



# HANOVER CONSERVANCY

*Protecting land & water in our community*

## September 2013

**W. D. Wetherell**  
on "A Year of  
September"

"The best day of the year to go fishing is the first day of school. Leaving early, you drive past children waiting for the bus...newly clothed... book bags empty like deflated balloons...condemned to spend this fairest of September days locked indoors, regretting summer, wishing more than anything to be outside. You head on toward the river to play with trout, unscrubbed, unshaven, but *free*.

"September means morning fog. If you were flying in a glider across the mountains you could look down and see tributary fog in narrow white seams, each of which hides a valley. The seams gain amplitude as they flow... merging finally with the great fog river that is the Connecticut."

- *Vermont River*

### Architect on milkweed



### Balch Hill Natural Area

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### Balch Hill Hawk Watch & Celebration

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Sept. 21 for our annual hawk watch at the summit of Balch Hill. The following weekend, we'll celebrate the restoration of habitat and views at this, our first Natural Area, with a forester-led tour. Current Hanover Conservancy members should soon receive our colorful trip card listing these and other events. If you're not yet on our list, [sign up!](#) All trips are free and open to all.



### September Programs Coming Up

Join us this month for talk on two hot topics. On Sept. 11 at the Howe Library, UNH Extension Entomologist Alan Eaton and a panel of experts will talk ticks. On Sept. 26 at the Montshire Museum, hear from Dr. Brad Marston on the latest scientific evidence for a warming climate. Both are open to the public without registration. [DETAILS.](#) On Sept. 30 at DHMC, the Upper Valley Adaptation Workgroup sponsors a forum on building climate resilient communities in the Upper Valley. Registration is required for this free workshop. [MORE](#)

### King Memorial Lilac Collection

The Etna Library now displays a new element in our [memorial to Nan and Allen King](#) - a collection of lilacs from Highland Park in Rochester, NY, the nationally known park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, where the Kings met. Our lilacs are still young, but as they grow and bloom, they will enclose a lovely outdoor reading room (and screen the new parking area). Botanical labels identify the varieties. Pick up our new lilac bookmark at the library for details.



Now is a good time to visit the King Bird Sanctuary - the crabapples are donning festive colors and birds are packing in seeds to fuel their fall migration.

### Greensboro Ridge Map & Guide

Pick up our new full color guide to the 113-acre **Greensboro Ridge Natural Area**. Along with a detailed trail map, the guide sheds light on its vernal pools, wildlife, geology, and more. Find it on line [here](#) and look for the free, printed version at the trailhead on Velvet Rocks Drive.



### Here's Looking at You, Hanover

We operate in a photogenic town and spend a lot of time outdoors having fun in pretty places - which means lots of photos we'd like to display. We're looking for a large digital picture frame to share those images at meetings and events. If you have one to donate, please [get in touch](#).

### Purple Loosestrife - Blooming Now



At first glance, it's hard to hate purple loosestrife, decorating - and infesting - more wetlands and roadsides each year with its bright magenta flowers. Truth be told, it's a wolf in sheep's clothing, taking over natives' space and giving no wildlife value in



return. What can you do? Cut the flower spikes and bag for the trash (don't compost!) before they can set seed. Better yet, dig them up. [MORE](#)

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