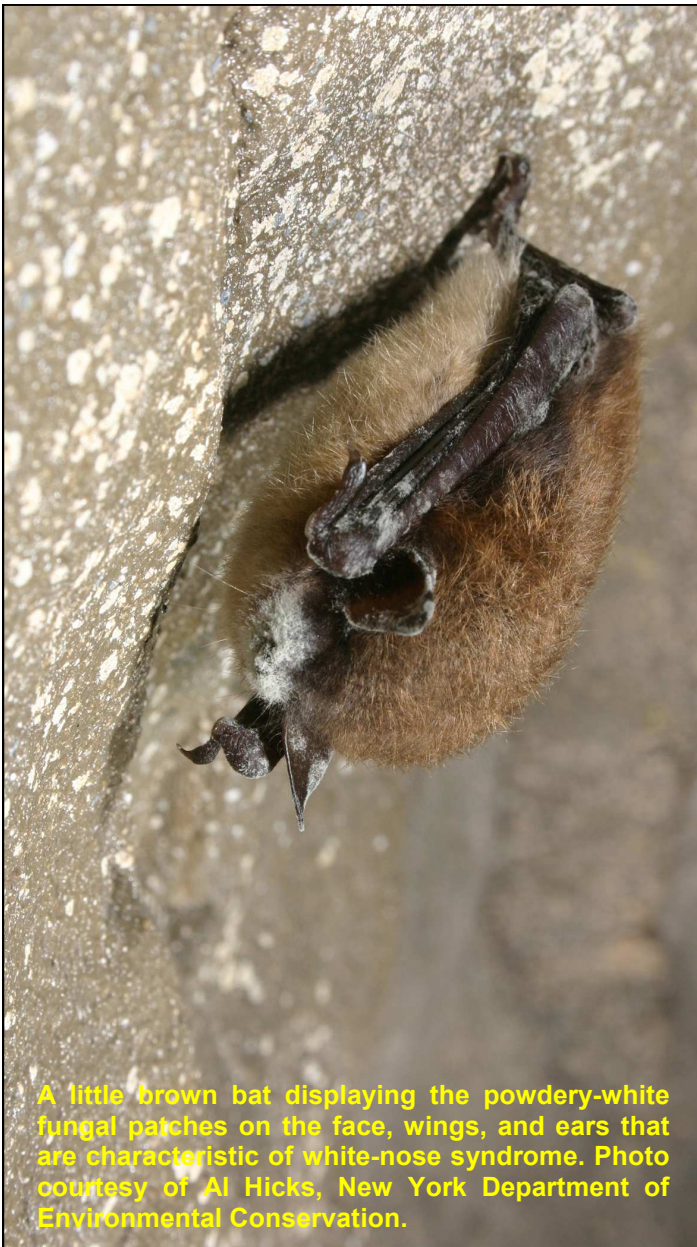




The Central Connecticut Grotto/NSS and the Hamden Land Conservation Trust present:

**White-Nose Syndrome and the Future of Bats in the Northeast
— Peter Youngbaer —**



A little brown bat displaying the powdery-white fungal patches on the face, wings, and ears that are characteristic of white-nose syndrome. Photo courtesy of Al Hicks, New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

White-nose syndrome is a fungal disease of bats that is devastating populations of certain species of cave-hibernating bats in the eastern United States and Canada. Peter Youngbaer is the white-nose syndrome liaison and WNS grant coordinator for the National Speleological Society, a national organization dedicated to the exploration, scientific study, and conservation of caves. Since the discovery of WNS, Peter has been involved in both field investigation and conservation response. He has also played an integral role in various aspects of WNS policymaking, working on relevant committees at local, state, and federal levels. The focus of this talk will be understanding bats, how WNS is affecting them, and what the future holds, particularly in the Northeast.

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