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The Nature Conservancy of Connecticut and Yale Peabody Museum Host a Citizen Science Training in Lyme.

Come learn how to be an amphibian scientist! On March 25th, from 7 to 9pm at the Lyme Public Library, The Nature Conservancy will be hosting Jim Sirch, the Education Coordinator of the Yale Peabody Museum. Jim will guide participants on becoming FrogWatch USA volunteers. FrogWatch USA is a program created by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to help engage the public in monitoring local frog and toad populations. Frogs and toads serve as important clues to environmental health because they are highly sensitive to changing environmental conditions. They also help keep insect populations low, preventing the spread of disease. Sadly, however, frogs and toads are on the decline. Thirty eight species of the two hundred and eighty native amphibian species in the United States are currently listed under the Endangered Species Act. At this training Jim will teach

you how to identify different amphibian calls, where and how often to monitor your local wetlands and how to submit your data to the larger FrogWatch USA effort, so you can help contribute meaningful information about the frogs and toads in your neighborhood! Space is limited so please contact Liz Robinson of The Nature Conservancy at (203) 568-6270 x6409 to register!