

## Summer 2010 Nature Talk Series

at The Loon Center

Lee's Mills Road, Moultonborough, NH

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Thursdays, 7:30 P.M. • Admission Free • Donations Appreciated

**Thursday, July 1**

### **LOONS – The Call of the Wild**

Loon Preservation Committee Director Harry Vogel and award winning nature photographer John Rockwood team up for a presentation for loon lovers. John's slide show follows loons from their arrival in the spring to their departure in the fall. Harry will talk about the work of LPC biologists and how loon watcher volunteers can help to preserve loons.

**Thursday, July 8**

### **Summer Birds of the Lakes Region**

Life-long birdwatchers, Bob and Dana Fox give an illustrated talk on the summer birds of the lakes region. Sharing photos of the 50 most common summer birds seen in their different habitats, they'll also provide tips on how to identify them and play many of their calls.

**Thursday, July 15**

### **Fantastic Fungi I Have Loved and Known**

Join seasoned mycologist Rick Van de Poll for a colorful tour of the fantastic (and infamous) fungi of the Lakes Region. Learn to separate the edible from the poisonous, the common from the rare, as well as how to prepare mushrooms for winter consumption long after they have retreated underground.

**Thursday, July 22**

### **All About Comets – Far Out!**

The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center comes to the Loon Center to answer all your questions about comets! Where do they come from? What are they made of? In a hands-on demonstration, they will make a comet out of common materials like dry ice, syrup and cookies. Don't miss this fun learning experience.

**Thursday, July 29**

### **Bald Eagles – The Story of their Recovery in NH**

Chris Martin, wildlife biologist for NH Audubon, monitors and manages the state's endangered and threatened birds of prey, such as bald eagles. Chris will describe eagle recovery successes and failures in the Lakes Region and beyond, describe key management efforts and partnerships to help eagles, and tell you how you can get involved.

**Thursday, August 5**

### **They're Green & Mean: Exotic Aquatic Plants**

Amy Smagula, Limnologist with the Dept. of Environmental Services, provides a look at the problems caused by infestations of exotic aquatic plants, such as milfoil. Find out what the State is doing to combat the problems and learn how you can help through volunteering to watch the weeds!

**Thursday, August 12**

### **NH Wildlife and Climate Change**

Retired NH Fish and Game biologist, Eric Orff, discusses the current and future effects of climate change on fish and wildlife in New Hampshire. Eric now works for the National Wildlife Federation and is an author, lecturer and photographer.

**Thursday, August 19**

### **Wildlife Tracking in the Northeast**

Photographer, Park Ranger and Naturalist Ed Sharron offers a glimpse into the life of a wild animal. Much more than just looking at footprints, tracking can often tell you how fast an animal was moving, what its mood was when it made them, and what it recently had for a meal (if you come upon scat), and more. This informative presentation features videos and animal sounds as well as track casts and skull replicas.

**Thursday, August 26**

### **2010 Loon Season Report**

LPC Director Harry Vogel will present trends in New Hampshire's loon population and preliminary statistics on how loons fared in New Hampshire over the last year. Also featured will be a slide show by nature photographer John Rockwood. The Loon Preservation Committee Annual Meeting will follow.