



RI WILD PLANT SOCIETY

Fall 2009  
Walks & Programs  
visit our website at  
www.riwps.org

Pre-registration required at least 48 hours in advance, except where noted. Our programs fill up fast so be sure to lead in your payment to secure your spot. Call 789-7497 to register and for more information. E-mail: office@riwps.org

Registered participants will receive directions to the site and more details by e-mail or telephone.

**RIWPS. PO Box 414, Exeter, RI 02822 (401) 789-7497**

**PLANT FORMS WORKSHOPS: II and III**  
Postponed to 2010



**STILT GRASS PULL:**  
A RIWPS Volunteer Service Project

Charlestown  
**Sat., Sept. 26, 2009 ~ 9:45am-Noon NEW DATE!**  
Leader: NEIL ANTHES, Experienced "Puller"

Here is a chance to help in the attack on invasive plant, Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*). Stiltgrass is an annual grass that is easy to ID and easy to pull. Work was done this summer, but a few specimens are still waiting for us. We are needed to help remove them BEFORE they drop their seed!

Gloves and bug spray provided. Wear long sleeves, long pants and rugged closed shoes or boots. Bring water. Easy.

FREE! But registration required, so we can contact you with further information or changes if necessary.

Min. #4, Max. #15

**NO RAIN DATE!**

### SEED EXCHANGE WORKSHOP

Exeter

**Wed., Sept. 30, 2009 ~ 10-Noon**

Coordinators: JOAN PILSON & KAREN ASHER

Learn how to harvest, clean, and store the bounty of your native plant garden in this hands on workshop. We will focus on ripeness of seed, collection methods, proper cleaning, drying and storage techniques. Each participant is invited to bring native seeds from their garden to share.

Everyone will go home with seeds they have planted, additional seeds to plant at home and instructions on how to treat and care for them. Hand outs will be provided.

The four instructors are experienced members of RIWPS Seed Starters groups. Easy.  
Min. #5, Max. #15

**Fee:** \$5.00 Members; \$7 Nonmembers.

### MUSHROOM WALK: Open to Members Only

West Greenwich

**Thurs., Oct. 1, 2009 ~ 3-5 pm**

Leaders: NOEL ROWE, experienced amateur  
Mushroom Enthusiast

Fungus is everywhere but mostly we only notice it when it decides to send out its spore producing fruit, the mushroom. At the Nettie Marie Jones Nature Preserve the variety of habitats, from the mixed hardwood forest to streams and old fields, should give us a diversity of mushrooms to look for and learn about.

We will pick one of each type and try to identify it to a major group. There is NO collecting on this foray. You are advised never to eat a wild mushroom unless you are positive of its species. Many mushrooms look alike, but some are deadly. Easy.

Min. #5, Max. #15

**Fee:** \$5, Due to overwhelming response in the past – this program is being offered to **RIWPS members only**.



### CELEBRATE OUR COAST!

Joint program of RIWPS & the US Fish & Wildlife Service

Sachuest Wildlife Refuge, Middletown

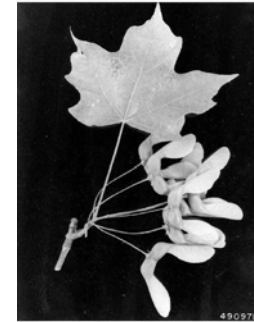
**Sun., Oct. 18, 2009 ~ 3-5pm**

Leader: JANIS NEPSHINSKY, Visitor Service Mgr.,  
USFWS, Sachuest Wildlife Refuge

Our Leader will explore with us the dramatic coastal setting at Sachuest Point. She will point out native plants and invasive species in the brushland, grassland, pebbly beaches and rocky shores. Inside you can check out the educational exhibits, while outside you have the spectacular views of the Sakonnet River and the Atlantic Ocean. Easy.

Min. #5, Max. #15

**FREE!** But registration is required.



### ROARING BROOK

Arcadia, Exeter

**Sat., Oct. 24, 2009 ~ 9 am-noon**

Leader: DOUG MCGRADY

The area around Roaring Brook and Teft Hill is a mature hardwood forest with rich, moist soils. Several small streams carry water through the forest and fill the ponds. American Beech, Sugar Maple, Tulip Trees and Red Oaks are the dominate tree species. This is not a typical environment for Rhode Island. The presence of Sugar Maples indicates less acidic soils. We will look for late season flowers and ferns, and whatever else is still green. Moderate.

Min. #5, Max. #15

**Fee:** \$5. Members; \$7. Non-members.



## November General Meeting

Guest Speaker: Keith Killingbeck  
Professor of Biological Sciences &  
Associate Dean of the Graduate School  
at the University of Rhode Island

*Adrift on the wind: the Chemistry  
and Charisma of Autumn Leaves*

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

**Time:** 1:00 – 1:30 pm Business Meeting, 1:30-2:00 pm Refreshments & Fellowship, 2:00-3:00 pm Speaker

**Location:** RI Historical Society, Aldrich House, 110 Benevolent St., Providence, RI

*Street parking only (no parking lot)*

Surnames A-N are asked to bring refreshments to share

*Free and open to the public*

**WE WELCOME** people of all botanical abilities at our events. Beginners or experts, amateurs or professionals ... we all come to enjoy and learn about wild plants.

### WALK NOTES & GUIDELINES

Most of our programs can accommodate only a limited number of participants, so we ask that you do the following to secure your spot:

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for all events with fees (and sometimes for those without fees). Register by contacting the RIWPS office at 401-789-7497 (be sure to leave a message – we'll get back to you within 24 hours) or office@riwps.org, or on occasion, the person listed as a contact. Registration closes 48 hours before the walk, and may fill up even sooner, so please register early.

**STANDARD FEE** for members is \$5, for non-members, \$7. Payment must be made 48 hours prior to the walk. If you have a program credit, be sure to let us know. Send check to RIWPS, PO Box 414, Exeter, RI 02822.

**CONFIRMATION:** Registered participants will receive directions to the site and more details by e-mail or telephone. Email is the most efficient and timely way to receive a quick response. Remember we often have a waiting list for the walks and programs, so it is to your benefit to complete your registration as soon as possible.

**DIFFICULTY:** For your guidance, our walks are rated *easy*, *moderate*, or *strenuous* for healthy people of average physical ability. Our leaders are volunteers with no special training in first aid; therefore, participants assume full responsibility for their own well being.

**CANCELLATION:** If you must cancel, please notify the office as soon as possible so that we may notify those on the waiting list. Please call and leave a voice mail message. If you cancel within 24 hours of an event, or on a weekend, call the RIWPS office at 401-789-7497 and leave a message.

**DRESS AND EQUIPMENT FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS:** Dress appropriately, usually in long pants, socks (for protection from poison ivy, briars and ticks) and sturdy shoes. Equipment options might include insect repellent, hat, rubber boots, field guides, hand lens, small notebook, and/or hiking stick.

## Save the Date



*Winter Party for RIWPS Members*

*December 4<sup>th</sup>*

*5pm to 9pm*

*St. Paul's Parish Hall*

*79 Main Street, Wickford*

## Walk Pass Policy Change!

If your **Free Walk Pass** does not have an expiration date ... it will expire 12/31/2009. So be sure to take advantage of the fall program line up!

Only **new** members receive the **Free Walk Pass**. All current passes will have an expiration date on them.



### One Free Walk Pass

*This certificate may be redeemed for any future RIWPS walk or lecture by writing your choice of program and its date on the lines provided below and using it as payment when you register.*

RIWPS Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Pass No. \_\_\_\_\_