

The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society – Membership Application

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please enroll me as a member of the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$37)	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing (\$75)	<input type="checkbox"/> Affiliate (\$40)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$53)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsoring (\$150)	<input type="checkbox"/> Life – Individual (\$1,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Income/Student (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (\$500)	<input type="checkbox"/> Life – Couple (\$1,500)

I'd like to pay with my credit card Visa MasterCard Amount \$ _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Credit Card Number _____ Signature _____

Please make checks payable to RIWPS and mail this form back to RIWPS, P.O. Box 414, Exeter, RI 02822
**RIWPS is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions and dues in excess of \$5 are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.*

RIWPS membership has its benefits!

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE RHODE ISLAND WILD PLANT SOCIETY

If you value Rhode Island's unique environment and want to protect our native plants and their habitats, then please consider becoming a member of the Rhode Island Wild Plant Society. We rely on our members' support to continue our many plant conservation and education initiatives.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

As a member, you not only receive the satisfaction of protecting our threatened native plants and their habitats, but also numerous other benefits.

- Receive the *WildfloraRI* bulletin three times a year including event calendars and wild flower cultivation notes.
- Get our monthly E-Newsletter delivered directly to your in box. It will keep you up to date on all our activities.
- Early admission for non-organizational memberships and first pick at our Spring Plant Sales - featuring a large selection of native plants and shrubs, a silent auction featuring rare and collectable plants, and great deals for avid gardeners.
- Invitations to our General Meetings (in November, January, and March) with highly-regarded guest speakers.
- Reduced rates on over 30 educational walks and workshops year 'round.
- Family Memberships and above receive free walk passes to share with friends & family. (All new members receive a free walk pass)
- 10% discount at over 20 local New England nurseries.
- Meet new people who share similar interests and participate in RIWPS initiatives like native plant propagation, the RI Flower Show, and restoration projects.



The Rhode Island Wild Plant Society is a non-profit organization devoted to the *conservation* of Rhode Island's native plants through *Habitat Preservation, Education, Propagation, and Recreational Programs*



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Walk with RIWPS in Nature's Garden...

Summer-Fall 2011

Diversity in a Level IV Ecoregion

What's an ecoregion and how would knowing more about the ones we live in Rhode Island help us better understand and promote native plants?

The EPA has identified **three Level IV ecoregions that cover Rhode Island** – Southern New England Coastal Plains and Hills (59c), Narragansett/Bristol Lowland (59e) and Long Island Sound Coastal Lowland (59g). Moving up one level to Level III, Rhode Island, much of Connecticut and central and eastern Massachusetts belong to the **Northeastern Coastal Zone**.

While native plants are beautiful, adaptable and contextually appropriate. Bill Cullina strengthens the case for planting **natives because they foster biodiversity** by providing food directly or indirectly for just about every other living thing. The Rhody Native project is designed to create a production and distribution system to bring more native Rhode Island plants to the marketplace – and therefore into a variety of residential and institutional landscapes.

Three RIWPS summer walks lead by Doug McGrady will take a closer look at Ecoregion 59c to help us see which plants thrive under what conditions. We'll also become more conversant with the interplay of soil, water, flora and fauna in managed and natural ecosystems.

PINE TOP

Leader: Doug McGrady
Location: Arcadia Wildlife Management Area, West Greenwich, RI
Date: Saturday, June 25
Time: 9 – noon
Effort: Moderate

BRUSHY BROOK

Leader: Doug McGrady
Location: Arcadia Wildlife Management Area, Exeter
Date: Saturday, July 16
Time: 9 – noon
Effort: Moderate to strenuous

NICHOLAS FARM WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Location: Coventry, RI
Date: Saturday, September 17
Time: 9-noon
Effort: Moderate

RARE NATIVES IN A CITY PARK

Leader: Francis Underwood
Location: Warwick City Park, Buttonwoods section
Date: Wednesday July 20, 2011
Time: 10 am to 12 noon

Fee for above programs: Mem. \$5, non-mems. \$10

For a full descriptions of the above programs and additional programs -- visit our website: www.RIWPS.org

Pre-registration required at least 48 hours in advance, except where noted. Our programs fill up fast so be sure to send in your payment to secure your spot.

To register and for more information please contact the RIWPS Office:

Mail: P.O. Box 414, Exeter, RI 02822
Email: office@riwps.org | Voicemail: 789-7497

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

Save the Date!

November 12th

Lisa Lofland Gould Annual Lecture

Guest Speaker: Arthur Haines

New England Wildflower Society
Research Botanist

Please check the activities you would like to participate in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Annual Spring Plant Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> RI Flower Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical Inventories | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Seed Starters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Speakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> Walk Leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity / Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |

Any skill, interests, or occupational experience you would like to share? _____

Please include any comments you might have about how we can make RIWPS better. _____
