

# APRIL MONTHLY MOSAIC



Berkshire Natural  
Resources Council

## NOISY SPRING PEEPERS

As the weather warms, these tiny tree frogs emerge from their winter hiding spots and fill wetlands with their high-pitched chorus that sounds a lot like jingling bells.

### EXPLORE

**Jackson Pond Boardwalk:** Located in Stockbridge, MA, this reserve offers a path through the woods leading to a boardwalk. The diverse habitats here provide opportunities to hear spring peepers during their breeding season.

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## RED MAPLE BLOSSOMS

Look for clusters of tiny red flowers blooming on branches before the trees leaf out, adding a soft reddish haze to wetlands and forest edges.

### FUN FACT

Red maple can be used for syrup production. However, it tends to bud and flower very early in the season, which has a negative effect on the sap, making the syrup season for the red maple very short.

## WOODCOCK SKY DANCE

At dusk in open fields, listen for the "peent" calls of American Woodcocks before they launch into spiraling aerial displays, part of their mating rituals.

### EXPLORE

**Hollow Fields:** Located in Richmond, MA Hollow Fields offers expansive open fields surrounded by forested areas, providing ample space for their aerial displays.

## BLOODROOT BLOOMS

This early woodland wildflower pushes up delicate white blooms with golden centers, often before its leaves fully unfurl. Bloodroot gets its name from its reddish sap, which is historically used as a natural dye by Indigenous peoples.

### FUN FACT

Bloodroot flowers have no nectar, but they still attract early-season pollinators like bees through their bright white petals and pollen-rich centers.