



— 2019 by the numbers

Members	385
Our Public Programs	36
Program Attendance	1,037
Data Requests	61
Other Inquiries	213
Other Event Attendance	396
e-News Readers (avg)	640
Webpage Users	13,455
Facebook Followers	2,007
Volunteer Hours	300
Rhody Native Plants	1,884
URI Engagements	159

For environmental conservation there are fewer resources than ever...but the natural world isn't getting any smaller or less complicated.

To be the best environmental stewards we can be, we need good science and we need everybody to work together to make the most of our combined knowledge and experience.

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Thank you!

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BioBlitz 2019 — Providence 1,168 species

Photos: Grace Lentini





BioBlitz 2019: Lou w/ friend, late night plants, art team, and ants.

The Rhode Island Natural History Survey is...

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354 Individual and Family Members

32 Organizational Members

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 Watch Hill Conservancy



spadefoot toad pools; Ants of RI survey; coyote ecology; mapping for land trusts

Financial Report (unaudited)

	2019	2018
Net assets as of December 31, 2018	\$354,344	\$302,475
Total revenue 2019	672,923	689,418
Total expenses 2019	631,658	637,549
Net revenue (operations)	41,265	51,869
Unrestricted cash (adj AR/AP)	274,432	222,130
Temp. Rest. (Incl. Fisc. Sp.)	112,193	122,143
Permanently Restricted (Gould Fund)	9,084	8,545
Equity as of December 31, 2019	395,709	353,357

The coronavirus pandemic is having a huge effect on our society; it is probably only just beginning. Thank you for supporting our medical providers, first responders, and other frontline workers. There are many natural historical lessons in the present situation, from the consequences of the wildlife trade to the prudence of maintaining biological surveillance, from the way having a populace that understands science can ease crisis

management to the need so many suddenly felt to make a connection with Nature. Because you found ways to support the Natural History

We're restarting the old newsletter, the Rhode Island Naturalist. We are looking for submissions. See rinhs.org/who-we-are-what-we-do/books-newsletter/newsletter-for-guidelines.

Survey in 2019—our 25th anniversary—the organization is stronger than it's ever been and is reaching further than ever to connect resource managers, conservationists, educators and students, and civic minded hobbyists with each other and with information they need to succeed in their own diverse, and usually inter-related, projects. No one knows what lies ahead, but much of the Survey's work happens behind the scenes anyway, so with your continued support we expect to be "out there" as usual with wetlands assessments, wildlife conservation planning, coyote ecology research, and native plant enumeration in the coming months and hopefully over the NEXT 25 years.

After 9 years with 'ol greeny', we're finally redesigning the website. More resources, less clicking around!





Open house art exhibit (Big Daddy Turtle by Tony Monahan), Rhody Native Rosa palustris, science conference, Block Is. fungus walk w/ Larry Millman

Mission

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Salt marsh monitoring demo by Survey wetland scientist Tom Kutcher.
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Nancy Karraker, BioBlitz 2019. Photo: URI, Beau Jones



Coyote ecology research w/ Numi Mitchell. Photo: The Conservation Agency

Through dues and annual giving, you, the members, pay for innovative programs, workshops, and technical assistance that conservationists, researchers, and agency managers need to succeed in their vital work.

THANK YOU, MEMBERS!