

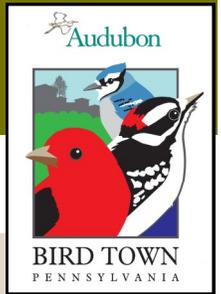
# BIRD TOWN *FLYER*

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## Your (Yard) Story....*HERE!*

We would like to include a regular feature in the Bird Town Flyer—Your Yard Story...featuring the Bird Habitat Recognition properties across the state.

Our network has grown to (nearly) 1,000 properties and our mailing list is over 3,000. This column is intended to inspire others on creating habitat gardens and properties of their own. There are standard things people can do, but it's your "recipe for success" that would be especially valuable.

What challenges did you face? How did you get started? What was the easiest/hardest part? What changes have you seen over the years? What has been the most rewarding part of your ecoscaping?

Please send an article of 100-150 words with two or three good photos to [ssaffier@audubon.org](mailto:ssaffier@audubon.org). We generally have space for one photo (made large enough to see on screen) but need a few to select one that works best.

We look forward to your submissions!! We will include your first name, last initial, and township/county.



Photo by Annie M, Morrisville Bucks

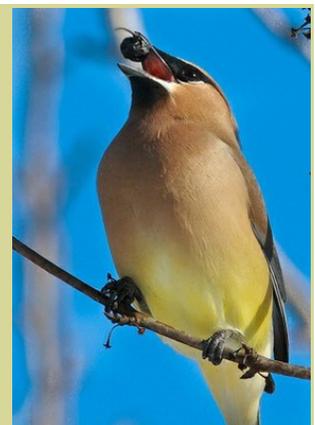
## National Audubon launches Native Plant Tool!

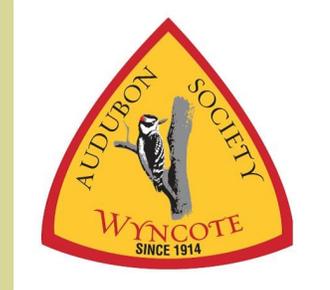
For several years, National Audubon, with the assistance of state staff and chapters around the country (including Audubon Pennsylvania) have been developing an online tool to help people discover and select regional native plants with emphasis on those that provide resources to birds.

You may remember Audubon Pennsylvania's online tool:

[www.pabirdplants.org](http://www.pabirdplants.org) which allows you to select birds and plants and understand their direct connection. National's "Native Plants for Birds" takes a step

further by providing more information on the plants, their relation to birds, and local resources based on the zip code you enter. Check it out today! [www.audubon.org/native-plants](http://www.audubon.org/native-plants)



**UPCOMING EVENTS****BIRD TOWN BIRD WALKS !! (BEGINNERS WELCOME!) ALL ARE 8:00AM—10:00 AM****SEPT 22, THURS—PINE RUN PARK, UPPER DUBLIN****OCT 1, SAT—PENLLYN WOODS, LOWER GWYNEDD****OCT 20, THURS—ROSE VALLEY PARK, UPPER DUBLIN****NOV 17, THURS—WISSAHICKON VALLEY WATERFOWL PRESERVE (AMBLER)****JAN 22, THURS—ROBBINS PARK , UPPER DUBLIN****FEB 16, THURS—WISSAHICKON VALLEY WATERFOWL PRESERVE****MARCH 16, THURS—ROBBINS PARK****APRIL 20, THURS—PINE RUN PARK****MAY 18, THURS—ROSE VALLEY PARK****THESE WALKS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SIGN UP AT MEETUP.COM FOR LAST MINUTE UPDATES (LINK BELOW)****OTHER****SEPTEMBER 24, 11AM—3PM \*\*\*THE SIXTH ANNUAL BIRD AND WILDLIFE FESTIVAL AT GREEN LANE PARK\*\*\*****SEPT 24 (NATIVE PLANTS), OCT 1 (INSECTS), OCT 15 (BIRDS) - ECOLOGY IN YOUR BACKYARD SERIES, WITH THE RADNOR CONSERVANCY AND CHANTICLEER GARDENS. TO REGISTER WWW.RADNORCONSERVANCY.ORG****OCTOBER 8, 10AM—1PM NATIVE PLANT EXCHANGE (TENTATIVE—SAVE THE DATE!) LOWER GWYNEDD****OCTOBER 27, 6PM—DOUG TALLAMY LIVE! DEL VAL UNIVERISTY "RESTORING NATURE'S RLEATIONSHIPS \$10, TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BUILDING****Audubon Chapter Helps Native Plant Nursery—Leigh Altadonna**

Wyncote Audubon Society had a prominent role at the Collin's Nursery Open House on Saturday, September 17, 2016. Cindy Nuss (pictured) provided two sessions on "Native Plants for Birds" to discuss the importance of native plants in backyard habitats to benefit birds. Sue Wright, our Dale Twining Project volunteer coordinator, got advice from Diane Ehrlich, Collin's Nursery Manager, on a plant selection. Leigh Altadonna



and Joe Wunderle led an Abington Bird Town Bird Walk in Edge Hill Woods, a birding haunt they frequented in their youth. Thanks to Sherry Krider for helping to organize another Outreach opportunity for Wyncote Audubon. Thanks is also due to other Wyncote Audubon Board Members who came out to participate at Collin's Nursery.

# ECOLOGY IN YOUR BACKYARD

## A Three Part Series

hosted by Chanticleer in collaboration  
with the Radnor Conservancy and  
Audubon Pennsylvania



Milkweed Leaf Beetle

### TIMING

(All classes take place at Chanticleer, 786 Church Road, Wayne, PA 19087)

- **September 24, 2016, Saturday 9:00 – 11:00am**  
**Native Plants with Przemek Walczak, Chanticleer Horticulturist**  
This class will introduce participants to the benefit and function of mid-Atlantic native plants and how they enhance biodiversity and backyard habitat.
- **October 1, 2016, Saturday 9:00 – 11:00am**  
**Insects with Daniel Duran, Associate Teaching Professor, Drexel University, Department of Biodiversity, Earth & Environmental Science**  
All life on earth depends on insects, for more reasons than most people realize. We'll explore some of the immeasurably important ways that insects keep ecosystems functioning and ways in which we can conserve our much-needed insect diversity.
- **October 15, 2016, Saturday 9:00 – 11:00am**  
**Birds with Steven Saffier, Audubon at Home Coordinator, Audubon PA**  
This last class will highlight the dozens of migratory and resident birds that are in our area at any given time of the year. Moreover, this class will talk about how to help those birds while creating a diverse, intriguing, and naturalistic landscape.

### LOCATION & PRICING

\$45 per class or purchase all three classes for \$125.

Each class limited to 25 students

**Payment:** Make checks payable to Radnor Conservancy  
PO Box 48, Wayne, PA 19087

**Online Payment or Registration Details:** [radnorconservancy.org](http://radnorconservancy.org)

**Questions:** Please contact Gretchen Groebel at  
[ggroebel@radnorconservancy.org](mailto:ggroebel@radnorconservancy.org) or Tel. (610) 688.8202



Plumleaf azalea



Zebra Swallowtail

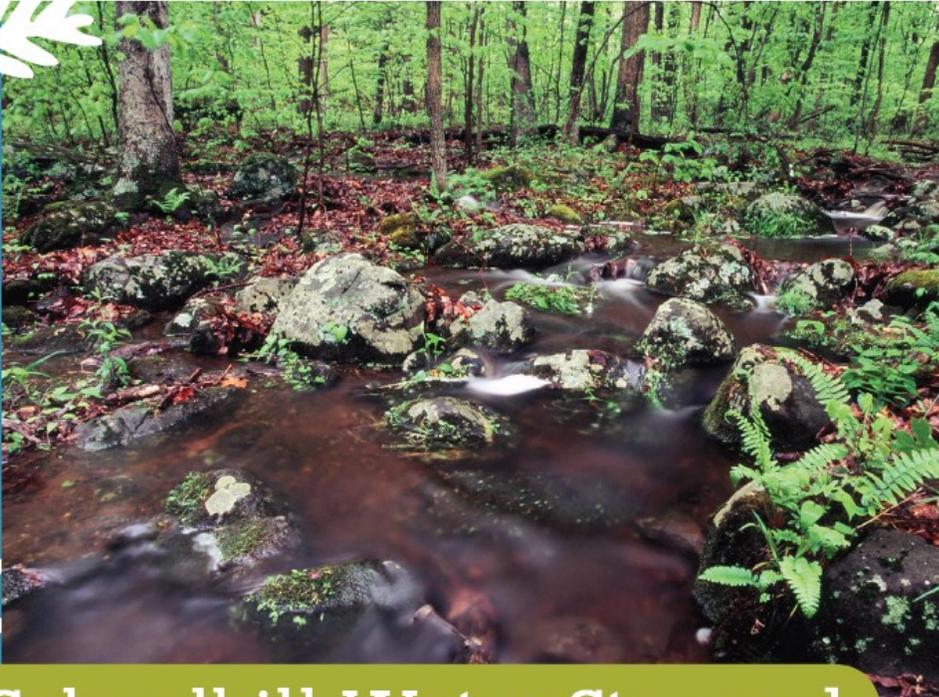


Rose-breasted Grosbeak



**Audubon At Home** John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove 1201 Pawlings Rd. Audubon PA 19403 [ssaffier@audubon.org](mailto:ssaffier@audubon.org)

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Help Protect  
French and  
Pickering  
Creeks

## Become a Schuylkill Water Steward

The French and Pickering Creeks in Chester and Berks Counties are among the most pristine tributaries in the Schuylkill River Watershed. You can join the effort to keep them beautiful as a Schuylkill Water Steward!

As a Schuylkill Water Steward volunteer, you will participate in five fun and engaging training sessions through which you will learn about the science of healthy watersheds, threats to our local streams, water sampling techniques, and more. Training begins October 15, 2016 and continues through November 12, 2016. Following your training, you'll get to work protecting area streams by:

- Monitoring water quality
- Observing aquatic wildlife and their habitats
- Keeping an eye on stormwater
- Planting and managing streamside buffers



Visit [schuylkillwaterstewards.org](http://schuylkillwaterstewards.org) to learn more and apply. Applications due by October 12, 2016.

Major funding is provided through the William Penn Foundation's multi-state initiative to protect and restore the Delaware River Watershed, which includes the Schuylkill Watershed.



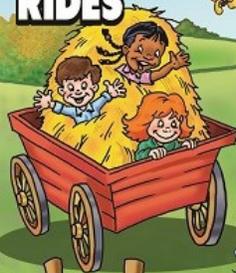
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6TH ANNUAL

# UPPER PERKIOMEN BIRD & WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

LIVE ANIMALS  
from Red Creek  
Wildlife Center

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HAY  
RIDES



THE ADVENTURES OF  
DR. LEPIDOPTERA  
AND MONICA

HONEY BEE  
DEMONSTRATION  
by Melibee Apiaries



LIVE  
MUSIC



FOOD & DRINKS



DUCK TANK



AARK  
WILDLIFE  
REHAB

WINGED WONDERS  
MONARCH BUTTERFLIES



GAMES  
& CRAFTS

LIVE REPTILES  
& AMPHIBIANS

from Upper Schuylkill  
Valley Park



KAYAK RAFFLE

courtesy of  
Eastern Mountain  
Sports- Collegeville

## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

### 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM FREE ADMISSION!

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