

New Bedford's Buttonwood Zoo's Wildlife Education Series Returns

The Buttonwood Park Zoo is again hosting the "Wildlife Education Series", a monthly educational program covering a variety of scientific topics, ranging from biology to animal behavior to conservation science. The events are geared to inquisitive individuals who are eager to learn and ask questions.

The first lecture in the 2020 series will be held on Thursday, February 13 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, featuring Trevor Lloyd-Evans, Director of Landbird Conservation at Manomet. His talk is entitled "What are the Birds Telling Us? Fifty Years of Research at Manomet Bird Observatory".

Long term studies based at Manomet Bird Observatory have followed the amazing migrations of the birds that pass through Massachusetts every spring and fall. Because birds can be key indicators of environmental change, scientists have been able to document population trends, migration timing, and the already visible effects of rapid climate change. Species are being followed from as far north as Alaska and the Canadian Arctic to Central and South America. The conservation challenge is to hear what the birds are telling us, communicate the science, and teach the story – especially to the students of today, who will be the scientists and voters of tomorrow.

Lloyd-Evans was recruited to be Manomet Bird Observatory's staff biologist in charge of the migration banding program in 1972. Over the years, he has worked at conservation research and education in avian migration, breeding ecology, physiology, taxonomy, evolution, and conservation biology. He

has participated in bird census and banding research, habitat evaluation analysis, wetland impact studies, potential effects of microwave radiation on wildlife and evaluated appropriate siting for wind turbines. His field research has taken him to much of the continental US, Alaska, Belize, British Isles, Canada, Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Israel and Nigeria.

The lecture series is held at the Buttonwood Park Zoo, 425 Hawthorn Street in New Bedford. Ticket prices are \$8 for Zoo Members, \$10 for Non-members and students are free with I.D. Tickets are available on bpzoo.org.

The second Wildlife Education Series will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 with the topic "Restoring the Amazon Rainforest" and the final one will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 and is called "A Deep Dive into the Ocean Twilight Zone."

