



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **BIRD HIKE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 23 AT FLANDERS NATURE CENTER & LAND TRUST**

(Woodbury, CT) --- Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is sponsoring a spring bird-watching hike on Sunday, May 23 at 7:00 a.m. Led by naturalist Russ Naylor, the hike will take place on the trails of the Van Vleck Farm and Nature Sanctuary at 5 Church Hill Road in Woodbury.

Participants should meet at the Sugar House parking lot at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust, located ¼ mile east of the intersection of Flanders and Church Hill Roads in Woodbury. Binoculars are suggested. Admission to the bird hike is free.

For more information, call (203) 263-3711.

#### **About Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust**

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is a leader in the region in the conservation of open space and in the protection of valuable natural resources. Flanders became one of the first land trusts in the area in 1973, when it received its initial gift of land, the 6.5 acre Manville Kettle, located in the heart of Woodbury. Today, through direct ownership and conservation easements, Flanders manages more than 40 open-space properties, totaling more than 2,000 acres in Woodbury, Bethlehem, Middlebury and Southbury. These holdings include two popular nature preserves in Woodbury: the 200-acre Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary on Flanders Road and the 686-acre Whittemore Sanctuary on Route 64.

To learn more about the history, traditions and program offerings at Flanders or to join, visit the organization's all-new website at [www.flandersnaturecenter.org](http://www.flandersnaturecenter.org).

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Accompanying photograph:

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Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust is sponsoring a bird hike on Sunday, May 23 at 7 am to view native species in their habitats.