



Maine Association of Wetland Scientists

Wetland Plants and Ecology of the Coastal Plains

July 14, 2023

Maine Army National Guard – Hollis Plains Training Site

TWO SESSIONS:

AM SESSION: 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

PM SESSION: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Please Join us for a botanical and natural history walk through this ecologically significant property with MAWS member and author, botanist, and wetland scientist Matt Arsenault.

The Hollis Plains Training Facility is located within the Killick Pond Wildlife Management Area and contains a large diversity of upland and wetland plant communities and animals. The site is adjacent to the Maynard F. Marsh Wildlife Management Area. The Hollis facility contains several upland and wetland types identified by the MNAP as being of statewide significance. Wetland habitats onsite include a kettlehole bog pond-pond ecosystem, housing several aquatic plant species, portions of spruce-larch and pitch-pine bog habitats, a three-way sedge-goldenrod outwash plain pondshore community, and an unpatterned fen ecosystem. Upland habitats include patches of pitch pine-scrub oak barrens (home to a suite of rare lepidopterans). The site is also home to a wide variety of wildlife, including several rare or special concern species.

The workshop will include a brief natural history overview of the property, including a description of the geology/soil characteristics that helped create the habitats found onsite, a discussion of historic and ongoing land-use practices engaged by the Maine Army National Guard, and a botanical- and wildlife-focused site walk around as many of the habitats as time (and questions) allow.

DIRECTIONS: Hardscrabble Road – Hollis, ME

(Route 117 (Cape Road) to north on Hard Scrabble Road; look for signs indicating parking location)

COST: \$25/person for MAWS members \$35/person for non-members

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration required online at [Upcoming Events – Maine Association of Wetland Scientists \(MAWS\) \(mainewetlands.org\)](https://www.maineassociationofwetlandscientists.org/upcoming-events)

HELP: call/text/email Rich – rich@flycatcherllc.com or 207-217-0959

This workshop will be entirely outside.

Please dress appropriately for hiking (e.g., comfortable boots and rain gear/sun hat).

No food or services are provided at the site - please bring anything you need with you (e.g., snacks, water, sunscreen, bug repellent, etc.)