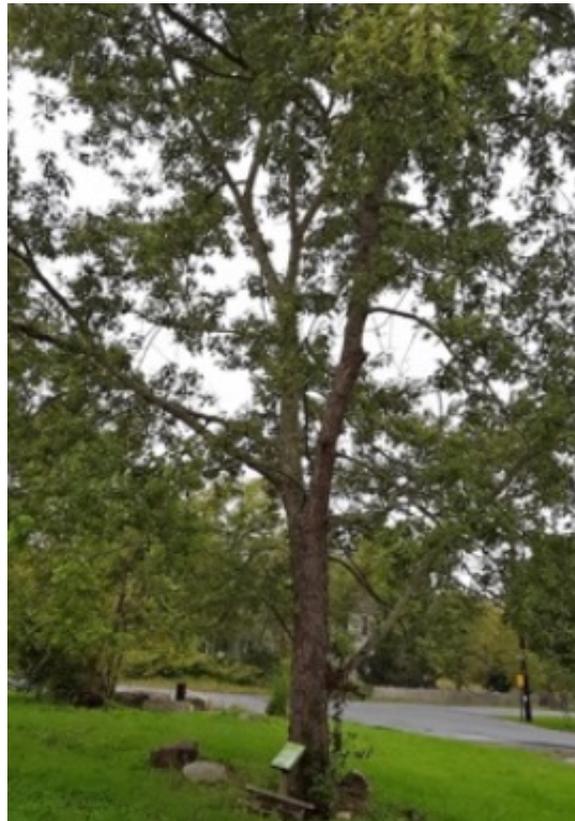




June Field Notes



KNOW THIS TREE?

In June of 1995, a Silver Maple, *Acer saccharinum* was planted on the Gardiner section of the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail thanks to the generosity of K.M. Landscaping (Kevin Feldt proprietor). The planting was a cooperative effort of Rosendale Nursery, Peggy Lotvin, Grindstone Dairy Service, Barbara Sammons and Ken Law to benefit the Gardiner Library.

This month marks the 25th anniversary of the planting, and boy has it grown!

[Learn just how big this tree is and where you can to see it in person.](#)

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PEDDLE POWER



TRT Bicycles and the WVLT go way back. The bike shop in Rosendale opened a year after the WVLT was formed, and it's been a happy marriage ever since — as TRT Bicycles supplies the vehicle, and the WVLT supplies the venue (the nearby Wallkill Valley Rail Trail). Christian Favata, the bike shop's current owner, was one of the first employees of TRT Bicycles when it opened more than 30 years ago.

[Learn how Favata's inspires and supports people to get outside.](#)

BORER VS. BEETLE JUNE SPECIES SPOTLIGHT



As part of an ongoing series of articles that examine native and invasive species found in our region, here we present the Borer Versus Beetle

Who's that metallic green insect? One of these insects is the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive species decimating our native ash trees, and the other is the native six spotted tiger beetle which is a good bug providing an important role in our eastern forests.

Would you be able to tell them apart if you saw them in the forest?

[Read this month's Species Spotlight for more information on these two striking insects, how to tell them apart, and how to help save our native ash trees.](#)

A NATURAL SOCIAL NETWORK

iNaturalist is a social network of over 2.7 million people who share observations, and record biodiversity across the world. It was coordinated by the California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society with the purpose of fostering community scientists. **If you have a smart phone or similar device, you can become one too, and use an app to identify plants and animals.**

[Learn more about iNaturalist.](#)

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CARRY IN, CARRY OUT PLEASE

Here at the Wallkill Valley Land Trust (WVLT), we hope you and yours are doing well during these most challenging times. And we hope that you are enjoying and finding respite in our open spaces and on the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail. We encourage users to practice social distancing, and wear face coverings too. And since there is heavy use on the Rail Trail, we would like to remind users to please take your trash with you when you leave. Let's keep it clean for others to enjoy!

DID YOU KNOW?

The recent \$2 trillion economic relief bill includes an above-the-line charitable tax deduction for 2020. You can claim up to **\$300** in charitable deduction without itemizing!
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