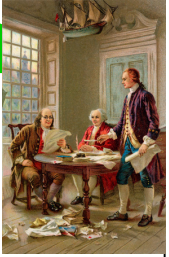




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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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Dead Trout

Summer has arrived and, after the winter conditions that we recently experienced, leaving the house on a sunny day without boots and multiple layers of clothing is delightful. But, in addition to providing energy to flowers, trees and insect life, the sun is also driving up the temperatures of most of our local trout streams. Late June's heavy rainfall may temporarily chill the streams but they will quickly heat up as water levels fall.

This of course means that if you fish a local stream and hook a trout that managed to find a cool and oxygen rich hide-out you might as well take it home and cook it since chances are that it will not survive its fight with you. Does this mean that you must spend your time on the many party boats that work the Jersey shore or put away your fishing gear and spend the summer defending your roses from Japanese Beetles? Of course not; we are surrounded by fishable water.

In addition to Monksville Reservoir, Green Turtle Pond and other, larger still waters (see *Limp Leader's* nearby column) there are ponds in a large number of our communities. And these ponds are not all fish-free; they just don't hold trout. Don't turn up your nose at fishing for Sunfish because, while Bluegills and their relatives don't have the cachet of trout, they can still make a fishing rod bend when they hit a small popper or streamer.

If you prefer to fish streams rather than still water, there is a fish that in-

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When: July 13 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
Pavillion - rear of parking lot
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

July Meeting No Speaker!

The July meeting will be held in the pavilion located at the rear of the parking lot behind the American legion Hall.

It is our second "swap meet" so you can sell or trade your excess fishing tackle and fishing or outdoor related items. Now is the time to get rid of those gadgets and rods that you always intend to use but never do.

There will be tables available for you to display your "stuff".

And, again like last year, hot dogs and hamburgers and soda will be provided.

Contact Ed Higgins with any questions: easyedh@gmail.com or call 201-791-4635.

"Last year I went fishing with Salvador Dali. He was using a dotted line. He caught every other fish."

Steven Wright

Welcome to June's New Members

Diana Cannone Oradell
Martin Kurtyka Wayne

New, Nearby Water

It isn't often that a body of water is made available to the public but Franklin Lakes recently opened the area around the old Haledon Reservoir. The property was purchased about five years ago however it remained closed to the public until now.

The lake holds a variety of warm water species and, back when I was into jumping fences, we caught both largemouth and smallmouth bass there.

The shoreline is natural and well forested but the only area that is fly rod friendly is at the dam, so you will have to dig out your devil-stick from the back of the closet and dust off your jitterbug (the plug not the dance) when you head for the lake.

Fishing should be good at least until it gets hammered by the catch and kill guys. No boats or wading permitted but some knee-high boots and bug spray should get you into some of the better spots

Access to the park is from High Mountain Road near the North Haledon/Franklin Lakes border. It is not well marked so approach slowly. The parking lot is unimproved and access to and around the lake is by footpath.

The park is open dawn to dusk. Give it a try. You might be surprised by the size of the fish.

Also for you birders, keep this area in mind for the Fall. There have always been some interesting waterfowl on the lake and now you can view them without fear of being run over on High Mountain Road.

Limp Leader

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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 East Jersey and National Trout Unlimited information, visit our website at <http://www.tu.org>. Go to chapter number 091 and you will get the latest information about our chapter.
Riffles is your publication so we invite and encourage every member to contribute articles, tips, and stories. The articles may relate to trout, trout fishing, fishing in general or conservation but all articles are published at the discretion of the editors and should meet EJTU standards regarding protecting our environment and the merits of 'catch and release' techniques. Pseudonyms may be used but the editors must be informed of the name of the member who writes the article. Email to raycapp@optonline.net

2011 Fishing Trips

There are eight tentatively scheduled fishing trips remaining in 2011. However Ed Higgins, who schedules both our fishing trips and the speakers for the membership meetings, finds that he cannot go on all of the trips that he has scheduled. Therefore, if we are to offer these trips, a few of our members will have to act as coordinators for them.

As Ed says, "Please take the time to go over the proposed trips - we all know these streams - we just need to be there on the day of the trip, maybe have coffee for the members, introduce yourself and any members who show up, and maybe offer some advice to our newer members...make them feel welcome.

"You don't have to go to Alaska or Belize to have a nice trip...some of our best times are had locally with our fellow East Jersey TU'ers. You might make some new friends.

"The dates of the trips, and the destinations of the trips are not written in stone...whoever is running the trip can change the dates, or the destinations."

These are the trips/locations (September to the Housatonic has a volunteer) that need coordinators:

- Aug 6** [Saturday] Point Mountain Park - Musconetcong
- Aug 24** [Mid-week] Ken Lockwood Gorge
- Sep 10** [Saturday] Flat Brook
- Sep 23/25** [Weekend] Housatonic
- Oct 8** [Saturday] Esopus Creek
- Oct 19** [Mid-week] Pequest
- Nov 5** [Saturday] Ken Lockwood Gorge
- Nov 23** [Mid-week] Ramapo

Call Ed Higgins [973-697-0722] to volunteer or to get further information.



Ramapo River Day

Thanks to all who tolerated the wet weather to volunteer at this year's Ramapo River Day. While our numbers were fewer than in past years, you all stepped up to get it done. Kudos to George and Bruce for hauling the equipment back and forth.



Feedback from the kids was most rewarding. While there were a number of no shows", the 60 plus kids from Paterson, Newark and suburban Bergen County were all engaged in the program. Dr. Cristini and the professors from Ramapo College did an outstanding job, as usual. They are all looking forward to doing it again next year. I hope the support from our side is there too.

Special thanks to the "pit crew" who were able to change my flat tire in record time. There is a reason to read the owners' manual that comes with your truck. Wish I had.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who made our chapter's biggest environmental education event a great success.

Rich Malizia

Want to know what TU has scheduled? Need to know how deep and fast a stream is running?

Visit the East Jersey TU web site for up-to-the-minute Information:

www.eastjerseytu.org

Lyme Disease Protection

Several years ago, while on a trip to Block Island, I noticed that I had elevated temperature, and seemed to need an excessive amount of sleep. The trip was great, but because of my condition, I didn't get to enjoy the trip as much as I might have.

It turned out, that I had come down with a case of Lyme disease. Earlier in that spring season, I had picked up several ticks while fishing & working in my garden.

Once my doctor had diagnosed my problem and put me on the proper medication for Lyme disease, I recovered quickly.

Trouble is, since that time, I have been paranoid about picking up more ticks in my travels.

I know Deet is very successful in warding off mosquitoes, black flies, and ticks. Deet has its drawbacks, though. If you apply Deet with your hands and then fail to wash it off your hands it will ruin your fly line and the plastic lenses of your sun glasses. Deet is also not recommended for use on children two years of age and younger. If it's not recommended for two year olds...I don't think it's safe on this senior, either.

Recently, I was talking with former EJTU president, Bill Borowski, about my fears, and he told me about Permethrin. Permethrin is carried at a number of local camping & outdoor stores, I picked up some at Ramsey Outdoor in Paramus in their camping department.

With Permethrin, you spray all the clothes you'll wear while out in the woods, fishing, or working in your garden, let them dry, and then wear the clothing safely. While you're spraying your cloth-



Purple Loosestrife Watch

Purple Loosestrife, an invasive perennial plant, is spreading rapidly in our wetlands, shorelines and roadside ditches. Thick stands crowd out native plants and reduce food, shelter and nesting sites for wildlife, birds, turtles and frogs.

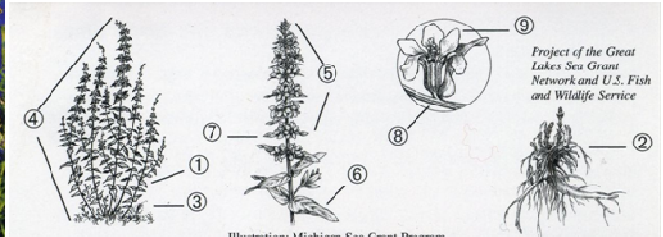


Illustration: Michigan Sea Grant Program

General Characteristics

- ① Mature plants have many stems that grow from a
- ② Root crown
- ③ Dead stems stand until spring
- ④ Height 3 to 7 feet (1 to 2 m)
- ⑤ Spike covered with many flowers
- ⑥ Downy, smooth-edged leaves
- ⑦ Leaves usually paired, opposite
- ⑧ Stem has ridges
- ⑨ Flower has several pink-purple petals

This European species has invaded nearly every US State and at least six Canadian Provinces.

If you find Purple Loosestrife, notify NJ's DEP or the US Fish and Wildlife Service [715-682-6185]

Lyme Disease Symptoms

According to MayoClinic.com Lyme disease symptoms vary widely and not everyone will have all of the signs and symptoms. However, the disease can cause:

Rash; A small, red bump may appear within a few days to a month, usually at the site of the tick bite. Over the next few days the redness expands forming a rash, often resembling a bull's-eye, that may be as small as your fingertip or as large as 12 inches across.

Flu-like symptoms

Migratory joint pain. If the infection is not treated, you may develop bouts of severe joint pain and swelling, especially in the knees, several weeks to months after you're infected.

Neurological problems. In some cases, inflammation of the membranes surrounding your brain (meningitis), temporary paralysis of one side of your face (Bell's palsy), numbness or weakness in your limbs, and impaired muscle movement may occur weeks, months or even years after an untreated infection.

ing you might want to wear a mask, because the odor does make some people gag...as an ex-smoker most of my sense of smell is gone, so it hasn't bothered me.

Once dry, the treated clothing is perfectly safe, and you're pretty much protected.

I'm still kind of paranoid about ticks & Lyme disease, but now I can still enjoy the outdoors again.

Ed Higgins



Bill Borowski adds the following:

Nice article Ed. I just bought a 24 ounce bottle (Permethrin) at Ramsey with a pump. For a few cents more you get almost three times more than in the spray can. The pump spray isn't as fine so it's not as air born as the can. The label says it will last through six washes and still be effective.

Jersey City Falcons

Last July's issue of Riffles carried a photo of the male peregrine falcon that was born in Jersey City and now, with spouse, resides in the Paulsboro's Valero Refinery in southwest New Jersey - 120 miles from his birthplace opposite Battery Park City in lower Manhattan. This is one of the many falcons that began life in the nestbox that is located atop 101 Hudson Street in Jersey City. Some of you who watch the development of each year's chicks via the web-streamed video-cam in the box know that the camera has been turned off. Why? Because the 2011 chicks have fledged and are now in the air around Jersey City.

During the June 18/19 weekend Peregrine observers watched quite a lot of action by two new fledglings. On Saturday both juveniles were perched on 101 Hudson about three floors from the top. Then on Sunday the juvenile male was seen fly-

ing within a 2-block radius of 101 Hudson Street while the juvenile female remained mostly perched about one block away, high atop 10 Exchange Place. Both adults were nearby keeping close watch on their offspring. Occasionally, the young male trailed an adult in short flights around the block.



Male fledgeling chases its female parent

Each day they should get stronger in controlling their flying and learn as they watch their parents for cues on soaring and how to catch things in mid-air. Then? Who knows...travel, adventure excitement!

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habits both – the once spurned and now increasingly sought after Carp. We may not have State record 55 pounders but, while they are difficult to catch, carp are present in a lot of local waters. In fact, last year during our clean-up in Dunkerhook Park a school of good-sized carp prowled the Saddle River just above where it joins with Ho-Ho-Kus Brook.

All these local fish wait for us and, if you want to get away from northeastern Jersey, there are always the many Smallmouths in the Delaware River.

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Important Phone Numbers

DEP Environmental Hotline

877-WARNDEP (927-6337)

24-hour toll-free number for reporting environmental complaints and abuses including spills, discharges and emergencies.

Conservation Officers

Northern Region Office

(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren)
 26 Rt. 173 West
 Hampton, NJ 08827
 908-735-8240

Central Region Office

(Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean)
 One Eldridge Rd.
 Robbinsville, NJ 08691
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Conservation Committee

While many people think that Trout Unlimited is a fishing club whose members prefer fly fishing to other versions of the sport, the organization's purpose is actually "Conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds". For this reason most TU chapters have established Conservation Committees that concentrate on conservation activities within the chapter's geographical area.

East Jersey TU's Conservation Committee has been performing this function for quite some time now; it co-hosts Ramapo River Day, sponsors clean-ups in various locations, works to improve the Ramapo River, helps the State stock trout, plants protective vegetation, and works on other conservation related activities. But now the Committee finds that it needs assistance.

A variety of health and work issues caused a number of past Committee members to cease participating in Conservation Committee activities. This reduced number of participants left the Committee with few members and the remaining, active members feel that the Committee needs to add a group of new members with a fresh outlook who can propose new ideas.

If you think that you can help the Committee, please contact any of the following:

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- Rich Malizia
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- Bruce Seiden
[Bruce_Seiden@Verizon.net].

The Committee meets for an hour or two in Paramus on the first Wednesday of every month