

# April Weekday Programs

## Spring Wildflowers with the GT Audubon Club

Thursday, April 28, 7-8:30 p.m. / Recommended for adults  
Join the Grand Traverse Audubon Club to explore the spring wildflowers of Northern Michigan! No suggested donation.



(Blue Iris)

## Saturday Programs

### Getting Started with Bluebirding Workshop with the MI Bluebird Society

Saturday, April 2, 1-2 p.m. / Recommended for adults  
Get started with bluebirding with the Michigan Bluebird Society! Join us to learn all about bluebirds and how to build and mount your own bluebird nesting box! Program will also include a guided nature hike to discuss bluebird habitat. **\$5 suggested donation. Nesting box kits will be available for purchase. Space is limited and registration is required for this program. Please call 231.941.0960 to register.**  
*Note: The Northern Michigan Bluebird Society will be hosting its annual meeting from 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m., and you are welcome to attend this meeting prior to the workshop. Additional fees apply. More info and registration details for this meeting can be found at MichiganBluebirds.org.*



### Native Landscaping Clinic

Saturday, April 9 / By appointment only (30-minute appointments available 1-4 p.m.)  
This is your chance to bring in your specific landscape questions and talk with our experts about which species will work best on your property. This appointment will offer you a one-on-one opportunity to discuss your landscape options. Bring along photos or yard plans if you have them! **To register for your 30-minute consultation, please call 231.941.0960.**

### Awakening the Dreamer Symposium

Sunday, April 10, 12-5 p.m. / Recommended for adults  
Join Lisa Franseen for this guided exploration of the challenges of our world. Together, we will become awakened to the calling of our time and be given the motivation to act in pursuit of an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on our planet. The content of the symposium includes video interviews with renowned scientists, activists and spiritual leaders and asks the question "Where do we go from here?" \$20 suggested donation. **Space is limited for this program and registration is required. Please call 231.941.0960 to register.**

## Saturday Programs Continued...

### Annual Seedling Sale

Saturday, April 16, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. & Sunday, April 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. / Open to all ages  
Restore nature and your backyard habitat with an assortment of trees and shrubs from the GTCD's annual Seedling Sale at the Boardman River Nature Center. Conifers, hardwoods and shrubs will be available for anything from the traditional wind break to reducing your carbon footprint. Not quite sure what's best for your property? Experts will be on hand to help. Quantities are limited, so come early for best selection. The deadline for pre-orders of 500 or more is Friday, April 8. Sponsored by Traverse City Light & Power. All proceeds support the work of the Grand Traverse Conservation District. Visit [NatureisCalling.org](http://NatureisCalling.org) for details.

### An Introduction to Native Plants Workshop

Saturday, April 23, 10-11 a.m. / Recommended for adults  
Why should you landscape with native plant species? Which wildflowers will grow in partial sun? What are some examples of native vines? Are there any groundcovers that will grow in full shade? Join us for this overview of our native vines, groundcovers, grasses, ferns and wildflowers. \$5 suggested donation.



(Trillium)

### How to Plant Native

Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. / Recommended for adults  
How do you prepare your site for planting native plants? What is hardening off? Do you need to fertilize? Join us for this basic "how to" guide for site preparation, planting, fertilizing, and mulching your native plants. \$5 suggested donation.

### Native Landscaping for the Birds

Saturday, April 23, 2-3:30 p.m. / Recommended for adults  
Ever wonder what you could be doing in your yard to attract more feathered friends? Join Brian Zimmerman & Tom Ford as they discuss the variety of native flora that you can use in your own landscaping to attract more birds to your property. \$5 suggested donation.



(Hummingbird)

### Michigan Natural Shoreline Education Workshop

Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. / Recommended for waterfront property owners  
Do you wonder why people tell you not to pull all the weeds from your beach? How can you protect your shore from erosion? Interested in some native landscaping ideas for your waterfront? Join the MSU Extension at the Boardman River Nature Center to learn the value of a natural shoreline and how it can impact lake water quality. **Program fee is \$20 (\$25 after April 23). Space is limited for this program and registration is required. Please call the MSUE office at 231.922.4625 to register.**

# Seedling Sale

Restore nature & your yard with a great variety of conifers, hardwoods, & shrubs! (Full species information available online & at the BRNC)



**Saturday**

**April 16 (8a-3p)**

**Sunday**

**April 17 (10a-3p)**

Pre-orders of 500+ seedlings due April 8

**First Come— First Serve for both sales**

Both sales will be held at the  
**Boardman River Nature Center**

**1450 Cass Rd., TC 49685**

Visit [NatureisCalling.org](http://NatureisCalling.org) for more info!

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## Native Plant Sale

Restore nature with a variety of wildflowers, groundcovers, & ferns. Includes rescued trillium, jack-in-the-pulpit, & more!

**Saturday**

**May 21 (8a-3p)**

**Sunday**

**May 22 (10a-3p)**



[NatureisCalling.org](http://NatureisCalling.org)

## Nature Is Calling... (Pick Up!)

# April Programs

at the **Boardman River Nature Center**



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**Grand Traverse  
Conservation District**

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Your business can Sponsor this program schedule! Call us for details.

Boardman River Nature Center  
1450 Cass Rd, Traverse City, 49685  
(Just 3 miles south of downtown Traverse City)  
Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10a.m. - 4p.m.  
P: 231.941.0960