



The
Lussier Family Heritage Center

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NATURE NOTES

Spring is just around the corner! The light is shifting back to daylight hours and gives us hope to get outside, get muddy and see some green, growing things. A little vitamin D from the sun is a cheering thought as we wait for the last snow pile remnants to be washed away in the spring rains.

Take a look around for the **Eastern Bluebirds**. This red-throated, blue-winged beauty can be found in Wisconsin throughout the year, but local sighting opportunities will grow in early March with the return of migratory birds. By early April, the number of new birds will reach its peak.

A sure sign of warmer weather, easy to spot **Dandelions** burst forth with a fury in the spring. Our hard working pollinators rely on the buttery blooms for their first food as they emerge from hibernation.

As soon as the water unfreezes, listen for **Wood Frogs**. You'll have to have sharp eyes to find them, as they've got great camouflage, with spots and stripes in earthy browns and greens that help them blend in with forest floors.

Bumble bees are important pollinators. You will probably be able to find a fuzzy little body in our pollinator garden! Created by MAMGA and our naturalist, Clare Carlson, it's a hot spot for hungry bumblebees. In recent years, several of the species that occur in Wisconsin have been in decline.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 17: Gallery Night - A Celebration of Earth Day. Help us celebrate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day with nature and environmental justice themed art. 6-8pm.

April 23-May 16: WI Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Course. Registration Required.

May 1 & 15: 9am-Noon - Prairie Restoration Volunteer Work Days - Meet at the Heritage Center.

June 6: National Trails Day. Join us for fun along the Lower Yahara River Trail.

June 15: Bumble Bee Brigade Training - Citizen Science. Learn to identify bumble bees & join our team.

For more details on events, visit our website:

LussierHeritageCenter.com/events



I SPY...

Can you find these in the park?

Tag us! Lussier Family Heritage Center



Eastern Bluebird



Wood Frog



Eastern Bumble Bee



Dandelion