

Environmental Lecture Series



at the Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center

Join us at the Thomas G. Crowder Woodland Center for an exciting environmental lecture series every 2nd Monday of the month. With a new topic each month, there is something for everyone. We will have professionals and graduate students presenting on topics that they know best!



What You Need to Know About Mosquitoes in This Modern World

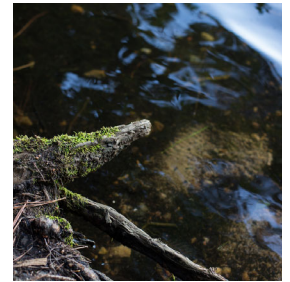
April 13th 7-8 PM Michael Reiskind #253444

Mosquitoes are a group of flies that are almost universally hated. Sometimes this is with good reason, as mosquitoes can be annoying biters and carry dangerous pathogens. However, there is much about their biology that is interesting and even beneficial. Balancing annoyance, public health threat, cost, and environmental damage is a challenge, but necessary for long-term, sustainable interactions with these fascinating insects. Join us as Michael Reiskind Associate Professor of NCSU Public Health Entomology shares with us his work on striking the balance with this pernicious little arthropod.

Here There Be Dragons

May 18th 7-8 PM Christine Goforth #253308

Dragonflies and damselflies are a common sight along most bodies of water, a gorgeous sign of summer in North Carolina. Join Chris Goforth from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences to learn which dragonflies travel in front of storms, the crazy acrobatics required to reproduce, and the fantastic way that dragonfly nymphs live up to “dragon” in their name. Dragonflies and damselflies are truly unique animals, so come get to know a few local species and hear all about the amazing biology, behavior, and body parts that make these creatures so fascinating!



The Carolina Wetlands Association, Protecting the Wetland Treasures of the Carolinas

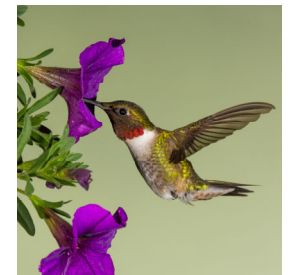
June 8th 7-8 PM Rick Savage #253309

Carolina wetlands are diverse habitats found across the coastal plain, piedmont, and mountain regions of North and South Carolina and are often described as the “kidneys of the landscape” because of the important natural benefits they provide. This month Rick Savage, president of the Carolina Wetlands Association will be joining us to share the value of wetlands in mitigating flooding and providing community resilience. He will also share the important work the Carolina Wetlands Association does towards researching, rebuilding, and protecting this valuable resource and how you can get involved.

Hummingbirds in North Carolina

July 13th 7-8 PM Susan Campbell #253310

This month Susan Campbell, well-known hummingbird bander and Research Affiliate with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences will be joining us. Susan has been studying hummingbirds statewide for over twenty years. She will discuss the distribution, movements and ecology of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds in our area. She will also include tips on attracting these winged gems to your property.



***Earn 1 hour of criteria III EE credit. Attendance is free.
Advance registration is not required but is helpful for planning purposes.***

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