

## **Cottrell Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series – March & April 2025**

### ***Woodlands, Wildlife and Wisdom – from New England Authors***

7 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday evenings in the Baldwin Environmental Center at Fox Research & Demonstration Forest, 309 Center Road, Hillsborough NH

The 2025 Cottrell-Baldwin Environmental Lecture Series will feature four New England authors writing on themes of wildlife and forests from their own unique personal histories and experiences as wildlife biologists, naturalists and foresters.

**Tuesday March 18, 2025, 7-8:30 pm**

### ***Wildlife Out Your Window: Fascinating Facts About 100 Animals Commonly Seen in the Northeast US.***

Did you know that...Blue Jay feathers are brown not blue, some frogs survive freezing by creating anti-freeze, and that Gray Foxes climb trees. These are just a few of the many hundreds of interesting facts about wildlife of the Northeast U.S. packed in this recent guidebook by wildlife ecologist Brad Timm. This book contains interesting facts about 100 animals of New England and surrounding regions from Robins and Chipmunks to Black Bears and Bullfrogs. And discover simple things people can do to help local wildlife, no matter if they live in the densest of urban areas or the most remote rural areas. Brad will share interesting facts and anecdotes, read and sign copies of his book.

**Tuesday March 25, 2025, 7-8:30 pm**

### ***The Promise of Sunrise: Finding Solace in a Broken World.***

Former Bronx Zoo zoologist, award-winning writer, photographer and talented naturalist, Ted Levin, spent the years 2020-'21 during the pandemic rediscovering his home valley while devoted to walking and observing nature, watching seasons pass, day by day. His new book chronicles the rediscovery of his Thetford, VT hillside where Ted lived and recounts his daily joys of observing home ground. The new book is due for release March 21 – Vernal Equinox. Join us for the premiere reading.

**Tuesday April 1, 2025, 7-8:30 pm 1.5 SAF CFE's Cat 1**

### ***What's Wild in NH: A Half A Century of Wisdom from the Woods and Rivers of New England.***

From stories of rehabbing bats in the laundry room, to riding a whitetail buck who didn't quite cooperate with a tagging effort, Eric Orff's stories will make you laugh and help you connect with the wild nature that lives within us all. Eric is a respected wildlife biologist, with more than

thirty-one years at the NH Fish & Game Dept and fifteen years with the National Wildlife Federation. His trademark humor and kind heart, coupled with a solid scientific foundation make him someone people like to listen to when they want to know what's happening in the woods, rivers, and fields of New England.

**Tuesday April 8, 2025, 7-8:30 pm** 1.5 SAF CFE's Cat 1

***How To Love a Forest: The Bittersweet Work of Tending a Changing World.***

What does it mean to love a forest? Only those who love trees should cut them, writes forester Ethan Tapper. Tapper writes forests are degraded both by people who do too much and by those who do nothing. We straddle a status quo that treats ecosystems as commodities and opposing claims that the only true expression of love for the natural world is to leave it alone. In his literary debut, Tapper weaves a new land ethic for the modern world, reminding us that what is simple is rarely true, and what is necessary is rarely easy.

**DIRECTIONS TO FOX FOREST**

***Fox Forest, 309 Center Road, Hillsborough NH***

*From the east/north: Rt. 202/9. Take the Henniker St./W. Main St. Hillsborough exit. Go left at stop sign at end of exit ramp. Go 1.8 miles to traffic light in the center of Hillsborough. Go right onto School Street (which becomes Center Road after the school). Fox Forest is approximately 2 miles on the right.*

*From the west/south: Rt. 9. Take the Hillsborough/Peterborough exit. Go right at stop sign at end of exit ramp. Go left at traffic light (by McDonald's). Go 1.4 miles to traffic light in the center of Hillsborough. Go left onto School Street (which becomes Center Road after the school). Fox Forest is approximately 2 miles on the right*