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May News from Wisconsin's Green Fire

Double Your Gift! WGF's Summer Solstice Match Drive

These long days are a treasure! Did you know that on the summer solstice, Wisconsin will enjoy 15 hours 30 minutes of daytime? Inspired by that gift of nature, a group of generous WGF donors are offering to **match gifts up to \$15,030 from June 1st to June 20th!**

Give during this time and double your impact as a supporter of WGF!

- Look for upcoming emails about this matching gift opportunity, plus fun facts about the summer solstice.
- We will also share updates about WGF's work on water quality, forests, wildlife, climate, and more.

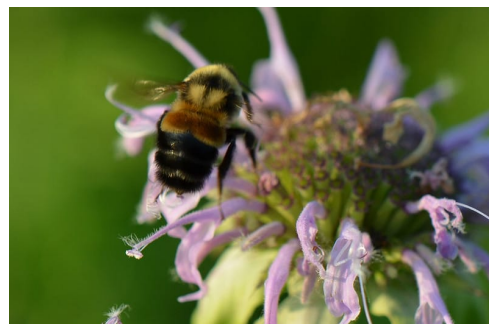


Learn more about supporting WGF

Proposals to Protect Pollinators

Seven bills are being introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature as part of a "pollinator package." Around Wisconsin, pollinators account for over \$55 million in crop production, supporting our food system as well as playing critical roles in our ecosystems.

[Read more](#) for suggestions on steps you can take personally to protect pollinators!



Rusty Patched Bumble Bee, a federally endangered species in Wisconsin, photo by USFWS Midwest via Flickr

Read more about protecting pollinators

Speaking up for Endangered Species and their Habitat



WGF submitted a public comment letter to the [Federal Register](#) opposing a proposed rule change to the Endangered Species Act. The proposed rule change would rescind "the definition of 'harm' in the Endangered Species Act."

As our letter says, "Limiting the definition of "harm" discounts the crucial importance of habitat to species' survival, biological diversity, ecosystem health, and human quality of life." [Read WGF's letter here.](#)

WGF Letter Opposing Changes to Endangered Species Act

Wisconsin Green Amendment



Photo: Attendees of Wisconsin Green Amendment press conference gathered in Senate Parlor, including WGF's Paul Heinen (third from left)

On April 16, 2025, WGF's Paul Heinen attended a press conference in the Senate parlor announcing the **"Wisconsin Green Amendment."**

This amendment is about "the right of the people to a clean, safe, and healthy natural environment and to its preservation."

Learn more about current state-level [environmental legislation that WGF is tracking.](#)

WI Green Amendment Press Conference

Green Fire Cafe - Virtual Event on June 4th

JOIN US NEXT MONTH

GREEN FIRE CAFE

Theme for June:
Integrity



- June 4, 2025
- 3:00-4:00pm
- Register via Zoom
- Invite a friend!



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We meet monthly on first Wednesdays for our virtual event series **Green Fire Cafe**. Join us next time on June 4, 2025 at 3pm for our theme of "Integrity." **All are welcome** at these online conservation socials to share stories, ask questions, and make connections. **Register at no cost** and share with a friend!

Details and registration for Green Fire Cafe

Prairie Day | In-person Event on August 16th




PRAIRIE DAY
featuring Neil Diboll, award-winning ecologist & author from *Prairie Nursery*
Join us for this special event hosted by Mark and Carrie Asplund!

 DATE 16 August 2025	 TIME 12:00 pm CT
 LOCATION Birnamwood, WI	 COST Free!

[Details at wigreenfire.org/events](https://wigreenfire.org/events)

Sat., Aug. 16, 2025 | 12:30-3:00pm | Birnamwood WI | **Registration coming soon.**

Join us for an afternoon exploring a restored prairie in Central Wisconsin.

- Free, family-friendly event. (*Donations welcome!*)
- Presentation and prairie walk with Neil Diboll, award-winning author and ecologist from *Prairie Nursery*.
- Meet real-life raptors with Marge Gibson of Raptor Education Group, Inc (REGI).

More info about Prairie Day in Birnamwood

Get Involved in Conservation

Join us at these upcoming events and conferences!

- **Jun 4 - Green Fire Cafe** - Theme of "Integrity"
- **Jun 7 - Northern Highland Forest - American Legion State Forest Centennial Celebration**

- Jun 7 - [State of Our Lakes](#) in Rome, WI
- Jun 20 - [Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference](#) in Hayward

Visit the WGF events page

ICYMI: May is American Wetlands Month! Have you seen the [Tribes Caring for Wetlands in Wisconsin](#) video series? Tribes in Wisconsin are doing vital work to protect and restore wetlands and watersheds. The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC), Wisconsin Wetlands Association, and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service have partnered with Tribes to raise awareness of this important work by producing short videos highlighting these stories.



Video: [Sustaining Our Heritage: Caring for the Wetlands of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe](#)

Upcoming webinar (June 6 at 3pm) and demo site tours on **Forestry for Birds and Landowners:**

The Wisconsin Center for Wildlife (WCW), UW-Extension Forestry (WFC), and the Wisconsin Forestry Center (WFC) teamed up to create this unique opportunity for landowners to learn how to manage their woodlots to benefit birds! [Registration and details here.](#)

Some Job Opportunities:

- [Executive Director](#) with Wisconsin Lakes
- [Finance Director](#) with Renewing the Countryside
- [Communications Associate](#) with Audubon Great Lakes

WGF In The News

- **WisBusiness** - May 20 - Quotes Meleesa Johnson on clean energy: [Dairyland exec touts potential of wind energy plus battery tech](#)
- **WisPolitics** - May 20 - Quotes Adrian Wydeven on depredation funding: [Ag groups call for bolstering efforts to prevent wolves from killing livestock](#)
- **WisBusiness** - May 20 - Mentions Meleesa Johnson as a panelist on the Wisconsin Tech Council: [WisBusiness: the Show with Kevin Boggs of Medical College of Wisconsin](#)

- **WXPR** - May 8 - Work of our Wakesports Reform Coalition described in [Wake boats, housing, and PFAS among top concerns brought up in Northwoods listening session](#)
- **Oshkosh Northwestern / Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** - May 7 - Work of our Wakesports Reform Coalition described in [Wake-enhanced boating dominates northern Wisconsin listening sessions](#)
- **WPR** - May 1 - Tom Hauge quoted in ['CWD is winning': Sampling shows deadly deer disease continues to spread across Wisconsin](#)
 - Story also ran in [Superior Telegram](#)
 - See data from WDNR's [CWD Deer Testing Results by County](#)
- **Wisconsin Examiner** - May 1 - Meleesa Johnson quoted in [Trump's USDA cuts programs aimed at helping farmers improve soil, water quality](#)
- **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** - Apr 24 - Work of our Wakesports Reform Coalition described in [More towns passing ordinances restricting wake boating in Wisconsin](#)
- **Iron Mountain Daily News** - Apr 14 - [Reviews for logging in national forests to be fast-tracked](#)

Wisconsin's Green Fire (WGF) needs your support. Your donation assures that conservation issues around the state are addressed with the best scientific information available. **Thank you!**

**Click Here
to Donate
Online**

Remember that [donations are doubled](#) during our summer solstice match from June 1st - 20th, 2025!

Looking for a gift idea?

- For greatest impact, give a [gift membership](#) in WGF!
- Shop our [logo-wear apparel](#) to show your support for WGF.
- Buy chapters of [The Ecological Landscapes of Wisconsin](#) and get to know our state's lands and waters. WGF receives a portion of proceeds.

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