

April 29, 2009

Dr. Mary Ann Heidemann, the Regional Land Use Educator with MSU Extension – Alpena County, asks a question about one of Michigan’s oldest species. Hint: You might see one at the upcoming [Huron Pines AmeriCorps Spring Service Project](#).

**What threatened and globally rare species found in northern Michigan typically lives 20 to 25 years before reaching sexual maturity, and then only reproduces once every four or five years?**

See the [answer](#).

Below is the 4/29/09 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

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Thank you!

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### **Protect the Sturgeon with AmeriCorps May 9 - Erosion Control on the Black River**

Once again, [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) will be celebrating national [AmeriCorps Week](#) with a special service project. On Saturday, May 9, Huron Pines AmeriCorps members are teaming up with [Sturgeon For Tomorrow](#) and the [Michigan Department of Natural Resources](#) (DNR) to protect sturgeon on the Black River, near Cheboygan ([click here to view a map](#)).

Members and volunteers will spend the day planting native plants and stabilizing a streambank. Improving these sites is important because they contribute sediment directly to the river where the endangered lake sturgeon spawn every spring. Meanwhile, the DNR will conduct their annual tagging and assessment.

To learn more, please visit [2009 Spring Service Project](#). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jennifer Muladore at [jennifer@huronpines.org](mailto:jennifer@huronpines.org).

Learn about other [Huron Pines Volunteer Opportunities](#).

**Huron Pines Spring Newsletter**

Our spring newsletter is now available online. [Click here](#) to read about our upcoming field season. You'll find information about continuing projects, such as [Large Woody Debris](#), and several of our new programs like the [Conservation First Responder Program](#).

Our supporters will be receiving a copy of the newsletter in the mail. If you are not on our mailing list and would like a print copy, please contact [info@huronpines.org](mailto:info@huronpines.org).

## Northern Michigan Events

These events along with other regional events are also listed on the [Huron Pines Calendar](#).

- Landscaping for Water Quality Workshop: Wednesday, April 29, 6–7pm, Traverse City, contact [Grand Traverse Conservation District](#)
- Spring Water Sampling for the [Pine River-Van Etten Lake](#) Watershed: Saturday, May 2, 9am–1pm, Oscoda, contact [Gene Stagner](#)
- [Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter](#) Annual Fundraiser Banquet: Saturday, May 2, Grayling Ramada Inn, contact [Mark Hendricks](#)
- The Grow Show & Spring Tree Sale: Saturday, May 2, 9am–4pm, Oscoda County Fairgrounds, contact the Oscoda County Conservation District at (989) 826-8824
- Invasive Plants Workshop: Wednesday, May 6, 6–7pm, Traverse City, contact [Grand Traverse Conservation District](#)
- Huron Pines AmeriCorps and Sturgeon For Tomorrow–[Sturgeon Habitat Restoration](#): Saturday, May 9, 10am–2pm, Black River, Onaway, contact [Jennifer Muladore](#)
- AmeriCorps hosts an Adopt-a-Forest Clean-up: May 12, Roscommon, contact [Daniel Schultz](#)
- Kirtland's Warbler Festival: Saturday, May 16, Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, visit <http://warbler.kirtland.edu/>
- Au Sable Greenbelt Day: Wednesday, May 20, 9am–2pm, Grayling, contact [Jennifer Muladore](#)
- Petoskey Stone Festival: Saturday, May 23, 10–4 pm, Eastport, visit <http://www.petoskeystonefestival.com>
- AmeriCorps hosts an Adopt-a-Forest Clean-up: May 27, Roscommon, contact [Daniel Schultz](#)

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