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Sandhill crane on Augustine Creek



**As we approach 2026, Delaware Wild Lands is preparing to celebrate a major milestone, our 65th anniversary. For more than six decades, we have worked to protect Delaware's forests, marshes, farmland, and wildlife, guided by the vision and generosity of our founders and the ongoing support of our community.**

This year has been full of meaningful moments, but one stands out vividly. During a recent drive with Chris Lester, a longtime DWL farmer who recently sold us land, I was reminded of why this work matters so deeply. As we passed fields alive with harvest activity, Chris shared his reflections on farming and land protection: *"If we all do our part, there will always be something left for the next generation."* His decision to offer the parcel as a bargain sale ensures that this land will remain part of Delaware's natural and agricultural heritage for years to come.

From the Great Cypress Swamp to Augustine Creek, our staff, volunteers, and donors are building habitats that thrive, protecting species, and connecting people with the lands they love. Every gift, every volunteer hour, and every partnership allows us to do more, restore more, protect more, and educate more.

Read more in this newsletter about our reach in DWL by the Numbers, new acquisitions and the families who made them possible, our efforts to engage the public and our hunting community, and the plants and animals that make DWL's conservation work truly remarkable.

As the year winds toward winter, I hope you take pride in all that we have accomplished together. Thank you for being part of our journey. **Because of your commitment, DWL can continue caring for the lands and wildlife that make Delaware stronger.**

Marcia A. Fox  
Executive Director

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# Out and About

on DWL's properties



Night tour at the Great Cypress Swamp



Amanita mushrooms in Milford Neck



Milkweed flower



Spatterdock flower in Augustine Creek



Turtle survey at the Sharp Farm



Social media engagement preparations



Impromptu natural history lesson



Luna moth caterpillar



Decaying log with mushrooms



Horseshoe crab survey in Milford Neck



DWL property tour with NRCS staff



# *Building Habitats That Thrive in 2025*

## *Even Through Delays*

By Marcia Fox and Brigham Whitman

Delaware Wild Lands' *Habitats That Thrive* projects continue to move forward, even amid federal funding delays and permitting challenges. At Milford Neck, land protection efforts are underway with the 43.6-acre Bennett and 24.5-acre Masten properties—two key expansions that will strengthen long-term conservation. Plans to protect 1,500 feet of shoreline are delayed but still progressing after unexpected funding delays. Work will begin in the near future.

Meanwhile, other projects are advancing, such as habitat enhancements at Liston Farm (Taylors Bridge) where we're controlling invasive species and enhancing quail habitat. The Round Bottom Wetland Project (Taylors Bridge) is transforming unproductive farmland into a diverse wetland complex for waterfowl, amphibians, and native insects, with completion anticipated in 2026. DWL staff are also tracking sandhill cranes, spotting 31 individuals this spring through drone and field surveys.

Even with delays, these efforts underscore our steady commitment to creating and sustaining habitats that truly thrive. And the results speak for themselves—on the facing page see *DWL By the Numbers*, highlighting the measurable impact of our conservation work in 2025.

*The work doesn't stop here—next year, as Delaware Wild Lands marks 65 years, we'll celebrate our past achievements while advancing the habitats of tomorrow.*

# *Looking Forward to 2026*

## *Honoring 65 Years of Delaware Wild Lands*

Looking ahead, 2026 marks Delaware Wild Lands' 65th anniversary milestone, which invites reflection on decades of progress in protecting Delaware's most important natural areas. Today, DWL manages over 22,000 acres across the state, from southern New Castle County to the Milford Neck Preserve in Kent County, and the Great Cypress Swamp in Sussex County. In addition, we have helped safeguard more than 10,000 acres now managed by the State, including Trap Pond, Angola Neck, and Buena Vista. Together, these lands—over 32,000 acres of forests, wetlands, and other natural areas—benefit both wildlife and the people of Delaware.

As 2026 approaches, we are excited to expand our outreach with new partnerships, including Harvest Ridge Winery, Cantwell's Tavern, Hero Hunts Foundation, and the Delaware Ornithological Society (and more). These collaborations will allow us to host bigger, tastier, and more engaging events that celebrate the animals and habitats we all work so hard to protect. Combined with upcoming land acquisitions and ongoing habitat restoration, these initiatives will help ensure Delaware's forests, marshes, and wetlands thrive for generations to come.



DWL's  
***By the Numbers***

**1,792** Participants reached during 29 DWL outreach events in 2025



**9,781** Trees planted across DWL properties



**4** Endangered American kestrels hatched on DWL property



**9** Eastern box turtles marked in New Castle County



**925**

Acres of DWL marsh land managed for invasive wetland reed *Phragmites australis*



**244**

Acres added to DWL's New Castle County landholdings



**9**

Horseshoe crab surveys completed at Milford Neck (thanks to 39 amazing volunteers!)



**16**

Monarch caterpillars spotted in The Hack





# Delaware Geological Survey

## Expands Groundwater Monitoring with New Wells at the Great Cypress Swamp

Guest Article by Rachel McQuiggan,  
Delaware Geological Survey

In Sussex County, all of our freshwater comes from groundwater. Below the surface, layers of sand and mud are stacked over time. The sandy layers act as aquifers – they’re saturated with water and can hold and transmit freshwater underground. The muddy or clay-rich layers in between are called confining units, which limit the movement of water between aquifers and help protect water quality by acting as natural barriers.

Groundwater from these aquifers is essential to daily life – it supplies drinking water, supports agriculture through irrigation, and is used in local industry. But as Sussex County continues to grow, so does the need for clean, reliable groundwater. The ongoing population growth and development are increasing the demand on these groundwater resources, making careful monitoring more important than ever.

The Delaware Geological Survey (DGS), in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, maintains a statewide network of over 130 groundwater monitoring wells in multiple aquifers. These wells are used to track water levels and monitor water quality, helping scientists and decision-makers better understand trends and manage this vital resource sustainably.

Thanks to State of Delaware Capital Appropriation funding, the DGS is now expanding its groundwater monitoring network in Sussex County, focusing on areas where data and infrastructure have historically been limited. This project will add 12 new monitoring sites, each with a cluster of wells – multiple wells drilled to different depths, each designed to monitor a specific aquifer. This helps ensure that data are collected where they’re needed most, especially in areas experiencing development pressure or environmental change.

In summer 2025, the DGS installed a new cluster of three groundwater monitoring wells at the Great Cypress Swamp. Each well is completed in a separate aquifer – Columbia, Pocomoke, and Manokin – ranging from shallow to deep, all of which supply groundwater used throughout Sussex County. The wells are now part of the DGS’s long-term monitoring network and are equipped with automated sensors that record water levels every 15 minutes, providing valuable data on groundwater over time.

Data from these wells will help scientists better understand how groundwater responds to changes in climate, land use, and demand, supporting smarter management of our shared water resources.



### Want to explore the data?

Visit the DGS website to view groundwater levels and learn more about the monitoring network: <https://www.dgs.udel.edu/>.

# Motus

## A Network for Research Highlighting Global Connections For Wildlife in the Great Cypress Swamp

By Andrew Martin

In December of 2019, Delaware Wild Lands erected a Motus tower at the Roman Fisher Farm on the edge of the Great Cypress Swamp. In the fall of 2024, that tower was damaged, and this spring it was repaired and reactivated. Motus describes their work as “[...] an international research community working together to study the movement and behavior of birds, bats, and insects. These animals carry miniaturized tags that transmit information to stations placed across the landscape. This powerful conservation tool transforms how we understand and protect biodiversity.” Animals tagged included birds of all size, bats, and even butterflies! Globally, there are currently more than 2,100 Motus stations in 34 countries, creating a network of towers that track the movement of birds and other animals around the world. Since DWL’s tower was installed at the Swamp, it has detected 75 unique tagged animals representing 30 different species and contributed to nearly 40 individual research projects!

*To see the routes flown by birds that visit the Swamp, go to: [bit.ly/MotusStations](https://bit.ly/MotusStations)*



The Great Cypress Swamp is one of the Delmarva Peninsula’s largest contiguous wooded wetlands, and as such is an important stopover for many migratory birds. This makes it an ideal location for a Motus tower to collect data from these birds as they pass through. Data from Motus stations are available to the public.



*The newly installed Motus tower  
at the Roman Fisher Farm*



*Signage on new Motus tower  
helps educate our visitors*



**Partnerships**

## DWL Hosts First Hero Hunt

### **with Hero-Hunts Foundation**

Founded in 2016 by the Nunan family, the Hero-Hunts Foundation was created to honor and thank Service Members and Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces. For years, the family quietly supported veterans in Delaware and the surrounding region; today, the foundation allows them to openly celebrate and give back to those who sacrifice so much for our freedom and safety.

This fall, Delaware Wild Lands teamed up with Hero-Hunts Foundation to host our first-ever Hero Hunt. DWL hunters Dan Polite and Mike Sturgill volunteered to guide three veterans—Darrin and Tiffany Gooding, and Zac Beckom—for a full day in the field across DWL’s Fortner and McClain Farms. The morning

brought good company, shared stories, and a memorable sighting of sandhill cranes, followed by a lively lunch in Middletown where more stories of Alaskan halibut fishing and southern catfish noodling adventures were shared.

The evening hunt was a success: Tiffany harvested her first antlered buck, and Zac got a doe after an exciting encounter in the marsh and fields. Darrin enjoyed the sights and sounds of tundra swans overhead and celebrated his wife’s achievement.

The day ended with photos, handshakes, and a sense of camaraderie. DWL is thankful to the Hero-Hunts Foundation, our volunteer guides, and the veterans who joined us for this meaningful new tradition.





# Native Plant Profile

## Black Gum: A Vibrant Herald of Fall's Spectacle

By Andrew Martin

Across Delaware's natural landscapes, the colors of autumn never fail to dazzle as the green foliage of summer gives way to an explosion of yellows, oranges, and reds! One of the earliest trees to put on this display is black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*), which is known for its vibrant scarlet leaves in early autumn.

Black gum, sometimes called black tupelo, can be found in both upland forests and wooded wetlands throughout the state, and are far from an uncommon site in the forests of the Great Cypress Swamp. The tree produces small greenish-white flowers between April and June, providing nectar to a wide variety of insects in the spring. It fruits in late summer and early fall, with an abundance of small purple drupes with a stony pit containing the seed. It is believed that the early change in the leaves helps attract birds during fall migration to feast on the fruit and spread the seed. Leaves are generally oval in shape and between two and five inches in length. Mature trees typically reach 65-80 feet in height, although rarely individuals may grow to over 100 feet. Black gum trees will often have a distinctively swollen buttress at the base of their trunks, particularly in wetter environments. The trees self-prune



Fall Leaf Splendor of the Black Tupelo

their lower branches, resulting in opportunities for rot to create cavities or hollow trunks, providing habitat for a wide variety of cavity-nesting and dwelling wildlife species.

Black gum's natural range extends all along the East Coast from Florida to southern Maine, and as far west as eastern Texas and Oklahoma. Black gum can be found in all three of Delaware's counties, and most of Delaware Wild Lands properties, particularly in the wooded wetlands of the Great Cypress Swamp.



Black Gum Fruit



Buttress of Black Gum Tree

# A Historical Snapshop



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## Paw paws

### Delaware's Hidden Treasure

By Kesha Braunschweig and Andrew Martin

Paw paw (*Asimina triloba*) fruit, North America's largest edible fruit, features a green exterior with a yellow, custard-like interior and large brown seeds. These fruits hold significant historical importance, having been consumed by Indigenous tribes in the region. They were traditionally eaten in season (about late summer), providing a vital food source.

Paw paws also played a crucial role in the journey of freedom seekers along the Underground Railroad. Historical accounts mention paw paws as sustenance, helping sustain travelers as they made their way north.

Paw paw trees are understory trees that grow in groves and are often found near water sources. At Delaware Wild Lands (DWL), paw paws thrive in the Great Cypress Swamp, producing abundant fruit that feeds local wildlife, including

squirrels, opossums, and foxes. Their sweet, custardy fruit isn't the only benefit paw paws provide for wildlife: The tree is the host plant for the zebra swallowtail butterfly (*Eurytides marcellus*) whose caterpillars feed on the large, almost tropical-looking leaves of the tree.

Paw paw can be found in patches throughout the Great Cypress Swamp, but is most abundant along the Pocomoke River in the Southern portion of the property. In fact, DWL's Breeding Property in the Swamp is known to have a particularly healthy population of paw paw trees that dominate the understory beneath the towering baldcypress. Though they are not common, paw paw trees continue to thrive in the corners of our state that offer the right conditions, offering their fruit to Delaware residents big and small alike.



Inspecting Paw Paw Fruit in the Great Cypress Swamp



Fruit of a Paw Paw Tree



# The Jezyk Farm

## A Family's Love, A Land Conserved

By Marcia Fox

We are thrilled to share that Delaware Wild Lands is now the steward of the 233-acre Jezyk Farm, a property lovingly cared for by the Jezyk family for generations. This recent acquisition carries the legacy of Frank and Donna Jezyk—whose dedication to the land and family left an indelible mark on everyone who knew them.

Frank Jezyk, who passed away in December 2024, cherished his farm in Townsend, Delaware. From raising and training Labrador retrievers to hunting, fishing, and preparing legendary apple pies, Frank's life was deeply intertwined with the land. He was known for his hospitality, whether hosting game dinners or inviting family and friends to enjoy meals brimming with his wife Donna's delicious cooking. His love for the outdoors was matched only by his devotion to family; he taught his nieces and nephews to hunt, navigate the marsh, and respect the natural world.

In a reflective luncheon in Wilmington following the acquisition, I had the privilege of hearing stories from Albert Jezyk, Joyce Troiani, Laura Jezyk-Geiman, and Michael Troiani. Michael recalled, *"Frank spent weeks showing me the marsh, teaching me to drive the boat and find my way. I once tried to get lost with the dog and couldn't—his way of instilling confidence and respect for the land."*

Laura shared memories of family gatherings, saying, *"Holidays at the farm were always full of laughter, pies, and Donna's famous lima beans. It wasn't just about the food—it was about everyone being together."*



The Jezyk's dining room (1986) eating crabs caught in the bay



Jezyk family cooking crabs outdoors (1986) with neighbor Jack Dukes

Albert reflected on Frank's practicality and dedication: *"He was particular about everything—from boiling water for crabs to walking the marsh safely. He taught us all that if you don't take care of it, you don't get to enjoy it. And he lived by that."*



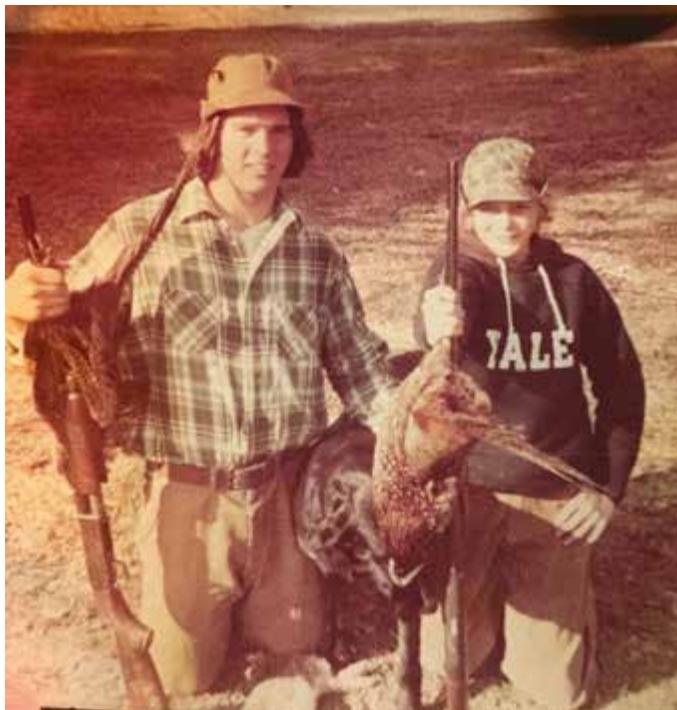
Rabbit hunting on the farm with Val Sr., Sarah, Val Jr. and Frank

Joyce highlighted Frank's generosity and love for children: *"Uncle Frank loved teaching us to hunt, to navigate the marsh, and even simple things like how to handle biting flies gently. He was patient, caring, and always made time for us."*



*Restoration*

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Albert and Michael pose after a successful pheasant hunt on the farm

It was incredibly moving to hear these memories and to witness the Jezyk family's bond with the land. I shared, "Hearing your stories makes stewarding this farm feel all the more meaningful. Your family's care will continue to inspire how we protect it."

It is truly an honor for Delaware Wild Lands to continue caring for this land, which has been so carefully nurtured by the Jezyk family. The farm's fields, marshes, and waterways will now be preserved not only as a habitat for wildlife but as a living tribute to the love and dedication of the Jezyk family.

Frank and Donna's care for this land set a high standard, and we are inspired to continue their legacy. With the Jezyk family's partnership, the farm is now a part of DWL's Taylors Bridge land complex and will remain a place where the land, wildlife, and family stories are cherished for years to come.



Transferring the Deed

# *The Call of the Covey*

## *An Early Morning Spent with Bobwhites*

By Hannah Small

It's late October in Delaware, the leaves are changing, and early mornings bring deep red, pink, and orange sunrises. This time of year, many of us make our morning commute to work in the dark, and, unfortunately, miss out on the rising sun across Delaware's beautiful landscapes. However, some of us, including DWL staff and dedicated volunteers, are up hours before sunrise, ready to greet the sun and this year's bobwhite quail coveys in the grasslands of Taylors Bridge.

Each fall, DWL staff recruit volunteers to help perform quail covey surveys in the heartland of one of Delaware's remaining remnant native bobwhite quail populations. Across DWL's Taylors Bridge Complex, surveyors get set up an hour before sunrise, with their head lamps, warm tea, and datasheets, ready to listen for the call of the covey. Following the long breeding season from May to August, bobwhite quail form groups referred to as coveys in the fall to increase their survival throughout the colder winter months ahead. As sunrise nears, surveyors begin to hear the distinct call of a covey, koi-lee, koi-lee, koi-lee!

DWL currently has eight survey locations across Taylors Bridge, and hopes to add one more before the end of the year. Our upcoming acquisition of the Jezyk Farm (see page 10) will add 233 acres to DWL's Taylors Bridge quail focus area, provide a new survey location, and offer an opportunity to learn more about Delaware's native bobwhite quail population across the larger landscape so we can continue to restore habitat and protect species of conservation concern.

**If you would like to volunteer for a future covey survey, please reach out to us at [info@dewildlands.org](mailto:info@dewildlands.org)!**



Bobwhite quail in Taylors Bridge.

Sunrise on the Jezyk Farm in Taylors Bridge.



# Native Animal Species Profile

## The American Kestrel: A Small but Mighty Bird in Taylors Bridge

By Hannah Small

In 2013, the smallest falcon in North America, the American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*), was listed as a state-endangered species in Delaware. To address their population declines, the Delaware Kestrel Partnership (DKP) was formed and consists of multiple environmental conservation organizations and agencies across the state, including Delaware Wild Lands (DWL). One of the efforts to help these imperiled birds was installing artificial nest boxes in grassland and meadow habitats. Since 2016, DWL has been home to 13 kestrel nest boxes across their properties in southern New Castle County, and as of spring 2025, no boxes had ever been used by kestrels. But that all changed recently after some critical habitat restoration and maintenance.



*Fall 2022: The 15-acre field was restored in 2022 and is now full of native wildflowers and grasses, such as the native goldenrod seen.*



*Spring 2023: The new American kestrel nest box is installed in the meadow.*

DWL staff restored 15 acres of former agricultural land in Taylors Bridge in 2022 to native warm-season grasses and forbs as part of their early successional habitat goals for that area. Shortly after the restoration, the DKP installed a new kestrel nest box in the field. Fast forward a few years, and the field is now buzzing with life and full of native wildflowers and grasses. This past winter, DWL conducted a prescribed burn to reset the natural succession of the field, and in came the kestrels. By the end of the summer, the nest box produced 4 fledgling American kestrels!

Biologists from the DNREC Division of Fish & Wildlife put leg bands on the fledglings, as well as the adult female. Two of the fledglings and the adult also got backpack transmitters so we can track their movements with the local MOTUS system and learn about their habitat preferences (read more on page 7 about MOTUS towers). From the partnerships to the habitat management, this story is a testament to DWL's mission and a true success. Be sure to follow us on social media for updates on the birds' movements throughout the year!



*Winter 2024-2025: A prescribed burn conducted to reset the natural succession of the meadow.*



*Summer 2025: DNREC Biologists with the four American kestrel fledglings found in the nest box. Photo Credit: DNREC DFW*

# DWL Deer Hunting Workshop *offered February 2026*



***In February 2026, DWL will be hosting a workshop on white-tailed deer for members and guests of hunt clubs on DWL properties.***

This workshop will provide hunters with the chance to learn about quality deer management, deer biology, and hunting opportunities in Delaware. Speakers from the National Deer Association, the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife, and the University of Pennsylvania will share their insights, research, and practical knowledge about deer. Attendees can expect great conversation, useful tips, and real talk about deer populations, management, and hunting practices. Food and drink will be provided.

***To accommodate hunters across the state, the workshop will be held at two locations:***

**Friday, February 6th, 5:30 pm**  
Gumboro Community Center  
Gumboro, DE

**Saturday, February 7th, 5:30 pm**  
Thousand Acre Farm  
Middletown, DE

***Mark your calendars now and watch for future correspondence with RSVP details.***

## ***Savor the Wild!***

***SAVE THE DATE for the Delaware Wild Lands Game Dinner***

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

5:00 PM

Thousand Acre Farm  
Middletown, DE

***\*Sponsorships are available, if interested contact Marcia Fox 302-378-2736 or email [mfox@dewildlands.org](mailto:mfox@dewildlands.org)***

***Savor the Wild is a feast for the senses, but also a powerful reminder of the impact we make when we come together in the name of conservation.***

**DWL proudly acknowledges our conservation partners, Crawford Financial Services and Bombay Hook Farm, for supporting our work to protect and restore Delaware's wild spaces.**

Their partnership helps us expand habitat restoration, improve biodiversity, and ensure a thriving future for wildlife.



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# A Small Parcel, a Big Impact:

## The Lester Acquisition

By Marcia Fox

On October 10, Chris Lester and I drove together for the settlement of the Lester property. The morning was cool, and I picked Chris up from the fields, still alive with the hum of harvest activity. Time was tight, and there was just enough for the closing but not enough for a celebratory lunch afterward. Our conversation on the drive, however, made the morning truly memorable.

Chris shared the challenges of farming and why he chose to sell this small but strategic parcel, roughly 11 acres, to Delaware Wild Lands. Though modest in size, it provides crucial access to the Fortner Farm in Augustine Creek, proving that even the tiniest pieces can make a big difference. Generously, Chris offered the parcel at a bargain sale price, selling the land below market value to support conservation and make it easier for DWL to protect this important property.



Chris and his nephew, Richard (RJ) keeping the ag tradition alive

As we drove, Chris reflected on the changes he's witnessed in the landscape over his lifetime and why protecting farmland matters:

*"I've watched 800 acres I once farmed get swallowed up in just four years. That'll humble you. It also makes you think really hard about what we're leaving behind. I'm all for protecting ground, not just for crops, but for the bees, birds, frogs, and everything else that calls a farm home. Truth is, farming and conservation aren't at odds; they need each other. It might not fit everyone's idea of perfect balance, but keeping land in farming hands and alive with life is what matters. Do our part, and the next generation will have plenty to grow. If we all do a little to protect what we can, there'll still be something left for the next generation to grow."*

Chris hopes his decision will help his nephew and other future farmers continue Delaware's agricultural traditions. He sees conservation and farming as partners, not competitors.

It was a short drive but a meaningful one. This small parcel may be tiny on the map, but it's a big win for the land, the wildlife, and the next generation of farmers. Thanks to Chris's generosity, Delaware Wild Lands can continue protecting land that sustains both nature and farming for years to come.

***"Every acre we save is a chance for the next farmer to have a shot, and for the land to keep giving back long after we're gone."***



Marcia Fox, Chris Lester, and Andy Taylor at settlement



# Coverboards Used to Detect Elusive Species at Milford Neck

By Hannah Small

There are 1,019 species of greatest conservation need (SGCN) in Delaware; however, not all are easily detectable, making them difficult to protect. One major group this applies to is herpetofauna, which includes animals like snakes, lizards, salamanders, and frogs, commonly known as *herps*. Of the 70 herps known to occur in Delaware, 37 are SGCN, making them some of the most challenging species to study and the most in need of our help. Many herps are *fossorial*, meaning they spend part of their lives underground. They are also *ectothermic*, or cold-blooded, which means they rely on external sources of heat, such as sunlight, to regulate their body temperature.

In Delaware, the transition months of May and October are ideal times to spot these creatures. During these periods, fluctuating ground and air temperatures encourage herps to emerge and warm themselves above ground. To help observe them more easily, we can place *coverboards*—flat pieces of wood or metal that mimic natural shelters—which attract certain herps seeking warmth and protection.



A marbled salamander (*Ambystoma opacum*) found under a coverboard.

We recently installed a trail of coverboards at our Milford Neck Preserve to help monitor herps. The trail has ten survey locations, each with a coverboard made of either wood, corrugated metal, or carpet. Each material attracts different herps at various times of the year because they retain different levels of warmth from sunlight. Twice per year, once in May and once in October, DWL staff and volunteers will check underneath the boards to record which herp species are found underneath. Each flip elicits the same giddy anticipation of Christmas morning! The species are recorded, and the data are shared with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's Division of Fish & Wildlife. When we better understand herp population dynamics and habitat use, we can better steward our lands to provide the conditions they need to thrive



Survey location along the trail that has coverboard materials consisting of plywood and corrugated sheet metal.



# Delaware Wild Lands

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**Looking for simple ways to contribute to conservation?**



## ***Easy Ways to contribute to land protection and habitat restoration in Delaware:***

- **Monetary Donation:** In addition to accepting cash donations and Donor Advised Funds, DWL accepts the transfer of marketable securities [Mutual Funds, Stocks, Bonds, and Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs)]. These types of donations may qualify for a tax deduction.
- **Planned Giving:** Did you know you can name DWL as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or include us in your will? It can be as easy as a phone call to your insurance carrier or attorney.
- **Real Estate:** DWL loves landscapes...so we are always pleased to accept donations of land! With permission from donors, we also accept donations of boats, buildings, and other assets, that can be sold and then use the proceeds to further DWL's conservation mission.

*We encourage you to contact your financial advisor, estate attorney, or tax consultant to discuss how these transactions can benefit you. DWL also has staff and advisors available to help you and answer questions.*

## ***Check out our Amazon Wish List!***

We've curated a list of items needed to support our work restoring habitats, enhancing wildlife areas, and maintaining Delaware's natural landscapes. *Here's how it works:*

- Browse the list
- Make your purchase
- Select an item
- Your gift will ship directly to us—easy and impactful!

*Together, we can protect and preserve the lands we love.*

Click the QR code to shop now and make a difference today!



***Scan to view our Amazon Wish List***

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