

WILD LIFE



This Great Blue Heron was spotted last October on Pearl Lake. These lanky birds can stand stock still for hours, and with probing eyes detect the dart of a fish or the twitch of a frog. They strike swiftly, aided by special vertebra in their long limber necks, devouring their prey in gulps.

The mighty take-off is unforgettable. Herons manage to fly gracefully, even with wing spans over six-feet. In Native American legend, the Great Blue signifies independence and perseverance.

LEARN ABOUT THE COLLABORATIVE PROJECT HAPPENING THIS SUMMER ON THE AMMONOOSUC RIVER IN LISBON

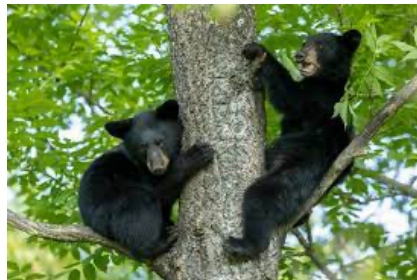
You may have seen a recent [article in the Caledonian \(Jan'21\)](#) about the bank restoration project happening along the Ammonoosuc River in Lisbon this summer.

Although bank restoration and stabilization efforts have been ongoing since 2011, this one is a bit different. The CT River Conservancy (CRC) is coordinating the project on ACT land supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service agency (NRCS) to reduce bank erosion, improve water quality, and increase habitat for

native fish. Cue the heavy machinery! Want to know more? Join ACT online Thursday, May 20th, from 6:00-7:00 PM to learn about the project from Ron Rhodes of CRC, ACT's Rick Walling, and Tom Ebert of



NRCS. They will discuss details of the plan and answer any questions. To Register: <https://events.r2o.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=ao7ehurnbmg05b8c805&oseq=&c=&ch=>



Black Bears - They may be cute until they become UN-BEARable. Keep our black bears safe; remove bird feeders, trash, etc. Don't forget the old saying, "A fed bear is a dead bear." Don't let them become a nuisance! For more resources see:

<https://wildlife.state.nh.us/wildlife/bears/index.html>

The Lisbon Conservation Commission stewards and protects the town's natural resources through planning, promoting and educating to assist the town boards and the public in conservation matters. We encourage informed decision making to keep Lisbon a livable place today and for decades to come.



Common Mergansers on the Ammonoosuc River near where the bank restoration and tree planting project are to take place.

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