SOLF Presents: Wild Asparagus

The latest in a local nature series contributed by the Southborough Open Land Foundation

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Above: Unlike many other non-native plants, this one isn't invasive. (photo contributed by SOLF)

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Euell Theophilus Gibbons, author of Stalking the Wild Asparagus comes to mind whenever I find an asparagus plant growing in the wild. This one, pictured, is growing in the Main St field of the Beals Preserve. Asparagus is native to Eurasia and was brought here from France in the 1600s and quickly escaped cultivation. Unlike many escaped plants like Oriental Bittersweet, it has not become a nuisance.



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