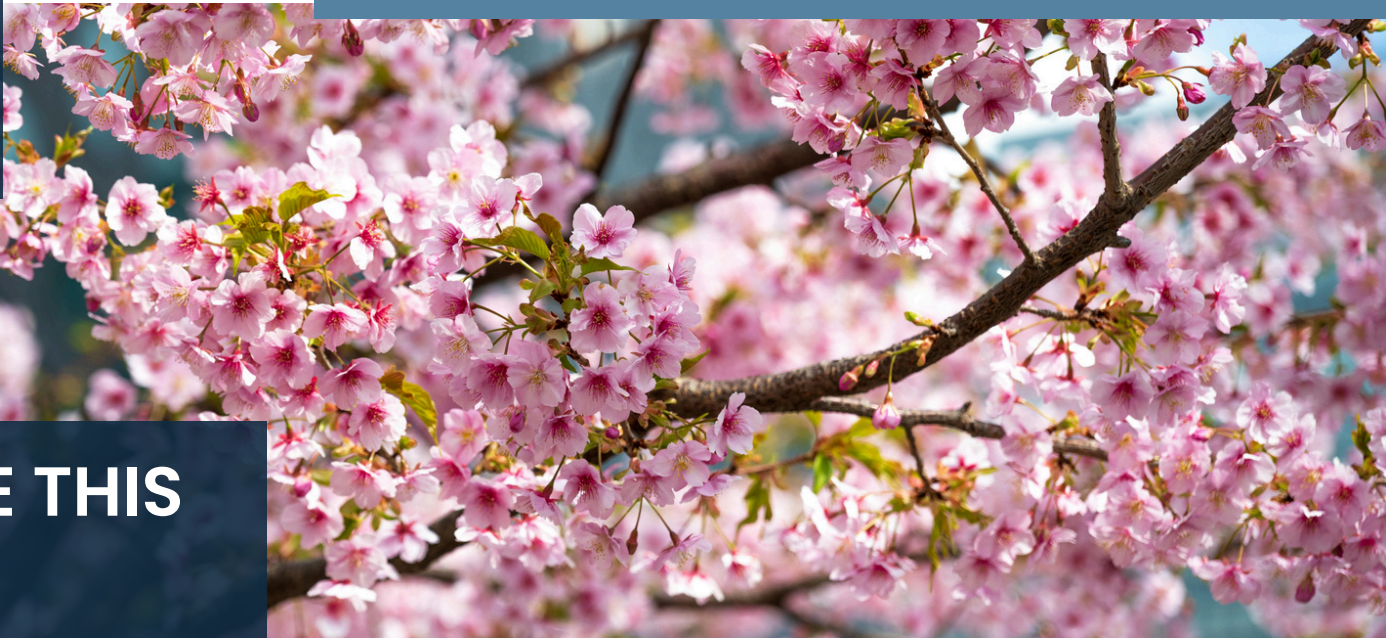


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RARE FIND IN THE RAIN: RARE SALAMANDERS DISCOVERED IN NASHUA



Local volunteers have hit the pavement five times this spring to help salamanders and frogs safely cross a busy Nashua road to reach their breeding pools. These migrations occur on rainy nights when temperatures exceed 40 degrees, often putting the animals in the path of oncoming traffic.

This year's efforts have led to a significant discovery: the presence of individuals from the Jefferson/Blue-spotted salamander complex. These salamanders with blue flecks have not been previously recorded in Nashua. Moreover, this species complex has been

identified as species in greatest need of conservation in the New Hampshire Wildlife Action Plan, as such, the findings have been officially reported to New Hampshire Fish and Game to help update state records.

Organizers, from the Nashua Conservation Commission, are seeking more helpers. Due to traffic, the work is not suitable for young children, and safety gear—including reflective vests and headlamps—is required. If you're interested in helping, please review the

training materials on the Harris Center website and message the Nashua Conservation Commission directly to be added to their volunteer list.

[Harris Center Training](#)

[Nashua Conservation Commission](#)

Join us for the 4th Annual Nashua Sustainability Fair!



Sustainability Fair
 Saturday, April 25
 11 am – 2 pm

Our free, family-friendly event is back and better than ever. Bring your friends and family to learn, engage, and celebrate a greener future for Nashua on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Nashua Public Library!

2026 Event Highlights:

- Eco-market with artisan and food items for sale
- [Learn how to grow your own mushrooms](#) (including take-home kits while supplies last!)
- Meet a box turtle from [Zoo New England Conservation](#) and learn how to keep them safe during their egg-laying season.
- Vegetarian food samples
- Rideable Nashua Kick-off, which features pedal-assist bikes for getting around the city!
- Informational tables
- Trash Art community project
- Electric vehicle showcase [Sign up to showcase your own EV!](#)
- Lead testing for soil: *Collect 1 to 2 cups of soil from your yard/garden and bring it to the soilSHOP table in a ziplock bag. Results will be emailed to you after the fair.*

This year, we are especially excited to announce that our central theme is "Sustainable Food." We'll be diving into ways our community can reduce waste, support local food systems, and make choices that are healthy for both our bodies and the planet. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just looking for tips on ethical grocery shopping, there will be something for everyone.

[Nashua Sustainability Fair](#)

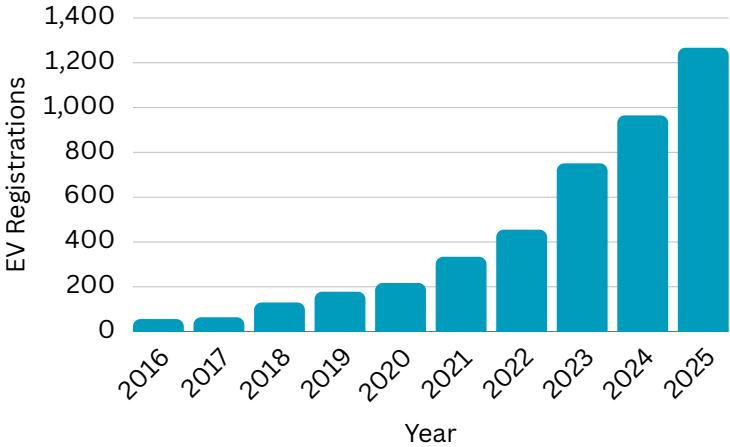
Did You Know?

There are **12 species** of salamander that can be found in New Hampshire. Some of these species such as the redback salamander are common and widespread across the state, while others like the marbled salamander are very rare and protected under state law.



[Discover All 12 Species](#)

Record High in Local Electric Vehicle Registrations



The transition to electric power in the Gate City has reached a historic milestone, with new data revealing that electric vehicle (EV) registrations surged to 1,267 in 2025. This figure represents a 31% increase from the 965 registrations in 2024 and highlights a staggering long-term shift; in 2016, there were only 56 EVs on local roads. The decade-long climb has seen adoption accelerate from a niche interest into a mainstream movement.

This exponential growth—climbing from 130 in 2018 to 455 in 2022 and now surpassing 1,200—is likely due to a wider variety of all-electric vehicles becoming available at more attainable costs, including electric SUVs and trucks entering the market, alongside expanded charging infrastructure. The continued increase in 2025 could suggest that despite the expiration of certain federal tax credits in late 2025, local drivers are increasingly prioritizing long-term fuel savings and lower maintenance costs.

Keep your eyes on the curb...

Rideable Nashua

... the revolution is rolling in soon!

Unleash Your Inner Scientist: Join the City Nature Challenge 2026!

Calling all nature lovers, weekend explorers, and curious neighbors! It's time to step outside and show the world the incredible biodiversity hidden right here in our own backyard. Nashua is joining the **City Nature Challenge**, a global four-day event from **April 24 – 27** where cities worldwide compete to document local wildlife. Whether you are a seasoned naturalist or a curious beginner, you can help us put the Gate City on the map by recording the plants and animals anywhere in our city. As part of this effort, the Nashua Conservation Commission is hosting four guided walks through our local conservation areas, taking place from 9am to 11am on each day of challenge.

Guided Conservation Walks (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM) Please register for each walk you plan to attend:

- Friday, April 24: [Buckmeadow Conservation Area](#)
- Saturday, April 25: [Lovewell Pond Conservation Area](#)
- Sunday, April 26: [Terrell Homestead Conservation Area](#)
- Monday, April 27: [Northwest Conservation Area](#)

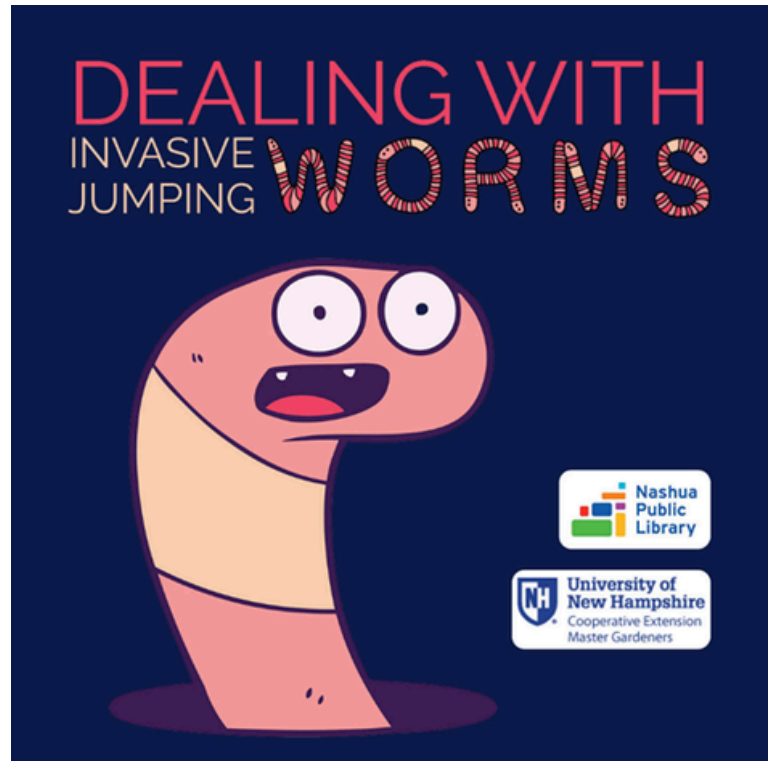
What to Bring:

- Smartphone with the iNaturalist app installed.
- Camera (if preferred).
- Sturdy, closed-toed shoes.
- Rain gear (the event is rain or shine!).

How to Participate:

Use the iNaturalist app to photograph and upload observations of any wild living thing you find. Your data helps scientists track and protect urban biodiversity!

[More Information](#)



Amyntas agrestis has many common names: Asian jumping worms, Alabama jumpers, Jersey wrigglers, wood eel, and snake worms, to name a few. Ron Trexler, UNH Extension Master Gardener, will talk about this invasive worm and their impact on our environment. You'll learn how to identify them, why they are a concern, what to do if you find them on your property, and most importantly, how to prevent their spread.

- Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026
- Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Location: Nashua Public Library, Large Meeting Room
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Note: This event is free and open to the public. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just want to learn more about protecting our local environment, we hope to see you there!

[Dealing with Invasive Jumping Worms](#)



Bike Sale!

Gate City Bike Coop

We repair donated used bikes and give them to greater Nashua area low-income residents, for free.

Saturday, May 2, 2026 (RAIN DATE – Sunday, May 3rd)
starting at 9a.m. until sold out

17 Airport Road, Nashua
off Amherst Street

- Quality used bikes
- Priced at a fraction of original cost
- Tuned and ready to ride
- Adult and children's sizes
- Mountain, road, and vintage bikes
- Cash, check, or credit card

[More Information](#)