

MIGRATORY FISH IN YOUR BACKYARD

BE A CITIZEN SCIENTIST!



Help us learn more about river herring runs in the lower part of the Connecticut River. There will be a training session for citizen scientists held on:

Wednesday, March 23rd 7:00 PM
deKoven House, 27 Washington Street, Middletown, CT

Please contact Alicea Charamut at acharamut@ctriver.org or call (860) 704-0057 to RSVP for the training session or to learn more about the program.

What will I have to do?

Monitor your selected run three times per week (15-30 minutes per visit, not counting “commute”) between April 1st and June 30th. Wearing polarized sunglasses, you will walk along the stream to look for the presence of river herring in the water and estimate relative abundance. You will also look for the evidence that river herring have been there recently (eggs, scales, dead fish, predatory birds) and talk to locals to see if they’ve been seeing fish. Some volunteers may be asked to fish a “basket trap.” Then, fill out a data sheet and report the data.

Why?

River herring populations remain in decline despite efforts to reconnect habitat and we have too little information about their status. The data you collect will help CRWC, CT DEEP and the US Fish and Wildlife Service get better data that will help with restoration efforts.



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