

**FOCUS SPECIES  
FORESTRY  
PRE-REGISTRATION BY MARCH  
23rd IS REQUIRED**

Please send your registration form with a check for \$25 for receipt by March 23rd to:

BCCD  
PO Box 505  
Bennington, VT 05201

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about registering for the workshop, contact Shelly Stiles at the Bennington County Conservation District, 802 442-2275 or [bccd@sover.net](mailto:bccd@sover.net).

This program is presented by the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium, a collaborative between forest landowners, consulting foresters, loggers, the Bennington County Conservation District, and the Bennington County Forester's office, with significant support from:



Vermont Coverts:  
Woodlands for  
Wildlife, Inc



Contact Nate Fice at 802 375-1217 or [Nate.Fice@state.vt.us](mailto:Nate.Fice@state.vt.us) or Shelly Stiles at 802 442-2275 or [bccd@sover.net](mailto:bccd@sover.net) for more information on the Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium or on how to get involved.



Bennington County Sustainable Forest Consortium  
C/o Bennington County Conservation District  
PO Box 505  
Bennington, VT 05201

**For forest land owners and  
forest professionals**

**FOCUS  
SPECIES  
FORESTRY**

With Robert Bryan, formerly of ME Audubon

- Additional presentations on
- Foresters for Birds
  - Managing Habitat for the Indiana Bat
  - VT's Natural Communities and Their Wildlife
  - Revising VT's Landowner Guide for Wildlife Habitat Management

**Saturday, March 28, 2009**

**8:30 am—3:30 pm**

**Manchester**

**Rod & Gun Club**

**Manchester, VT**

**Registration fee \$25**

**(includes lunch)**

**PRE-REGISTER BY MARCH 23rd.**

## AGENDA

8:30 am Morning refreshments

9 am Welcome and introductions

9:15 am Focus Species Forestry: Integrating Management for Timber and Biodiversity (Robert Bryan)

10am Foresters for the Birds: Helping Landowners Integrate Timber and Songbird Habitat Management (Michael Snyder)

11 am Managing Habitat for the Indiana Bat (Scott Darling)

12 pm Lunch

12:45 pm VT's Natural Communities and Their Wildlife (Eric Sorenson)

1:45 pm Revising VT's Landowner Guide for Wildlife Habitat Management (Mary Beth Adler)

2 pm Focus Species Forestry: Applying the Principles (Robert Bryan)

3 pm Group question and answer period

3:30 pm Adjourn

LEAP CREDITS AVAILABLE. Other certification credits may also be offered. Inquire as the date approaches.

### Robert Bryan

#### Focus Species Forestry I: Integrating Management for Timber and Biodiversity

Focus Species Forestry is a flexible approach to incorporating plant and wildlife biodiversity into forest management plans. It is adaptable to a wide range of ownership objectives and can be used on small woodlots or large public and private timberlands. This session will provide an overview of ecological principles for managing some of Vermont's major forest types, describe how to manage for a wide range of biodiversity values using focus species and habitat types, and provide examples of landowners who are currently using this approach.

#### Focus Species Forestry II. Applying Focus Species Forestry Principles

Workshop attendees will help develop a hypothetical forest ecosystem management plan that will build on the other presentations from throughout the day. Forest maps, aerial photos, and other information that is common to most forest management plans will be used to develop the plan. Participants will develop a better understanding on how to apply these concepts on their own woodlots or on lands that they manage for others.

*Mr. Bryan is a licensed forester and ecologist based in Harpswell, Maine. His career has included work as a field forester on private woodlands in Vermont and New Hampshire, as an environmental consultant, and 13 years as forest and wetlands habitat ecologist at Maine Audubon. In 2008 he formed Forest Synthesis LLC, specializing in forest management systems that integrate conservation of biological diversity with production of timber and other forest products. Recent and ongoing pro-*

*jects include working as an FSC forest certification auditor, co-authoring biomass harvest guidelines for Maine, and developing a guidebook for ecologically based forestry in the Northeast.*

### Michael Snyder

#### Foresters for the Birds: Helping Landowners Integrate Timber and Songbird Habitat Management

This talk and slide show will preview a collaborative project between foresters from VT FPR and biologists and educators at Audubon Vermont who are partnering to develop tools and trainings for foresters working with private landowners to integrate timber and songbird habitat management.

*Michael Snyder has served as the Chittenden County Forester since 1997, teaches forestry classes at UVM part-time, and regularly contributes forestry articles published in the Northern Woodlands Magazine. He is also a landowner and enjoys tending his 100 acre forest in Guildhall, Vermont. He has come to think birds know a lot about the woods and he will listen to anybody who knows a lot about the woods.*

### Scott Darling

#### Managing Habitat for the Indiana Bat

Darling will discuss the biology and habitat requirements of the state and federally endangered Indiana bat. He will present forest management guidelines to maintain and enhance Indiana bat habitat, particularly in light of the pending threat of white nose syndrome.

*Scott Darling is a wildlife biologist for the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department. He has been working on bats in the state since 2001.*

### Eric Sorenson

#### VT's Natural Communities and Their Wildlife

Natural communities are an important way to classify the forests, cliffs, and wetlands of Vermont and provide a very useful tool for making land management and conservation decisions. Many of Vermont's common and rare natural community types will be discussed, including some of the wildlife species that are typically associated with them.

*Eric Sorenson is the community ecologist with the Nongame and Natural Heritage Program of VT Fish and Wildlife Department. He has worked in Vermont's wetlands and conducted inventories of Vermont's significant natural communities for the past 22 years. He is the co-author of "Wetland, Woodland, Wildland: A Guide to the Natural Communities of Vermont".*

### Mary Beth Adler

#### Revising Vermont's Landowner Guide for Wildlife Habitat Management

The VT Fish and Wildlife Department is in the process of updating and revising its Landowner Guide for Wildlife Habitat Management. The talk will highlight changes and additions to the Guide.

*Mary Beth Adler has worked as a wildlife technician with Vermont Fish and Wildlife for 6 years. She provides technical assistance to landowners enrolled in the USDA Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) and assists the District wildlife biologists on various projects such as the Landowner Guide.*

#### Directions to Manchester Rod & Gun Club

*The club house is located in the Dana L. Thompson Memorial Park, off Route 30, 0.7 miles north of the Manchester Town Center. Turn on to Recreation Park Rd., on the east side of Rt. 30. Take the road to its end and to the club house.*