



Riffles

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Fishing the Ramapo

Usually when the State truck arrives at Glen Gray Road in late May for the final spring stocking the Ramapo is shallow, slow and warm – in some years the best description is puddles. This year, however, the river was high and fast throughout all of the weeks of stocking so there was plenty of good water in which the fish could move around.

After the usual Jersey summer, we would expect the Ramapo to show us its rocky bottom when the October stocking – the last of the year for the State – takes place. But not this year! This year when the State's final stocking took place on October 14 the river, as it had been for a number of weeks, was running very high and fast. Because we did not float stock that day our volunteers had to carry the State's large breeders up and down stream in buckets, and only two or three of the big fish could fit in each bucket.

At EJTU's October 29 stocking we float and bucket stocked a few hundred active fish in the morning just before the snow storm (not a traditional three-day Nor'easter as the illiterati press proclaims) paralyzed the area. Because of the downed trees and lost electric service caused by the snow it's unlikely that people will have had a chance to put many of these fish in creels.

So what's the point of this stocking history? Simply that if you are willing to endure some chilly water you may find fishing to be pretty good in the Ramapo River in late fall and winter this year.

When: November 9 at 7:30 PM

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

November Speaker

Tom Gilmore

In 2009 *New Jersey Monthly* named Tom, who is the outgoing president of the NJ Audubon Society, one of the 101 Most Influential People in New Jersey. He has been instrumental in passage of three landmark environmental laws: the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act; the Garden State Preservation Trust; and the Highlands Watershed Planning and Protection Act.

While he was sheparding the above three major pieces of legislation and building NJ Audubon from 3,000 to 20,000 members Tom also had time to write three books, *False Albacore*, *Tuna on the Fly*, and the newly published *Flyfisher's Guide to the Big Apple*, *Great Waters within 150 miles of New York City*.

Tom, a flyfishing devotee, will talk about fishing the waters in the local area.



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.

Nov 9 [Wed]

Member Mtg,
Tom Gilmore

Nov 23 [Wed]

Ramapo Trip

Dec 14 [Wed]

Christmas
Party

Jan 11 [Wed] Member Mtg. Election
of Officers

Jan 1 New licenses for NJ and PA

Apr 9 [Sat] Ramapo River Day

Apr/May [Thu] Trout stocking

Summer/Fall [Dates TBA] planting
along Cresskill Brook

December Meeting

A Party!

There will be no speaker
at our December 14 meeting.

Instead we will have a
party with catered food
and a grab bag.

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Welcome to October's New Members



Edward Carlson	Teaneck
Michael Kasselian	Fort Lee
Margaret Moran-Moretti	Galloway
Monica Richardson	Ridgewood
Thomas Tursick	Teaneck

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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.
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Progress on Bat Deaths

US Geological Survey microbiologist David Blehert and his colleagues have published a paper in *Nature* that proves that the white fungus appearing on the noses and wings of hibernating bats is what causes their deaths. Prior to this there was considerable debate as to whether White Nose Syndrome caused the bats' deaths or whether it was merely associated with another disease that was the real killer.



There are researchers also found that if they removed infected bats from the areas in which they were hibernating, placed them in warm surroundings and gave them food and water, the infection cleared up within weeks. However, since it is impossible to do this with the number of bats that are infected, other cures will have to be found and this may take quite a while.

Insect eating bats provide free pest control services to the agriculture industry but in the northeast approximately 80 percent of the bats have died from White Nose Syndrome since it appeared in NY State in 2006. The Journal *Science* published a study in April that said that the loss of bats could cost agriculture at least \$3.7 billion a year.

I love fishing. You put that line in the water and you don't know what's on the other end. Your imagination is under there.

Robert Altman

March!

Walk, stride, tramp, strut, stalk, swagger, demonstration, protest, rally; they're some of the suggestions given by Microsoft's Thesaurus when the word "march" is questioned.

But March is also the month when EJTU will hold its annual dinner.



Look for further details in future Riffles and prepare to walk, stride, tramp, etc. to a great night out.

The Library Display

Doug Penna, with the assistance of Bill Borowski, has moved East Jersey TU's library display again. The display will be in the Lyndhurst library for the month of November.



Why not drop by and take a look at it?

The Lyndhurst library is located at 355 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 [201-804-2478]. Our display is on the second floor of this unique older building.



2012 Salt Water Registries



If you intend to hit the beaches and fish the fall striper migration don't forget that you have to register with New Jersey's salt water registry.

It's not considered a license but, while the aim is different, the effect is the same. It would be a shame to catch nothing but a big fine during your outing on the sand.

In a few weeks you will have to start the process all over again if you intend to fish in salt water any time in 2012 because the salt water registries expire in December.

Registration in New Jersey is free so, if you are only going to fish in New Jersey's marine and tidal waters, you can register at the Department of Environmental Protection's web site. The free 2012 registrations had not yet begun in the first week of November but DEP states that they will begin "in early November". The web site is <http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/index.html>.



If you also want to fish New York waters in 2012 you will have to also register with New York State. Here again it's free but, if you want to fish for stripers in the Hudson up to the Tappan Zee Bridge, you must have your New York registration card with you.

You can register with New York at the same DECALS web site (<https://nyfgisales.appsolgrp.com/fgnyia/html/index.jsp>) that is used for fresh water fishing licenses. One difference from New York's fresh water licenses is that the salt water registration follow federal guidelines and are valid from January 1 to December 31.

Election of Officers

During the January 11, 2012 meeting East Jersey TU's members will elect the members of the Chapter who will serve as the new Board of Directors.

The members of the Board of Directors are volunteers who are responsible for managing the affairs and activities of the chapter. To do this, each member of the board is generally responsible for taking care of one facet of the chapter's various tasks.

The members of the Board of Directors meet for two to three hours during the evening of the last Thursday of each month throughout the year.



At the meetings the members review the Chapter's finances and membership, discuss projects that are underway and propose new projects and activities. When matters such as expenditures of the Chapter's funds are proposed, decisions are reached through majority vote of the board members; other topics are often addressed by advising responsible members how to proceed after open discussions.

There are no special requirements for membership on the board, so any member of Trout Unlimited who belongs to the East Jersey Chapter may run for a position on it.

If you would like to become a member of East Jersey TU's Board of Directors please contact Doug Penna, Chairman of the Nominating Committee at 201-288-4409 or dapdryfly1@yahoo.com

Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 Meeting



Our regular monthly meeting will be missing one thing at December's regular monthly meeting: a speaker.

Rather than have a speaker, we will have a Christmas Party.

There will be food and soft drinks supplied by a caterer and plenty of time to talk about the past year's events and what you have planned for the coming year.

There will also be a grab bag. If you wish to participate, bring a wrapped gift with a value of about \$10 and who knows what you may bring home



Fly of the Month

Everything is dwindling down after a busy year. The hatches of summer are behind us and the last of the caddis flies for the year will soon be gone.

Last call for Mayflies, the tiny blue wing olives of the fall can continue well into November and on most rivers are the last of the Mayfly hatches for the year.



So break out your finest thread and those size 22 and 24 hooks.

November's fly of the month is Olives (Mayfly Family Baetidae).





GLOBAL WARMING—OCTOBER 2011

Ramapo River Day—2012

Yes, you may feel that it's a little early to bring up an April 2012 event. However, Ramapo River Day is EJTU's largest one-day event and you will soon be entering appointments on your new 2012 calendar, so we think that you should know when the big day will be.



Rich Malizia and Dr. Angela Cristini of Ramapo College have chosen the morning of **Saturday, April 9, 2012** as the date.

Put that date in next year's calendar, don't schedule anything else for that morning and plan on coming out and enjoying a morning helping some interesting children.

Latest EJTU News

If you want to know the latest information about scheduled trips or other events, or if you want to see photos of past events, or if you just want to know what's happening with EJTU.....

Visit the East Jersey TU web site for

up-to-the-minute Information:

www.eastjerseytu.org



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