



On Parker Pond, Mount Vernon Maine

## A Natural History Week at Bearnstow

Tuesday, June 18, 7:30 P.M.  
Mount Vernon Community Center

**EDWARD (TED) ELLIMAN**

Botanist, plant ecologist for the New England Wild Flower Society

**“Exploring the Flora of Central Maine Forest Communities”**



In the field, summer 2018



Ted leads a field trip in Berkshires, with shadbush in bloom at left. Photos by Liza Green



Early Saxifrage

The evening PowerPoint presentation will focus on the flora, structure, and successional patterns of major northeastern forest communities. The discussion will cover in detail trees, shrubs, wildflowers, ferns, and club mosses that occur commonly (and some not so commonly) in central Maine and New England in general.

### Wednesday, June 19, 10:30 A.M. at Bearnstow

The morning walk will look closely at the flora of the Bearnstow woods, with particular attention to the characteristics of individual plants that enable correct identification.



Painted trillium



**Ted Elliman** is a botanist and plant ecologist with many years’ affiliation with the New England Wild Flower Society as a staff botanist, invasive plant species program manager, and educator. Now semi-retired, he continues to teach botany classes and lead field trips for conservation organizations throughout New England. Prior to his position with the Wild Flower Society, for a number of years Ted was a contract ecologist for the National Park Service, documenting rare plant occurrences and invasive species issues in the northeastern and Mid-Atlantic sections of the Appalachian Trail. As a sideline, since the mid-1990s, he has periodically led natural history tours to southwestern China, where he worked for two years as a teacher and plant ecologist. He is the author of *Wildflowers of New England* (Timber Press, 2016), a field guide to both common and rare wildflowers in the six state region. Ted has a Master’s Degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Admission is free, but contributions for the nature walks and presentations are greatly appreciated. Please reserve for any event by calling 207-293-2280 after June 15. Lunch is also available (\$10). Bearnstow is located at 84 Bearnstow Road in Mount Vernon. See [www.bearnstow.org/contact.htm](http://www.bearnstow.org/contact.htm) for directions.