

*Wisconsin  
Phenological Society  
Financial Statement*

*for the fiscal year  
beginning March 31, 2015 and  
ending March 31, 2016*

Balance as of March 31, 2015	\$2,102.64
Withdrawals	\$172.54
Deposits	\$50.00
Interest	\$1.04
Balance as of March 31, 2016	\$1,981.14
<i>UW Credit Union, PO Box 44963, Madison, WI 53744</i>	

**Phenology on the  
World Wide Web**



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

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

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Check the Appropriate items:

- \$2 for 2016/17 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](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 Society 2016

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## WPS Annual Spring Meeting

Please join us for our Annual Spring Meeting  
On Friday, May 20, 2016  
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](http://www.fieldstation.uwm.edu) for directions or call Mark D. Schwartz at (414) 229-3740.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to what has become an all-too-typical early spring in the upper-Midwest! Overall, our winter was mild, and most of the snow was gone by early March. Tracking the onset of the spring growing season to that point across the lower-48 (using a new tool on the USA-NPN web page <https://www.usanpn.org/data/spring>), and seeing the “green wave” race rapidly northward, I had every expectation that 2016 might rival or even displace 2012 as the earliest start of spring on record for North America. Broad areas from eastern Colorado across to central Illinois, and then extending to southern Pennsylvania and New Jersey all experienced the start of spring 2016 from one to two weeks earlier than the 30-year average timing.

By mid-March, however, all progress ground to a halt. Since then, a series of cold waves, coupled with snow (we had 1.5 inches in Shorewood as recently as April 8<sup>th</sup>) have prevented the growing season from moving forward. My lilacs finally reached first leaf stage in late March, but even now (April 11<sup>th</sup>) have only just reached the 95% leaf stage. Nevertheless, much of the state of Wisconsin appears poised for a warm-up with more spring-like temperature later this week (though areas near Lake Michigan will still remain “cruelly” cold). So what started out looking like a very early spring onset has turned into one that will likely be only slightly earlier than normal across most of Wisconsin!

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](https://www.usanpn.org/natures_notebook).

Again this year we will include an “outdoor interactive” experience in the WPS Spring meeting (scheduled for Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 four 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 20<sup>th</sup>.



Mark D. Schwartz  
President

## 2016 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 2016 summer workshop schedule includes nine courses:

### **Invasive Plant Management Techniques**

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz  
May 21 (Saturday)

### **Unraveling the Mysteries of Bird Migration**

Instructor: Vicki Piaskowski  
September 16 & 17 (Friday & Saturday)

### **Field Herpetology**

Instructor: Dr. Josh Kapfer  
June 3 & 4 (Friday & Saturday)

### **Creative Writing About the Natural World**

Instructor: Kimberly Blaeser  
October 14 & 15 (Friday & Saturday),

### **Sedges: Identification and Ecology**

Instructor: Dr. Anton Reznicek  
June 10 & 11 (Friday & Saturday)

### **Vegetation of Wisconsin**

Instructor: Dr. James Reinartz  
June 13 - 18 (Monday - Saturday)

### **Wetland Delineation**

Instructor: Alice Thompson  
July 8 & 9 (Friday & Saturday)

### **Forest Communities of Southeastern Wisconsin**

Instructor: Dr. Gretchen Meyer  
July 29 - 30 (Friday & Saturday)

### **Wetland Hydrology**

Instructor: Roger Kuhns  
August 5 & 6 (Friday & Saturday)

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