



Highstead Woodland Conversations
present

Peter Del Tredici on Wild Urban Plants of the Northeast

Equisetum arvense Field Horsetail *Onoclea*
Elder *Toxicodendron radicans* Poison Ivy
Honeysuckle *Euonymus alatus* Burning
vulgare Hedge Privet *Berberis thunbergii*
Buckthorn *Rosa multiflora* Multiflora
Aspen *Salix spp. (shrubs)* Pussy Willow
Ulmus americana American Elm
Ivy *Parthenocissus quinquefolius*
Carpetweed *Daucus*
Asclepias syriaca Milkweed
Symphotrichum pilosum White
Yellow Rocket *Chenopodium album*
Wild Cucumber *Lotus corniculatus*
Ground Ivy *Oenothera biennis* Evening
Plantain *Solanum ptycanthum* Eastern Black



sensibilis

Sensitive Fern *Taxus cuspidata* Japanese Yew *Acer negundo* Box
Betula populifolia Gray Birch *Lonicera japonica* Japanese
Bush *Quercus rubra* Red Oak *Ligustrum*
Japanese Barberry *Frangula alnus* Glossy
Rose *Populus tremuloides* Quaking
Paulownia tomentosa Princess Tree
Parthenocissus tricuspidata Boston
Virginia Creeper *Mollugo verticillata*
carota Queen Anne's Lace
Arctium minus Burdock
Heath Aster *Barbarea vulgaris*
Lamb's Quarters *Echinocystis lobata*
Birdsfoot Trefoil *Glechoma hederacea*
Primrose *Plantago major* Broadleaf
Nightshade *Iris pseudacoris* Yellow Flag Iris

What some people see as a collection of undesirable plants, Peter Del Tredici views as a valuable ecosystem that's unique to the hostile habitat of the city. If we saw this motley collection of plants differently, Del Tredici suggests, we'd realize they're a kind of marvel: living things in the harsh and stressful urban landscape that don't just survive there, but thrive. With no effort on our part, they fill the city with greenery, providing cleaner air and water, shade, and food and habitat for wildlife.

Saturday, September 25, 2010
2:00 pm

Highstead Barn
127 Lonetown Road (Rte 107)

Peter Del Tredici will unveil his most recent accomplishment, a new field guide to the wild urban plants of the northeastern United States. With camera in hand, Peter has studied and photographed those plants that seem to defy the urban odds, growing between sidewalk cracks, clinging to life on salty highway embankments, or comfortably foresting a rail corridor. In this lecture, he will speak about biological opportunism and

the ecological services provided to urbanites by some of the plants we love to hate and those for which we have little appreciation.

Peter Del Tredici, Ph. D., Senior Research Scientist at the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University and Lecturer in Harvard's Department of Landscape Architecture

Please call to reserve seats

Questions?
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Book signing following Peter's talk.

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