

WELCOME



Spring

Equinox

Ovenbird



Thursday March 20th, 2025

5:01 AM



Hello Spring



When winter begins to lessen its grip, I look forward to not loading the woodstove, watching the ice melt away slowly, regaining more light each day and feeling a sense of renewal. Spring is a time of rebirth after winter's dormant months. Even trees enter a state of inactivity, to conserve their energy and resources to prepare for their spring growth. As temperatures rise in spring, plants emerge from dormancy and growth resumes.

Spring symbolizes new beginnings and transformations, after a long winter. A time to reconnect to nature. Many cultures celebrate Spring's arrival with festivals and spring traditions. For instance, in Japan a traditional Japanese custom of viewing cherry blossoms is held, and cherry blossoms are a symbol of spring. In Canada, there is the Canadian Tulip Festival which is a celebration of tulips. Tulips are a symbol of international friendship and the arrival of spring. In Spain, a vibrant festival is held in Valencia that celebrates the arrival of spring with fireworks, parades, and the burning of giant papier-mache figures.

Spring also brings with it pleasurable weather for activities such as hiking, walking, gardening, camping, flying a kite, a nature scavenger hunt, bird watching, going to a baseball game or biking- whatever your pleasure.

Spring is also a time to reconnect with Nature. I am a bird lover. I love to take in the moment and just watch my birds as I refer to them-eating, calling one another and joyfully singing. Watching baby birds and baby animals arriving in the new season gives me a sense of peaceful pleasure. One can build connections to nature simply by going outside. Nature is all around us and you can connect with nature with your senses by simply sitting and enjoying the sunshine, listening to a river, listening to birds chirping, planting your feet firmly to the earth and breathing in the fresh air.

Whatever your Spring connection is, please join us on both properties on Tuesday April 22nd for cleanup. We will meet at the Lillibridge Property located at 1974 Lillibridge Road in Portville from 9 - noon. We will take a lunch break with your own lunch from 12 - 12:30 PM and then meet at the Eshelman Property which is located at 1420 Yubadam Road in Portville from 12:30-4 PM. Please bring a pair of gloves. Property clean-up is a much-needed task after winter's door has closed. We hope you can join us for Earth Day at Pfeiffer.

Please enjoy your copy of Pfeiffer's Spring Equinox Ovenbird. ~Beth

Embracing new beginnings and blooming possibilities.

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www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org

**Pfeiffer Nature Center OFFICE
has moved as of March 1st,
2025.**

**NEW LOCATION:
996 PORTVILLE OLEAN
ROAD/PORTVILLE, NY
14770**

**716-933-0187
PO BOX 802**



The sky is a blank canvas, reminding us that
each day is a chance to create something new.



A squirrel's Nest is called a drey.



Did You Know Squirrels recycle their nests?

Squirrels exhibit remarkable intelligence, displaying cunning behaviors in their daily activities. Their cognitive abilities include problem-solving, memory retention, and adaptability to various environments. Research reveals squirrels' adeptness in locating hidden food caches, utilizing spatial memory efficiently.

These scraggly-looking nests consist of leafy branches with an inner layer of soft material like moss and pine needles.

Our backyards benefit from their presence. Squirrels help control plant populations by eating seeds and fruits.

Yes, I'd Like to Become a Member of Pfeiffer Nature Center!

Membership Level and Benefits

All members receive a subscription to *The Ovenbird*, our quarterly newsletter.

Student/Senior	\$12	
Individual	\$24	
Family	\$36	
Steward	\$50	
Conservator	\$100	
Patron	\$250	
Guardian	\$500	1 decorated holiday wreath
Benefactor	\$1,000	1 Adopt-a-Tree Sponsorship
Additional Donation	\$ _____	

All members also receive discounted admissions and gift shop purchases at many other nature centers.

Your contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by NYS Tax Law

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Membership Level: _____ Is this a new ___ or renewing ___ membership?

Would you like to become a volunteer? Yes ___ No ___

Send your completed form to:

**Pfeiffer Nature Center
PO Box 802
Portville, NY 14770**

OR

**Sign up/renew online at
www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org**



Pfeiffer Nature Center and Foundation

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**Sat.
March
22nd
from
11:30
- 1 PM**

Please join Dan Jordan and Pfeiffer Nature Center on Saturday March 22nd from 11:30 AM - 1 Pm at the Olean Business Development Building in the lecture hall- located on the corner of Sullivan Street and North Union Streets in Olean NY.

Dan will present his program-"Bald Eagle & Me".

Dan's program will be an all new, full 90 minute version with his latest images .

We kindly ask that you bring \$5.00 and pay at the door .

If you have never seen one of Dan's programs - you are in for a treat. His knowledge of Bald Eagles, his story telling and wonderful photography skills are a delight for any age.

If you have any questions, please contact Pfeiffer office at #716-933-0187 or you can email -

director@pfeiffernaturecenter.org



DAN JORDAN
WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Bald Eagles and Me

Sharing my frequent interactions with our national bird through photos and knowledge.



**OLEAN BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT CENTER**



Spring

A bursting into greenness;
A waking as from sleep;
A twitter and a warble
That make the pulses leap:
A watching, as in childhood,
For the flowers that, one by one,
Open their golden petals
To woo the fitful sun.
A gust, a flash, a gurgle,
A wish to shout and sing,
As, filled with hope and gladness,
We hail the vernal Spring.

By H. G. Adams

**PLEASE JOIN US FROM 9-NOON TO CLEAN
UP THE LILLIBRIDGE PROPERTY LOCATED AT
1974 LILLIBRIDGE ROAD IN PORTVILLE, NY.**



**22 APRIL, 2025
IN HONOR OF
EARTH
DAY**

**PLEASE JOIN
US FROM
12:30-4 TO
CLEAN UP
THE
ESHELMAN
PROPERTY
LOCATED AT
1420
YUBADAM
ROAD IN
PORTVILLE,
NY.**



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Swimming: Beavers are powerful swimmers that can swim underwater for up to 15 minutes.

Size: Beavers are the largest rodents in North America and the second largest in the world.

Dam building: Beavers build dams to create ponds that provide safety from predators.

Activity: Beavers are mainly nocturnal animals.

Teeth: Beavers have orange teeth due to iron in their enamel. Their teeth grow continuously throughout their lives.











fun facts about beavers



Let's count in Spring!

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