# THE LAST BIRD TOWN FLYER

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# This is not good-bye...

Just about every month since the winter of 2013, I've attempted to use this forum to inform you with some light reading about the people, plants, and passerines (etc.) of Pennsylvania. I hope you've enjoyed the issues and judging from survey feedback, I think you have. Thank you to all of the contributors over the years and especially the photographers, Bird Towns, Wyncote Audubon, and to all of the enthusiastic birdscapers across our state....more than 1,000 of you have registered in the Bird Habitat Recognition Program.

Audubon Pennsylvania is consolidating its communication tools, merging several newsletters into one, multiple FaceBook pages into one, etc. We will still have a column and web content for all things bird-friendly and native, but you will also begin to hear of other initiatives that this dynamic organization and its chapters are conducting in regions throughout the state.

Calendar items, my favorite thing to compile each month, will also be found in a more central resource at Audubon, along with events about which you might not have otherwise heard.

So, thank you, readers...for your interest and willingness to share your stories and inspiration. Though I'm hanging up my hat as newsletter editor, I will still look to you for these things in the future.

~ Steven

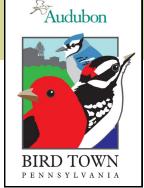
# **Register your Bird Habitat...ONLINE!**

After several years "off-line," the Bird Habitat Recognition application is back online! Now it's easy to register your property, make a donation, and receive your yard sign, habitat discount card and more! If you have 20% native trees/shrubs on your property and a source of water, join this network so you can help Audubon track changes to the landscape and determine what new birds take advantage of your ecological yard!



The percentage of property owners in the Bird Habitat Recognition program who added more native plants to their yard in 2016. (Plant today!)





5,000 Acres added to the Bird Habitat Recognition Network!



The Lancaster County Conservancy's 46 nature preserves have just received designation from the Audubon's Bird Habitat Recognition Program. **Protected properties** include popular preserves such as Kellys Run, Shenks Wildflower Preserve, Tucquan Glen, Climbers Run, the Conoy River Buffer, and Welsh Mountain Nature Preserve. Public signage will be erected at all of the Preserves over the next year. The Conservancy's Nature Preserves are areas set aside and managed to create habitat and food sources for countless birds.



#### AUDUBON PENNSYLVANIA / BIRD TOWN / BIRD-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

#### **Native Plant Swaps!**

Sept 30, 8am-12pm— Newtown Township (Bucks), Clark Nature Center, Newtown Oct 14, 9am—1pm Wildwood Nature Center, Harrisburg -Native plant talk included Oct 29 (sun) 9am—2pm - John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, Audubon

#### **BIRD WINDOW COLLISION TALK**

Oct 5th (thurs), 7:30 pm—9:30pm: Academy of Natural Sciences, Dr. Dan Klem For more info and to register (free), go to: http://www.ansp.org/Visit/Events/Details/? eid=16272&iid=47653

#### **BIRD TOWN BIRD WALKS**

BEGINNERS AND FAMILIES WELCOME!

LORIMER PARK 8:00AM-10:30AM (ALL)

OCT 1, SUN OCT 17, TUES NOV 21, TUES DEC. 19, TUES

DEC 14 THURS

ROBBINS PARK 8:00AM—10:00AM (ALL) Oct 12, thurs Nov 9 thurs



#### SPEAKER SERIES AT MILL GROVE (IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMERICAN BIRDING EXPO), FREE

SEPT 26 (TONIGHT!) 5:30-6:30PM—BIRDS OF PANAMA SEPT 27, 5:30 –6:30—HONDURAS ECOTOURISM OCT 2, 5:30—6:30—WOODPECKERS OF PA

#### **AMERICAN BIRDING EXPO**

SEPT. 29—OCT. 1—OAKS EXPO CENTER AMERICANBIRDINGEXPO.COM FOR INFO

# 7th Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird and Wildlife Festival Green Lane Park—Sat., Sept. 30th 11am—3pm

Everything you expect and more from this perennial favorite: live animals, music, food, fun, vendors, and lots of environmental-themed information, organizations and school groups. Free admission.

