

CAN YOU FIND SIGNS OF SPRING?

It's time to put this winter in the record books! Spring has finally arrived – snow is melting and signs of the changing season will soon begin to spring up everywhere. From sprouting ferns to the arrival of new wildlife, look out for these nine signs of spring and feel your winter woes melt away!



AMERICAN WOODCOCK

Find this bird in the forest or fields during dawn or dusk. Listen for a loud nasal peent call from the male and an evening sky dance!



RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD

Look for these birds in the marshes and swamps. Listen for the male's conk-la-lee song.



WOOD FROGS

As the weather warms, frogs thaw and begin feeding and mating again. Look for a black mark across its eyes that resembles a mask.



EASTERN PHOEBE

Listen as this bird says its name "phoebe". Look for brown and white birds around yards, bridges, and farms



RIVER HERRING

Keep an eye on the fish ladder at the Sawmill for these fish migrating upstream to spawn.



FERN FIDDLEHEADS

Look in shady, wooded areas, near swamps and rivers for some bright green uncurling from the forest floor.



STRIPED BASS

Beginning early May, striped bass come back, and they are hungry! Make sure you get a permit this April so you are ready to fish!



SPRING PEEPERS

A tiny frog that you will hear more likely than see. It lives in forests and emerges in early spring to breed in vernal pools. You will hear a "peep" sound from the males.



OSPREY

These big hawks are easily spotted along the coast and easy to spot - brown and white soaring and whistling. Look for their large waterfront nests.