself a conservation organization and not a fly fishing club. The organization's leaders never intended to exclude anyone who fishes by other methods and have from time to time made a point of trying to reach out to people who fish with spinning or casting rods, whether they use lures or bait. This has, however, not always been successful.

TU now realizes that the majority of our members are fly fisherman and that the best avenue to attract new members is through fly fishing. At East Jersey we have, over the years, gained many members through our fly fishing and fly tying classes. Some of them, including myself, have gone on to become leaders in the chapter.

My first exposure to EJTU was the Paramus Fly Tying classes. I found that the classes were run by a good group that shared my interest and that lead me to start attending meetings, clean-ups, etc. Our fall fly tying classes will be starting soon and we invite everyone to stop in and see what they are like. I often mention them at meetings and ask for new instructors, but rarely get anyone new. If you are an experienced tyer or someone that has thought about trying it, stop in and see what the classes are like; you may decide it is some-

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When: September 10 at 7:30 PM

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

## September's Meeting

Speaker  
Rich Thomas

As a member of Trout Unlimited, you probably would like to know more about our organization's accomplishments and on-going projects both in New Jersey and on the national level. Well, Rich can tell us.

Rich is head of TU's NJ State Council (somewhat like our Federal Congress with representatives from all NJ Chapters) and has been actively involved with TU National.

Come to the September meeting, have some of Vic's free coffee and learn more about TU's activities.

Welcome to  
August's  
New Members



Bill Deegan  
Kathleen Emery  
Paul Haller  
Dave Pardee  
Mahwah  
Allandale  
River Vale  
Wayne

## EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips, contact the trip coordinator well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements, openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.

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



- September 20 9 AM [Sat], Ramapo weir repairs
- September 26—28, Housatonic Trip
- October 7 [Tues.] Paramus fly-tying course begins
- October 8 Speaker "Fishing the Housatonic River"
- October 10 [Fri] NJ Fish & Wildlife Ramapo trout stocking
- October (TBD) Ken Lockwood Gorge trip
- November 1 [Sat] EJTU Ramapo trout stocking
- November (TBD) Salmon River Steelhead trip

This planet is covered with sordid men who demand that he who spends time fishing shall show returns in fish.

~Leonidas Hubbard, Jr.

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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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For Information on trips and other Chapter Activities go to [www.eastjerseytu.org](http://www.eastjerseytu.org)

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## Conservation Notes

At 9:30 Am on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting at the Ramapo River at the Glen Gray Bridge to make some adjustments in the weir removal work that was done last year. The work will include reinforcing the cross vane on the east bank and the relocation of some larger stones. We should be done in a few hours if we get enough volunteers. If you have been to the Ramapo this year, you should have observed the improved flow mid-river. Water is no longer being forced towards the banks. Our work has yielded the desired result.



You may have seen the recent news articles concerning DuPont in Pompton Lakes. Several years ago after extensive litigation, DuPont agreed to remove toxic materials that remain on their old manufacturing site. Recently, they have changed their position and are trying to get approval to cap the material in place. As in the case of Ford Motor and Ringwood, this will not be a permanent fix and will leave open the chance that these toxins will migrate to the surrounding homes. Hopefully, NJDEP will not permit this change in the clean-up plan.

The most recent assault on our waters is the plan to build a casino in the middle of Sterling Forest. After millions of dollars were spent by New Jersey and New York to secure these lands from development and protect our drinking water, a plan is underway to build a one thousand room hotel and a 10-story parking garage to support the expected 6.9 million annual visitors to the casino. It took years to finally protect Sterling Forest. Now it might be cut in half by this proposed development. There are a number of organizations that have joined together in opposition to this plan, but the developer is very aggressive and has opened a visitors' center in Tuxedo, NY to promote the casino. The treated sewage from this facility will be discharged into a tributary of the Ramapo River. Storm water runoff is also a concern. The casino and hotel will use millions of gallons of water from the Ramapo watershed. Please express your views.

*Rich Malizia*

## Fuel for Small Engines

When you fuel your leaf-or snow blower this fall you may want to follow this advice from a major outdoor equipment manufacturer:

1. Avoid gasoline with more than 10% ethanol
2. Use a fuel with a minimum of 89 octane.
3. Buy only enough fuel to last a two-month period.



This week I had to have my leaf-blower repaired because ethanol had eaten holes in fuel lines and almost destroyed the primer bulb. The damage to my unit occurred over a few years but the repairman said that he is now seeing similar alcohol-caused damage occurring in one year old equipment.

Editor

## For the Birders

### Bird Identification

The Cornell School of Ornithology has released Merlin, a great new app that makes bird identification easy. The app asks five simple questions: where did you see it, when did you see it, how big was it (you choose from a selection), what color was it and, finally, was it soaring, on a fence, in a tree, etc.

You are then presented with nice photos of birds that fit your input but, if you are still uncertain, you can listen to each bird's call. When you click on "That's My Bird" the app has a description of the species and a map of its range



Merlin has data on 400 North American bird species, 2,000 photos and 1,000 calls. And, it's FREE!

The app runs on iOS 7 devices and Android OS4 and higher (sorry, no Kindle, Nook, or Windows phone). I've been running it on a Samsung Galaxy Note 8 and find it to be fast and accurate. It may be downloaded from <http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/download/>

### Interesting stuff

Noah Stryker, editor of *Birding*, the American Birding Association magazine, has written, "*The Thing With Feathers*", a book that is hard to describe.

The three sections of the book, Body, Mind and Spirit, each contain four or five descriptions of unique characteristics or abilities of specific bird species. You can learn of the thousands of miles that snowy owls travel, why penguins are afraid of the dark, why the Aztecs made the hummingbird their god of war, how murmurations of starlings stay together and other facts that you probably never thought about. Interspersed with the bird information are bits of history and human psychology that is akin to birds'.

*The Thing With Feathers* is 288 pages, including a sections on Notes and Sources and an index.



A Murmuration of Starlings

### Murmurations of Starlings

If you've read James Lipton's 1968 book, "*An Exultation of Larks*", you probably hardly noticed the title "Murmuration". It, like the other titles in Lipton's book (e.g., Parliament of Owls, Skulk of Foxes, School of Fish), is the title of a group of living things from the fifteenth century's accepted terms in venery, starlings, in this case.

The following films are of murmurations of starlings, mostly from England where the flocks are larger than those in the US.

From the Atlantic (still photos)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2014/02/the-murmurations-of-starlings/100690/>

Two Irish girls; students out filming something else when they find themselves in the vicinity of a roost.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRNqhi2ka9k>

A nice video with a light version of Pacelbel's Canon as background music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eakKfY5aHmY>

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thing you would enjoy being involved in.

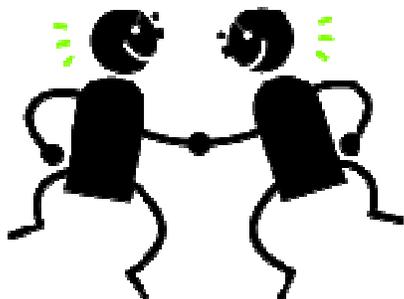
The chapter trips and BBQs/Picnics are other avenues that attract new members and get them involved. Once newcomers get to know us and see what we are about, we hope they will come to other events.

To this end the chapter is launching a new campaign. We now have business cards that offer newcomers a dozen free flies when they come to their first EJTU meeting. The directors have these cards and will hand them out to people we meet on steams, in fly shops or anywhere else. We will have the cards available at the general meetings for you to take and distribute as well.

It is important that when you see a new face at a meeting or other event, introduce yourself and try to make the newcomer feel welcome. It is normal for people to talk to their friends at chapter functions, catching up on fishing and other activities, but nothing can make new attendees feel less welcome than when everyone is in small groups talking and no one makes an effort to welcome them.

We have a great group of people in EJTU and we should make sure newbies see that when they do attend. Thanks!

Bruce Seiden



level.

The course is \$70 for the 10 weeks and there is a materials fee of \$20 for beginners.

Beginners will be supplied with all tools and materials.

To register contact the Paramus Community School at (201) 261-7800 ext.3038 or register on-line at: <http://www.ssreg.com/paramus/classes/classes.asp?catID=1232&pcatID=1153>

## Paramus Fly Tying

If you've never tied a fly but always wanted to give it a try, or if you want to take your tying to the next level, the EJTU Fly Tying classes are for you.

Our ten week course is held on Tuesday nights from 7PM to 10PM at the Westbrook Middle School in Paramus

The fall semester begins on October 7th and runs until December 9th.

We generally have 2-3 students per instructor. You will be paired with other students who are at your

## Housatonic Trip



Do you enjoy sitting around a campfire with friends, recounting the day's catch and lamenting the one that got away? Fishing a storied river that holds giant browns and acrobatic rainbows. . . well then the East Jersey Trout Unlimited camping/fishing trip to the Housatonic river in Sharon Connecticut is for you.

This three day trip will take place September 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. We will camp at the beautiful Housatonic Meadows State Park campgrounds and we will pre-plan the campsites to combine tent locations and save members money.

The three-day inland non-resident fishing license cost is \$22.00.

For more information, visit the East Jersey Trout Unlimited website or contact trip coordinator Ken Barile at: (phone) 201 316-6965 (email) [kenbarile@optonline.net](mailto:kenbarile@optonline.net)

Food tastes better around a campfire after a day of fishing, and you'll sleep like a baby in the woods, nestled amidst the fir trees. Come spend an inexpensive and memorable weekend with us.

Ken Barile  
Trip Coordinator

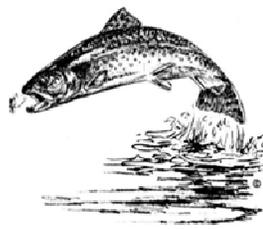
### Our Pollution

Trout Unlimited is concerned with stream pollution but, sometimes we who belong to the organization, while picking trash from stream banks, forget the simple things that we should be doing,



And not doing: like spending a pleasant day washing our cars in our driveways! That soapy water that runs into the gutter will eventually find its way into some nearby stream and cause more damage than the a tire that lays on a stream bank.

There are many simple actions like limiting the use of excess fertilizer, picking up after pets and keeping grass clippings and leaves from entering storm drains that will enhance the health of local streams. But a full list of such actions would fill a copy of Riffles, so here are a couple of sites that offer more complete information: <http://cleanwater.nj.org>, and [www.epa.gov/nps](http://www.epa.gov/nps)



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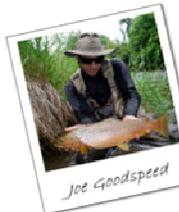


### Partridge Fly Tying Days - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014

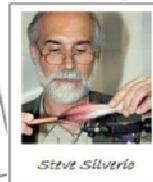
A fun, casual and informative fly tying day filled with demonstrations, presentations and workshops from 20 of the finest fly tiers across many different specialities and disciplines.

Held in the intimate surroundings of the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum the demonstrations are free and open to the public. Children are also welcome and 'Kids on the Fly' will be offering free tying lessons throughout the day!

Workshops held by some of the featured fly tiers will be available in small groups and you will be able to hone your skills at the vise with an expert sat right beside you! Equipment will be supplied but pre-registration is required\*



Joe Goodspeed



Steve Silverio



Jessica Lettich



Pat Cohen

#### Tiers

- Pat Cohen
- Michael Heck
- Joe Goodspeed
- Nicole Seymour
- Michael Brucato
- Steve Silverio
- Joe Calavecchia
- Matt Grobert
- Ricky Bassett
- Ted Patlen
- Jessica Lettich
- Johnny King
- Dale Rushby
- Peggy Brenner
- Mike Hogue
- Jacob Morrison

#### Presentations

- Joe Goodspeed**  
*'Match the hatch: Tailwater Nymphing Patterns & Technical Rigging Strategies'*
- Michael Brucato**  
*'Why you should fish a soft-hackle wet fly'*
- Mark Hamnett**  
*'Partridge Past, Present and the Future'*

#### Mayfly Club Members

- Bruce Corwin
- Bruce Marino
- Shawn F Britton
- Ed Michaels
- Ed McQuatt
- Val Kropiwnicki
- Jeffrey Phelan
- Bob Mead
- Dave (Professor) Brandt

\*Call 607-498-4991 or visit [www.detteflies.com](http://www.detteflies.com) to secure your workshop place. Maximum of 4 in a group.

### Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum

10am - 4pm

Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum  
1031 Old Route 17  
Livingston Manor  
NY 12758



### The Library Display

During September and October, 2014, the EJ TU library display will reside at Clifton's Allwood Branch Library.

This branch of the library is located at 44 Lyall Road, Clifton, NJ; [tel: 973-471-0555]



### Fall Trout Stocking

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife has announced (<http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/flstk14.htm>) that this fall's NJ State trout stocking will take place from October 7 to 15. The Ramapo River will be stocked with 1,080 trout on Friday, October 10, 2014.

As we have in past years, EJ TU will then add additional fish to those that remain in the Ramapo. The EJ TU stocking will take place on Saturday, November 1, 2014



## Fish Ways - The ABC's of Fly-Fishing

### Random Thoughts on Basic Stream Etiquette

(Normally this space is used to give advice to the novice angler, however, even veterans can use an occasional "brush up". Please let me know what I might have absentmindedly omitted.)

Angling, especially angling with a fly rod, has been called "the gentle sport". Perhaps that is because we fish primarily on foot rather than from flashy, metallic-flaked, high-powered boats. In addition, fly anglers rarely compete in any sort of tournament. We prefer to pit our knowledge and skills against the fish rather than the skills of other anglers. We are rare holdouts in an increasingly competitive society where professional athletes have forgotten the meanings of words such as "game" and "play". (E.g. consider the state of the National Basketbrawl Association.)

First and foremost, fly anglers need room. We need room for a backcast as well as a forward cast. Always give another person sufficient room for both. If, when fishing a stream, you come upon someone else, be sure to allow ample space. Personally, I make it a practice to leave the water and walk a good distance inland to reach a spot away from other anglers. Remember that many fish live under or near the banks. Don't disturb them. Fish the same water only when specifically invited. Should you encounter an angler sitting on the bank and watching (or perhaps contemplating the fate of the Universe) ask what his intentions are before entering the water. He might be resting a fish he has been stalking for the past hour.



Wade carefully, especially when fishing downstream. You will inadvertently disturb many fish by sloppy wading. Don't spoil the fishing for yourself and others.



Avoid loud noises. Ours is a tranquil sport, pursued in beautiful surroundings. Let's keep it that way. Don't yell to a friend or partner unless you are truly sure that only those in your party are nearby. If you must use a cell phone or walkie-talkie, leave the water and duck behind a tree to "answer the call". Don't openly admit you are connected to an electronic leash.

Etiquette does not carry the weight of law but rather the rules for behavior in a civilized society. Let's protect the future of our sport by conducting ourselves properly.

N.B. New Jersey law states that the license holder is solely responsible for knowing whose property he is using; the individual landowner need not "post" his boundaries. When fishing public waters, be aware of the borders. When fishing private lands, obtain permission first. Even if refused, be polite. At that moment you are an angler and an ad hoc ambassador for our sport. Contrary to popular belief, we do not have a God-given, constitutionally guaranteed right to fish where and when we choose. Fishing is a privilege; let's not abuse it.

"A man's manners are a mirror in which he shows his portrait."  
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, *Proverbs In Prose*

George Petersen

## September Fly of the Month

Hopefully the dog days of summer are behind us and the weather will start to cool off and the fishing will improve.

Early in the month we should still see Tricos in the morning and have plenty of action on Terrestrials. Isonychias and a few different Blue Wing Olives should also be around.



This month's Fly of the Month will be TRICOS, any style. Whether you prefer your Trico spinners with poly wings, hackle wings or wonder wings, or have your own special pattern, tie some of these little flies and get out there on your favorite river.