



Foresters for the Birds Training

Friday, May 15

8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Belchertown and Pelham, Massachusetts

Beginning at the

Belchertown Town Hall

**1 Main Street, Belchertown, MA 01007
(parking behind building)**

Foresters for the Birds is a Massachusetts DCR program providing cost-share assistance to landowners to hire a qualified consulting forester to conduct a Bird Habitat Assessment on their land. The assessment will provide information about the existing or potential habitat for target bird species and silvicultural recommendations for enhancing habitat through forest management.



To become certified to provide this service to landowners, consulting foresters must attend this training and then conduct two assessments under the review of Mass Audubon and DCR. Foresters will also become qualified to develop forest management plans with bird habitat assessments for landowners receiving USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service funding through the Southern New England Heritage Forest RCPP in south-central Massachusetts. The training is intended for those who have not yet attended a Foresters for the Birds training, those who would like extra support, and those who are simply interested or have questions.

This training will include indoor presentations and a site visit to the neighboring Town of Pelham's Buffam Brook Community Forest (10 miles away) to view different bird habitats.

- **8 – 8:30am: Registration & Coffee, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Belchertown Town Hall**
- **8:30 – 10am: Indoor learning in the Selectmen's Meeting Room**
- **10:30 am – 1:30 pm: Field Training at Buffam Brook Community Forest, Pelham**
Directions to the field portion will be provided to participants during the morning program.
Please dress for walking in the woods and bring your own lunch (we will take a 30 minute break).

Space is limited. To register, please contact Christopher Riely at christopher@sweetbirchconsulting.com or (401) 225-6135

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