

Go Fishing in the Arboretum!



Photo courtesy of Brandon Dale.

Did you know?... Minnesota's state fish is the walleye! Each year, anglers in Minnesota catch and keep roughly 3.5 million walleyes totaling 4 million pounds! The average walleye caught and kept in Minnesota is about 14 inches long and weighs slightly more than 1 pound. The walleye is named for its pearlescent eye, which is caused by a reflective layer of pigment, called the **tapetum lucidum**, that helps it see and feed at night or in murky water. The Arboretum has seven lakes nestled in its 2,700 acres perfect for fishing!

<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fish/walleye/index.html>

Before you go fishing in the Arboretum...

Please abide by all angling regulations set forth by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

All anglers must have a license to fish in Arboretum waters.

When fishing, please never leave trash behind, including worn or discarded line, old hooks and bait.

Q: What do you call a fish with no eyes?

A: Fsh!

Q: What kind of noise annoys an oyster?

A: A noisy noise annoys an oyster! (Try saying that fast!)

Q: What's the difference between a fish and a piano?

A: You can't tuna fish!

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Fish!

Fish who?

Fish- us temper you've got there, calm down!

Spring Plant Sale- May 9

Looking for a great mother's day gift to take home? Come stock up on plants and garden tools at the Spring Plant Sale. The sale takes place at the New Science Pendulum from **8:30 a.m.- noon**, or whenever we are sold out!

Spring Birding Day- May 9

Saint John's Arboretum and the Minnesota Ornithologists Union (MOU) have partnered to bring you a day of hiking through an "Important Bird Area" in Minnesota during peak migration! We have seen 100+ species in past years at Saint John's! In addition to birding, participants will have a chance to hear from local birding experts. [Learn more and pre-register online!](#)

Bird Migration in Minnesota- May 19

Learn all about the great migratory birds of Minnesota! This session will be led by Bob Russell from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and SJU alum. Meet at the New Science Pendulum at **6:30 p.m.**

Nature Notes Throughout the Summer

This will be the last email Nature Notes of the school year. We will continue to produce Nature Notes each week this summer but instead of sending them via email, we will post them on our [website](#). Look for your weekly Nature Notes email again next fall! Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

If you would like to be on the volunteer e-mail list for the Arboretum, please e-mail arboretum@csbsju.edu.

**We'll be in touch...
Your friends at the Arboretum**

It's your backyard, so get out and play!

***Nature Notes is a weekly publication designed to keep you informed about exciting events offered by the Arboretum!

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