

# Rhode Island Wild Plant Society Press Release

## For Immediate Release

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### APRIL WALKS with the RI WILD PLANT SOCIETY

Get outdoors – explore and enjoy spring – come join us  
on one of our walks scheduled in April.

- ***Buds, Twigs and Bark - Learn to identify local trees***  
**Saturday, April 5, 2008 -- 1:00 -3:00 p.m.**

Tri-Pond Park Nature Center  
Asa Pond Road  
South Kingstown, RI

As spring emerges, learn to identify local trees and shrubs through their bark and buds. After some indoor exploration, we will walk a short trail at Tri-Pond Park Nature Center to try our skills. Spring will be in the air -- an ideal time to learn before using your knowledge later on walks in the woods. Bring pencil and paper for notes.

Leader: **Frances Topping**, a naturalist interested in the interactions of plants and animals, including humans. Frances holds a BS in Geography with Botany and Zoology from Sheffield University, England, a Graphic Design degree from Akron, Ohio and a certificate in Natural Science Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Registration required. Contact Frances at 401-364-8002. Fee \$8.00 RIWPS members, \$10.00 non-members.

- ***Amphibian Vernal Pool Walk***  
**Saturday, [April 19, 2008](#) -- 10:00 a.m.**  
**(new date – formerly 4/12)**

Carolina Management Area

This walk will focus on vernal pools and breeding ecology of pond-breeding amphibians. We will visit a number of vernal pools in the Carolina Management Area, hiking on trails with a mild terrain. Meet in Stop and Shop parking lot in Hope Valley (east side of I-95, on Rte. 138).

Leader: **URI Professor Peter Paton**. Pre-register with Peter at [ppaton@uri.edu](mailto:ppaton@uri.edu) or call the RIWPS office at 789-7497. Fee: \$3.00 RIWPS members, \$5.00 non-members.