



**JUNE NATURAL EVENTS**  
**GSWA ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION SITE**



1. **Birds are nesting everywhere – look for red-bellied woodpeckers in the boxes we've hung for them along the trails. Yellow warblers are nesting in hedgerows near entrance. Blue birds nesting in boxes along Tiger lily lane.**
2. **Grey stemmed, Silky dogwoods, Black locust, Dames Rocket, Chrsanythums all in bloom throughout the complex.**
3. **Ebony Jewelwing damselflies displaying along silver brook – this beautiful insect has a female whose drab body color contrasts drastically with the males iridescent green.**
4. **Wood froglets can be seen in mass around the vernal ponds from where they emerged.**
5. **Hérons may be spooked from the ditches and streams as they hunt for small fish and frogs.**
6. **The Great white tailed dragonfly is always hanging around the wood chip path at the entrance to the front trail. These guys guard and actively fend small territories against would be competitors vying for mates.**
7. **The cattail marsh is a great place to sit still and listen for the love croaks of our largest amphibian – the bull frog.**
8. **Snapping turtles are on the move everywhere looking for loose mounds of southern exposed earth to lay and bake their 20 to 30 eggs.**
9. **Fireflies are lighting the night woods and fields – bioluminescence is a beautiful thing!**
10. **Be on the look out for my favorite mammal – the red fox – scat has been seen regularly on the orange and red trails. These stealthy canids are best seen at dawn and dusk when predatory activities are at their peak.**

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