

*Wisconsin
Phenological Society
Financial Statement*

*for the fiscal year
beginning March 31, 2013 and
ending March 31, 2014*

Balance as of March 31, 2013	\$2,468.24
Withdrawals	\$199.30
Deposits	\$82.00
Interest	\$1.20
Balance as of March 31, 2014	\$2,352.14
<i>Waukesha State Bank, 100 Bank Street PO Box 648 Waukesha, WI 53187</i>	

**Phenology on the
World Wide Web**



The internet is full of phenological possibilities. Check out the following links:

- ♣ www.usanpn.org - The USA National Phenology Network website. Participation by citizen scientists is strongly encouraged.
- ♣ www.usanpn.org/natures_notebook - The USA National Phenology Network Nature's Notebook online observation system
- ♣ www.usanpn.org/lilac - The USA National Phenology Network Cloned Plants Project
- ♣ www.naturenet.com/EarthAlive - Phenology for children, families and classrooms.
- ♣ budburst.org - Project Budburst—a NEON field campaign

Please support the Wisconsin Phenological Society's objectives by paying annual dues or becoming a life member. Annual dues are used primarily to defray the mailing cost of this Newsletter.

Name _____

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(street) (city) (state) (zip)

Check the Appropriate items:

- \$2 for 2014/15 dues
- \$_____ as further contribution to the work of the Society
- \$50 Lifetime Membership
- Please delete my name from the membership list
- Please send me information regarding programs of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters

Please send the above information along with your dues to:
Mark D. Schwartz, President, Wisconsin Phenological Society
c/o Geography Department, UW-Milwaukee, PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201

Data collection sheets are no longer being used. Please register and report your observations at http://www.usanpn.org/natures_notebook. If you do not have access to the Internet, contact Mark D. Schwartz and request a paper observation form.

**Wisconsin Phenological
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WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting
On Saturday, May 10, 2014
From 1:00 - 4:00 pm
UW-Milwaukee Field Station
3095 Blue Goose Road
Saukville, WI 53080

Those who plan to attend should visit www.fieldstation.uwm.edu for directions or call Mark D. Schwartz at (414) 229-3740.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

After such a cold and snowy winter, an early spring would have been quite welcome! However, in southeastern Wisconsin, that would have meant having the lilac buds push new leaves out sometime before April 10th (the long-term average date for that phenological event). As I write this message on Monday, April 14th, despite the warm weather last week, the lilacs in my Shorewood backyard still haven't quite progressed that far, and with snow flurries flying around Milwaukee today (though not much accumulation yet, as in other parts of the State), it looks like it will be more than a few additional days before I get to see lilac leafing.

Relatively speaking, phenology in the Milwaukee area is still quite advanced compared to much of the State, with a little bit of green starting to show in my lawn and the rhu-barb starting to grow this week, while especially the far north remains cloaked with a covering of snow, in many places over a foot deep. I am hopeful for a return of warmer weather to soon melt it all away, so I can get out to place instruments that record the spring tree phenology in our study sites near Park Falls. Ideally, that becomes possible before the end of April!

We continue to seek ways to expand affiliation and coordination with the USA National Phenology Network (USA-NPN), see <https://www.usanpn.org/>. I encourage all WPS members and friends to register and observe phenology using the USA-NPN Nature's Notebook on-line system https://www.usanpn.org/natures_notebook. Remember that all of the original WPS plant and animal species are included in the USA-NPN's species available for observation. See the full list by selecting WPS from the "Partner" shown at https://www.usanpn.org/nn/species_search. Again this year we will include an "outdoor interactive" experience in the WPS Spring meeting (scheduled for Sat., May 10th starting at 1:00pm), along with helping members gain skill and excitement for taking and recording phenological observations (last year we had beautiful weather, so let's hope we can make that two years in a row). The meeting will start with a short introduction to phenological monitoring and talk about the monitoring done at the UW-Milwaukee Field Station (FS). Then we will go out and tour the phenological monitoring and associated activities at the FS, such as the weather station, lilac garden, global phenology garden, tree swallow nest boxes, as well as taking a short walk in the woods following the transect used for native plant monitoring. We will point out phenophases of trees along the way and identify wildflowers in bloom, etc. After the outdoor tour, we will come back to the FS for some refreshments, and a demonstration of using the USA-NPN website to enter data. I look forward to seeing many of you there on May 10th.



Mark D. Schwartz
President

2014 NATURAL HISTORY WORKSHOPS at the UWM FIELD STATION

*The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Field Station
conducts a series of Natural History Workshops*

These workshops offer an opportunity to study focused topics at college-level instruction under the guidance of noted authorities. We offer two-day and week-long workshops, and housing and meals are available at the Station.

Enrollment is limited to 20, the atmosphere is informal and instruction is individualized. Workshops may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit by enrolling in UWM, Topics in Field Biology. Fees vary. Please contact the Field Station for more information and a registration form, or visit our website at <http://www4.uwm.edu/fieldstation/workshops/> for full descriptions of each course, fee information, and a downloadable Registration Form. The 2014 summer workshop schedule includes eight courses:

Field Herpetology: Identification of Wisconsin Amphibians and Reptiles

Instructor: Dr. Josh Kapfer
May 30 & 31 (Friday & Saturday),
June 1 (Sunday) is optional

Sedges: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Anton Reznicek
June 6 & 7 (Friday & Saturday)

Birds of Southern Wisconsin

Instructors: William Mueller, Dr. Owen Boyle, and Tim Vargo
June 10 - 14 (Tuesday - Saturday)

Vegetation of Wisconsin

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz
June 16 - 21 (Monday - Saturday)

Methods for Description of Vegetation

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz
July 14 - 19 (Monday - Saturday)

Dragonflies and Damselflies: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Robert DuBois
August 2 & 3 (Saturday & Sunday)

Plant - Insect Interactions: Ecology and Evolution

Instructors: Dr. Gretchen Meyer and Robert Clare
Aug. 8 & 9 (Friday & Saturday)

Mushrooms and other Fleshy Fungi: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Alan Parker
Sept. 27 & 28 (Saturday & Sunday)

2014 Natural History Workshops

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