

The Montpelier BioBlitz Update No. 2: How It Works – June 18, 2008

Dear BioBlitzers:

With about three weeks until our 24-hour clock starts ticking, here's your second BioBlitz update. This one is to help you coordinate survey work.

Each organism group has a "taxon leader." These nice folks organize and coordinate surveying for their given taxon. They disperse their BioBlitzers to various locations in Montpelier. And they compile a final species list for their given taxon so we can have a preliminary at the end of the BioBlitz. It's all fairly informal.

We recognize that many of you may be unfamiliar with Montpelier. So you'll find five preliminary maps on our web site's "Resources page" at www.northbranchnaturecenter.org/bioblitz/resources.html. We'll be improving these maps and will have hard copies for everyone when you check in.

Here's how we envision this working (at least we hope). Many of you will convene and get to work when the BioBlitz starts at 3pm on Friday, July 11. Others will do all or most of their survey work at night (moth and bat folks, for example) and others will be busy at dawn on Saturday (birders). Your taxon leaders can help coordinate this. We also recognize that many of you will survey only when you have the time; that's fine. Just try to work out when and where with your taxon leader.

Attached is a list of who's doing what (a spreadsheet and a PDF version). Taxon leaders can use it to begin to organize. Some taxa have no leaders at this point. So we're still taking volunteers. Otherwise, with just a few of you in a group, perhaps you can work things out on your own. And some of you haven't yet settled on a particular taxon. We've listed you for the time being as "Generalist/Freelancer." Of course, anyone is free to wader during the BioBlitz.

Good luck! And send along any questions to bryan@northbranchnaturecenter.org.

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