

All programs are free of charge and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

September 2011

- 1 Nighthawk Migration: Circus in the Sky**
Thursday, September 1, 7:00 pm
This is the second of two opportunities to join members of the Monticello Bird Club in watching the nighthawk's acrobatics as it does its aerial feeding on hunting circuits from the reservoir to native grass field. Free and open to the public. Meet in the parking lot of Ivy Creek Natural Area.



- 1 Central Virginia Beekeepers Meeting**
Thursday, September 1, 7:00 pm
Hear Keith Tignor, our State Apiarist, share the latest information on Varroa mite control, state beekeeping trends, and other beekeeping practices. Beginners welcome. No charge. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area. Find out the latest at their website at <http://centralvirginiabeekeepers.org>
- 3 First Saturday Bird Walk**
Saturday, September 3, 7:30 am
Come join Peter Brask for an early morning bird walk. Cosponsored by the Monticello Bird Club. Beginners always welcome. Meet in the parking lot at Ivy Creek Natural Area.
- 8 Monticello Bird Club Meeting**
Thursday, September 8, 7:00 pm
Ken Klotz and Marcelle Morel will guide you on a journey to the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard where polar bears roam the sea ice millions of sea birds nest in the rocky cliffs. Come experience this fascinating world of the midnight sun and the plants and animals adapted to survive in its harsh conditions. Presentation free and open to the public. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

- 10 Plant Walk – Fruits and Flowers**
Saturday, September 10, 9:00 am
Enjoy the fruits and flowers of late summer and early fall on a plant walk with Phil Stokes and Mary Lee Epps. We'll see yellow wingstems, white rabbit tobacco, and orange jewelweed to name a few. *Cosponsored by the Virginia Native Plant Society.* Meet by the kiosk next to the parking lot at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

Young People Only: Junior Naturalist Clubs Gear Up for Fall Register now!

The 4H Junior Naturalist clubs at Ivy Creek offer fun, outdoor activities exploring the fields, forests, and streams of Ivy Creek and Ragged Mountain Natural Areas. We will learn about the native plants and wildlife of our area (including snakes, spiders and bats!).

The clubs meet every other Monday from 4:00 – 5:30 pm at the Ivy Creek Natural Area, beginning September 19th. Two sections, for ages 6-9 and ages 10-13, provide age-appropriate activities. Pre-registration is required. To register, email Dan Bieker at [danbieker@gmail.com](mailto:dانبieker@gmail.com) or phone at 434-971-9618.

*This program is co-sponsored with Virginia
Cooperative Extension 4-H*

- 13 Ivy Creek Guide Training**
Tuesday, September 13, 9:30 am
Become a volunteer guide! Learn the trails and how to be a basic naturalist. Topics covered include mammals, reptiles, amphibians, trees, plants, birds, and the history of River View Farm. Meet every Tuesday morning. We'll start in the Education Center. Free. For more information contact Bruce Gatling-Austin at programs@ivycreekfoundation.org
- 14 Virginia Native Plant Society Meeting**
Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 pm
Come hear Repp Glaettli, a Master Naturalist and Jefferson Chapter Board Member, who

works on storm water management for Albemarle County. He will speak on native fish of the Rivanna and James Rivers. Meetings are free and open to all in the Education Center at the Ivy Creek Natural Area.

18 Ivy Creek Foundation Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 18, 2:00 pm

After the introduction of new board members and acknowledgment of outgoing board members, hear about the ongoing work on the barn, the recent rededication of Mary Carr Greer Elementary School, and a presentation by Author Jean L. Cooper, "A Genealogical View of the Hydraulic Mills Community." Refreshments provided. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

24 September Family Nature Walk

Saturday, September 24, 10:00 am

Join Bruce Gatling-Austin, the Ivy Creek Education Coordinator for a nature walk geared to families. Especially good for beginners. We'll share the latest nature has to offer that day. Meet in the parking lot of the Ivy Creek Natural Area. The event is free.

29 Ivy Creek Toddler Time

Thursday, September 29, 10:00 am

Introduce your toddler to nature with this short talk and trail walk for three to five year olds. Volunteer guide Rachel Bush will host, starting in the Education Center at the Ivy Creek Natural Area. The event is free.

October 2011

1 First Saturday Bird Walk

Saturday, October 1, 7:30 am

Walk with Dave Hogg for an early autumn bird walk. Cosponsored by the *Monticello Bird Club*. Beginners are always welcome. Meet in the parking lot at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

1 Bird Identification Clues and Hints

Saturday, October 1, 9:30 am

Learn from Elinor Miller the secrets that field guides provide to help you identify the yard birds and the clues birds give us through our

eyes and ears and by their behavior. First of a three part series each month after the bird walk. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

6 Central Virginia Beekeepers Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 7:00 pm

Beginners welcome to our October meeting. No charge. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area. Find out the latest at <http://centralvirginiabeekeepers.org>

**Monticello Bird Club Seed Sale
Annual Bird Seed Sale – October**

Many different kinds of seed to choose from! Funds raised in the sale are used by the Monticello Bird Club to support nature-related educational and conservation projects. Sale runs only during October! For order forms, visit the Monticello Bird Club website at monticellobirdclub.org, call Jim Hill at (434) 975-6523 or email at jimcarhill@comcast.net.

11 TechnoTrees and Natural Trees

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 pm

Enjoy a photographic presentation of natural trees and "TechnoTrees," the man-made structures that are displacing them, with some reflections on what the shift means. Not technical at all. Should be interesting and fun for people anywhere from teenagers on up. Free and open to all in the Education Center at the Ivy Creek Natural Area.

12 Virginia Native Plant Society Meeting

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 pm

Come hear Catherine D. Mayes, Chairman for the Virginia Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation and state treasurer for the Virginia Native Plant Society will speak on the impact of chestnut blight on the ecology of central Virginia and bring you up to date on efforts to restore the tree to its former glory in our area. Meetings are free and open to all in the Education Center at the Ivy Creek Natural Area.

13 Monticello Bird Club Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 pm

Hear Bob Ake talk about his personal "big year" in North American birding. Hear the

why, hows, and wheres of a “big year.” Beginners welcome. Free and open to the public. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

15 Plant Walk - Invasives

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 am

Learn to identify and control non-native invasive plants in this walk guided by Will Shaw. Meet at the kiosk by the parking lot at the Ivy Creek Natural Area. *Cosponsored by the Virginia Native Plant Society.*

15 StreamWatch Training Workshop

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 am

In this StreamWatch introductory training, learn the fundamentals of benthic invertebrate sampling to gauge water quality and stream health. Class size is limited, and a reservation is required. Contact Rose Brown at 962-3527 or rose@streamwatch.org. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area off of Earlysville Road.

20 Volunteer Work Day

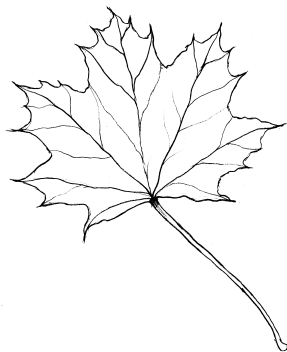
Thursday, October 20, 9:00 am

Join volunteers to work on field restoration, invasive plant removal, and various trail improvements such as water bar repairs and trail widening. Wear appropriate clothing. Meet in front of the barn.

22 October Family Nature Walk

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 am

Join Bruce Gatling-Austin, the Ivy Creek Education Coordinator for a nature walk geared to families. Especially good for beginners. We'll share the latest nature has to offer that day. Meet in the parking lot of the Ivy Creek Natural Area. The event is free.



23 Ivy Creek Natural Area Forest Walk

Sunday, October 23, 2:00 pm

Join Ellen Powell of the Virginia Department of Forestry on an autumn walk at Ivy Creek Natural Area to learn to identify trees indigenous to Central Virginia. Meet in the parking lot of Ivy Creek Natural Area.

27 Ivy Creek Toddler Time

Thursday, October 27, 10:00 am

Introduce your toddler to nature with this short talk and trail walk for three to five year olds. Volunteer guide Rachel Bush will host, starting in the Education Center at the Ivy Creek Natural Area. The event is free.

29 The Restless Earth

Saturday, October 29, 2:00 pm

Join W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., for an exploration of the wonders of the formation of the earth, its uniqueness and continuing restlessness. Learn how the earth and moon were made, the features that had to be “just right” for the earth to support life and the anatomy of the earth. The earth continues to evolve and the continents to move, creating mountains, oceans, earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. All of these features will be discussed in an clear and understandable fashion. Free and open to the public in the Education Center of Ivy Creek Natural Area.

29 Ragged Mountain Natural Area Night Walk

Saturday, October 29, 7:30 pm

Take a nighttime walk at the Ragged Mountain Natural Area and experience the ghostly presence of Edgar Allan Poe who found refuge here while a student at the University of Virginia. Not recommended for small children. Flashlights a must! Directions to the Ragged Mountain Natural Area can be found at ivycreekfoundation.org/RMNA.html.

November 2011

5 First Saturday Bird Walk

Saturday, November 5, 7:30 am

Walk with Peter Dutnell for a late autumn bird walk. Cosponsored by the *Monticello Bird Club*. Beginners are always welcome. Meet in the parking lot at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

5 Which Birds Are Coming to Dinner?

Saturday, November 5, 9:30 am

Learn from Elinor Miller which birds are most likely to be our visitors this fall and winter. Second of three part series each month after

the bird walk. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area.

Check the ivycreekfoundation.org website for Brown College Visiting Environmental Writers and Scholars (ViEWS) Lecture Series.

9 Virginia Native Plant Society Meeting

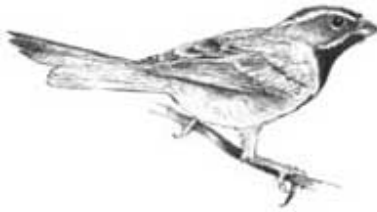
Wednesday, November 9, 7:30 pm

Come hear Michelle Prysby, the State Coordinator for the Virginia Master Naturalist Program, will speak on the many ways that urbanization can influence local ecology, for example by affecting soils, hydrology, plant and animal diversity, and even climate. She will also discuss some simple conservation landscaping practices that can help improve habitat quality in urban and suburban areas. Meetings are free and open to all in the Education Center at the Ivy Creek Natural Area.

10 Monticello Bird Club Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 pm

Listen as Peter Nebel talks about the amazing birds from far off Korea and/or Qatar. Beginners welcome. Free and open to the public. Meet in the Education Center.



12 Rescue Ivy Creek from Invasives

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am

Volunteer to help remove the oriental bittersweet and autumn olive destroying prime habitats along the Red Trail. After a quick review of invasives and the tools for removal, we'll work for 2 hours. Tool and gloves will be provided, but bring your own if you prefer. Meet Phil Stokes at the kiosk near the parking lot.



15 Forests and Global Warming

Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 pm

A discussion of both the part forests play in global warming and the impact global warming has on forests. Should help people appreciate the key role forests play on what may be the greatest challenge humans will face in the next hundred years.

17 Volunteer Work Day

Thursday, November 17, 9:00 am

Join volunteers to work on field restoration, invasive plant removal, and various trail improvements such as water bar repairs and trail widening. Wear appropriate clothing. Meet in front of the barn.

18 Starry Night at Ivy Creek

Friday, November 18, 7:00 pm

Give thanks for the stars, planets, and the moon at Ivy Creek. Jupiter, Neptune and Uranus should be well placed for our observation. The Andromeda Galaxy will be visible as well as other deep sky objects. Meet in the outdoor viewing area next to the barn. Use the Charlottesville Astronomical Society's telescopes or bring your own. Free and open to all. Cloudy skies will cancel this event.

For updates and additional events check out ivycreekfoundation.org/calendar.html

December 2011

3 First Saturday Bird Walk

Saturday, December 3, 7:30 am

Come join Teresa Shaner for an early morning bird walk. Cosponsored by the Monticello Bird Club. Beginners always welcome. Meet in the parking lot.

3 What Will the Birds Eat? How Should We Feed Them?

Saturday, December 3, 9:30 am

Learn from Elinor Miller what will attract birds to our fall and winter yards? What kind of feeders should we use and what should we feed them? Last of three part series each month after the bird walk. Meet in the Education Center at Ivy Creek Natural Area.