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Bog and conifer swamps discussed at colloquium

The next presentation in the College of Natural Resources-Biology Colloquium at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point series will be given at 4 p.m., Wednesday, March 9.

Stephen Solheim will present "Conservation Biology in Bogs and Conifer Swamps" in CNR Room 170. The event will be open to the public free of charge.

Solheim, a native of Waukesha, is an associate professor of biology at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He completed his doctoral dissertation at the UW-Madison on the relations between plants in the chocolate family in Mexico and Asia and has been teaching at UW-Whitewater since 1991.

His concern for the rare plants and organisms of the Chequamegon-Nicolet region has led Solheim to examine forest management practices in Wisconsin. His research in the field has focused on plants in the Sterculiaceae family, bog ecology and forest conservation biology. Based on this research and concern, Solheim co-founded the Wisconsin Forest Conservation Task Force, an organization that challenges prevailing management practices in the National Forests in an effort to protect biodiversity.