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Present:

Mass Audubon Conservationist
and Author, Christopher Leahy
*"Discovering
Dragonflies & Damselflies"*

**Saturday,
June 26th, 10am-2pm
56 Mill Street, Foxboro
Adults and Children 11 and up**

**Fee:
\$18; \$15 FOCSA members,
Seniors, & Students
Presentation only: \$10**

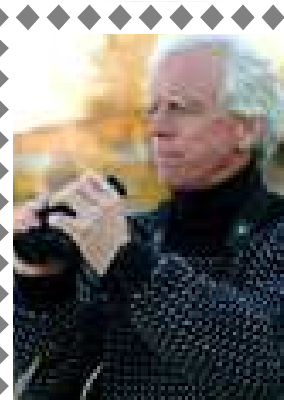
**Contact: Joy at 508 543 2018,
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for further info.**

*Be sure to wear clothing and foot-
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portion. Water will be provided.*

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"Dragonflies and Damselflies" presented by Christopher Leahy, will provide the opportunity, with one of Mass Audubon's most knowledgeable and engaging naturalists, to observe these odonates close up and to learn techniques and markers for identifying some of the more common species. Odonata, the taxonomic order that includes dragonflies and damselflies, is from the Greek *odon*, meaning tooth and describes their predatory nature. Their large size, ease of viewing, interesting behaviors, and jewel like display of colors makes them one of the most intriguing groups of insects for scientists and the public. Following a slide presentation we will explore some nearby habitats in the F. Gilbert Hills State Forest where we can observe and identify some of the 166 species that have been recorded in Massachusetts.



Common baskettail,
female.

Christopher Leahy currently holds the Gerard A. Bertrand Chair of Natural History and Field Ornithology at Mass Audubon. He has been a professional conservationist for more than thirty years and served as Director of Mass Audubon's Center for Biological Conservation. His interests in natural history are comprehensive, and he is a recognized authority on birds and insects. His published works include *Bird-watcher's Companion to North American Birdlife*, *The First Guide to Insects*, *Introduction to New England Birds*, *An Introduction to Massachusetts Insects*, and *The Nature of Massachusetts*. Chris has designed and led natural history explorations to over 70 countries on all of the continents. He grew up in Marblehead and has lived in Gloucester with his family since the 1970s.