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PRESS RELEASE ... FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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SHADBUSH STROLL (co-listed with USFWS)
Trustom Pond Wildlife Refuge, South Kingstown
Sat., APRIL 25, 2009 ~ 1-3 pm (new date) (Weather Date: Sun., May 3)

Leaders: DAVID & NANCY CLAYTON, USFWS Volunteer Naturalists

Spring in southern RI is marked by the bloom of the Shadbush. Dave's guess for this year is that on Saturday, the 25th, we will be rewarded with some in bloom, maybe even the allee out to Osprey Point will oblige. He points out there are other reliable wild flowers on the refuge which we will find in early bloom. Come celebrate the real arrival of spring with Dave and Nancy! Easy walk.

Fee: \$5 for RIWPS members; \$7 non-members

Preregistration required 48 hours in advance. Call 789-7497 to register.

WE WELCOME people of all botanical abilities at our events. Beginners or experts, amateurs or professionals ... we all come to enjoy and learn about wild plants.

WALK NOTES & GUIDELINES

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for all events with fees (and sometimes for those without fees). Register by contacting the RIWPS office at 401-789-7497 or office@riwps.org, or on occasion, the person listed as a contact. Registration closes 48 hours before the walk, so please register early.

STANDARD FEE for members is \$5, for non-members, \$7. Payment must be made 48 hours prior to the walk. Send check to RIWPS, PO Box 414, Exeter, RI 02822.

CONFIRMATION: Registered participants will receive directions to the site and more details by e-mail or telephone.

DIFFICULTY: For your guidance, our walks are rated *easy*, *moderate*, or *strenuous* for healthy people of average physical ability. Our leaders are volunteers with no special training in first aid; therefore, participants assume full responsibility for their own well being.

CANCELLATION: If you must cancel, please notify the person with whom you registered as soon as possible so that we may notify those on the waiting list. Leave a message if no one answers. If you cancel within 24 hours of an event, or on a weekend, call the RIWPS office at 401-789-7497 and leave a message.

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT FOR OUTDOOR EVENTS: Dress appropriately, usually in long pants and sturdy shoes and socks (for protection from poison ivy, briars and ticks). Equipment options might include insect repellent, hat, rubber boots, field guides, hand lens, small notebook, and/or hiking stick.