

*Wisconsin
Phenological Society
Financial Statement*

*for the fiscal year
beginning March 31, 2014 and
ending March 31, 2015*

Balance as of March 31, 2014	\$2,352.14
Withdrawals	\$250.60
Deposits	\$0.00
Interest	\$1.10
Balance as of March 31, 2015	\$2,102.64
<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.

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Check the Appropriate items:

- \$2 for 2015/16 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.

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WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting
On Saturday, May 16, 2015
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

We had a welcome change this year from the last two, as far as the end of winter. Unlike 2013 and 2014, all of the snow cover had dramatically disappeared by mid-March, despite how cold the last part of winter was overall (though the northern part of Wisconsin has been receiving a bit more of the white stuff during this first full week of April). Interestingly, winter 2014-2015 (December-February) has been registered as the warmest on record worldwide. However, that was hard for us to recognize, as the eastern USA was the only major land area to have winter temperatures below normal (lucky us!). At least we didn't have to contend with the record snowfall in the Boston area!

Now that's not to say that spring has arrived just yet. We came close to common lilac first leaf in Shorewood over the past (Easter) weekend, with the warmer weather recorded earlier that week (highs reached the mid-60s on several days). Unfortunately, we are now locked into a weather pattern that is bringing northeasterly winds and very cool temperatures to areas near the coast (what I refer to as "crueler near the lake"), so it looks like any advance of plant growth will be minimal until an expected return of warmth next weekend (around April 10-12).

WPS continues 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. I would also like to draw your attention to a new online tool, which incorporates my Spring Indices models and near-real time gridded weather data to create a graphic depiction of the location of "spring" as it progresses across the continental USA. Take a look at: <https://www.usanpn.org/springcast>.

Again this year we will include an "outdoor interactive" experience in the WPS Spring meeting (scheduled for Sat., May 16th 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 three 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 16th.



Mark D. Schwartz
President

2015 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 2015 summer workshop schedule includes eight courses:

Wildlife Inventory and Monitoring

Instructor: Dr. Gary Casper
May 29 & 30 (Friday & Saturday),

Vegetation of Wisconsin

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz
June 15 - 20 (Monday - Saturday)

Sedges: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Anton Reznicek
June 19 & 20 (Friday & Saturday)

Aquatic Invertebrates

Instructors: Dr. Gretchen Meyer and Robert
Clare
July 17 & 18 (Friday & Saturday)

Ecological Geology

Instructor: Dr. Roger Kuhns
July 27 - 31 (Monday - Friday)

Grasses: Identification and Ecology

Instructor: Dr. Robert Freckmann
August 7 & 8 (Friday & Saturday)

Invasive Plant Management Techniques

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz
September 19 (Saturday)

Wetland Restoration

Instructor: Alice Thompson
Sept. 25 & 26 (Friday & Saturday)

2015 Natural History Workshops

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