# BIRD TOWN FLYER

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## Springfield Township (Montco) Becomes a Bird Town

Excerpted from Montgomery News:

The township has gone to the birds

At its July 12 meeting, the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted the Audubon Bird Town program, which was proposed by the township's Environmental Advisory Commission.

Springfield joins 26 other municipalities in Pennsylvania in becoming a Bird Town.

"Our committee has worked for nearly a year to qualify as a Bird Town and this designation speaks to our commitment to help our residents improve habitat and learn about the birds in their backyard," said Patrick Eddis, a member of Springfield's EAC. "We are really excited about this program and this partnership."

The EAC will work with Audubon and highlight the township's incredible ecological resources and provide outreach and education to property owners. Community events and workshops will be offered.

"I'm confident that the residents of Springfield will be amazed to find out what birds come through this area as part of the Atlantic Flyway...the superhighway of bird migration," said Steven Saffier who manages the Bird Town program for Audubon.

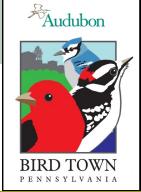
Bird Towns promote enjoyment of nature and citizen science. The area's local Audubon chapter, the Wyncote Audubon Society, will be conducting bird walks in the area for families and beginners.

"Eastern Montgomery County not only boasts the most Bird Towns of any region, but some of the best places to bird watch," said Leigh Altadonna, the chapter's president.

# 7th Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird and Wildlife Fest!

Come out to Green Lane Park in Montgomery County on **Saturday, September 30th, from 11am—3pm a**nd enjoy a day of music, food, environmental information, live animal demonstrations and native plant vendors. This festival has become an annual staple and is conducted in partnership with the Montgomery Parks Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites. **Nature-focused artists, environmental non-profits, and other vendors still welcome to apply. Send email to ssaffier@audubon.org** 





Ecology in Your Backyard (Series) at Chanticleer

**Birds** including birdwalk! Sept 16, 8am-10am Steven Saffier

**Insects** and bugwalk! October 14, 9am – 11am Dan Duran

Native Plants and plant walk! October 28, 9am-11am Przemek Walczak, Horticulturist at Chanticleer

\$45/each or \$125 for the series. Ggroebel @radnorconservancy.

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### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

#### **Native Plant Sales**

Sept 2/3—10am-4pm, Yellow Springs Farm, Chester Springs Sept 9—Collins Nursery, Glenside - Native plant talks at 12 and 2 Sept 9,10 – UU Church, Bethlehem - Native plant talk at 10am on 9/9 Sept 30—Native Plant Swamp, Newtown Township (Bucks), 8am-12pm, Clark Nature Center Oct —Native Plant Exchange, Wildwood

Nature Center, Harrisburg date TBD -Native plant talk included

#### Bird Town presence at:

Sept 16—Lower Gwynedd Pike Fest Sept 17—Jenkintown Art Center Sept 23—New Britain Twp Fall Fest Sept 30—Bird Festival, Green Lane Park

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

BEGINNERS AND FAMILIES WELCOME!

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

SEPT 3, SUN SEPT 19, TUES OCT 1, SUN OCT 17, TUES NOV 21, TUES DEC. 19, TUES

ROBBINS PARK 8:00AM—10:00AM (ALL) SEPT 14, THURS OCT 12, THURS NOV 9 THURS DEC 14 THURS

APOLOGIES FOR OMISSIONS. PLEASE SEND INFO OF NATIVE PLANT SALES AND OTHER EVENTS

#### Newtown Square Day and Birds

Text and photo by Janet Krevenas, Newtown EAC Newtown Township was planned by William Penn as one of the first inland "new towns" in Pennsylvania. It has five sites on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as several others that are eligible for that listing. Each year we open these sites and other historic sites for tours and activities, as we celebrate over 300 years of history in Penn's New Town. This year one of the highlights on the Environmental Advisory Council table was a display informing the public on the need to support bird-friendly activities, with an opportunity for residents to sign the Healthy Yard Pledge and learn about 10 plants for birds. We provided those who stopped by the table with a bird band to go to the Audubon site.

Historic Newtown Square Day is a fundraiser for the Newtown Square Historical Society to fund its mission of education, outreach, & historic preservation. Newtown Square is a Bird Town.



# Window Strikes—A Clear Danger

Did you know Pennsylvania is the hub of bird-window collision research? Dr. Dan Klem at Muhlenberg has been studying the issue for decades and with the help of his colleague, Pete Saenger and others in

the Audubon network, Audubon PA will soon have a webpage dedicated to the issue including statistics and suggested solutions on residential and commercial buildings. Dr. Klem will be speaking at the Academy of Natural Sciences on **October 5th**. Save the date! More info soon.

