

BIRD TOWN FLYER



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What's Happening in Bird Towns?



If you live in or near a Bird Town chances are there's something bird/nature/plant-related going on this Spring. (To see current list of Bird Towns, go to pa.audubon.org/bird-town) In this section, we'll expound on the normal calendar listing found on [page 3](#) to highlight some of the new activities brought to you by the fine folks who run your local Bird Town program.

Doylestown:

Introduction to Birdwatching, **Saturday May 3** at 8:00 am Central Park \$5.00
Backyard Conservation Design and Green Corridors, EAC Mtg, **May 22** evening

Schuylkill Twp (Chester County)

Birdwalks Valley Forge Park 2nd and 4th **Tues of month 8am** Artillery Parking lot.
Birding By Ear, Walk and Talk, **May 10th**, 9am Jenkins Arboretum

Manheim Twp (Lancaster County)

Native Plant and Wildlife Festival, **Saturday April 26**, 9am—3pm, Manheim Twp
Overlook Park

Springfield (Bucks)

Earth Day Work Day at Springfield Elementary, **Sun, Apr. 27** 2pm-5pm
Save the Date! Invasive Plant Workshop, Springtown, **Sat., July 12**, Hans Reimann

Lehigh Valley (Bird Town Coalition)

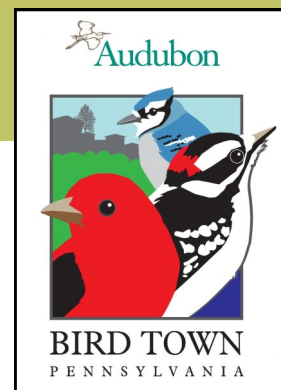
Native Plant Talks Sat, May 3, 10am, 11am, 12 noon with sale continuing May 4,
10.11. \$10 plant voucher to first 100 attendees of talk.

Eastern Montgomery County

Backyard Stewardship Workshop - May 3rd, 9:30 –2:30 pm, Jarrett Nature Center,
Horsham, \$55.00 Sign up today! Email ssaffier@audubon.org to register!



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Wyncote Audubon

Celebrates 100 years

At an event held at the Briar Bush Nature Center in Abington (4/12), nearly 75 people attended the 100 Year Anniversary Celebration of the Wyncote Audubon Society. Once known as the Wyncote Bird Club, the group's rich history and Abington-area roots were discussed during some riveting presentations.

The setting was fitting as it was the former home of the Griscoms, a Quaker couple that welcomed visitors (especially children) to learn about bird study.



Marlborough Bird Town Present at Open House

Marlborough Township in Montgomery County held their annual open house event at the township building in Green Lane (4/12) and Bird Town was there! Families and friends enjoyed the day and learned a bit more about their Bird Town and the bird feeder project.



Audubon At Home
 John James Audubon Center
 at Mill Grove
 1201 Pawlings Rd.
 Audubon PA 19403
 610.666.5593 x112

Lower Makefield Bird Towner Gives Program

Connie Fairchild gave a lecture "Birds in your Backyard" to the Martha Washington Garden Club on Wed Mar 26. Pictured from the left, Lower Makefield Township Birdtown Committee members, Laura, Brandt, Susan Harrison, and Connie Fairchild, and Ruth Logan, President, Martha Washington Garden Club. Photo by June Portnoy.

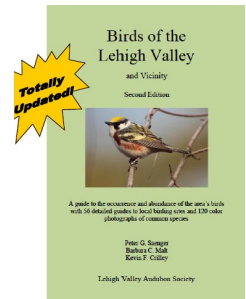


Updated Book Highlights Birds of the Lehigh Valley

Peter Saenger, Barbara Malt and Kevin Crilley, (all "Bird Towners") have co-authored this updated version of a Lehigh Valley staple. Now includes:

- New **photographic section** and expanded site guide!
- **Now metal spiral-bound for ease of use!**
- **192 information filled pages!**
- Guides to 56 natural areas of the Lehigh Valley.
- An annotated checklist covering 349 species
- Bar graphs providing a visual guide to the seasonal occurrence and abundance.
- 120 color photographs of more common species .

See link below for ordering information!!



Stamp(s) of Approval!

Jean Bochnowski, Director of the John James Audubon Center, joined Chu Falling Star, US Postal Service District Manager for the Philadelphia metropolitan region, and stamp collectors for a first day of sales (April 5th) ceremony for the new Song Bird stamps.

The ceremony was part of the National Stamp Exposition held over the weekend at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks. Illustrator Robert Giusti painted 10 portraits of songbirds. The stamps are available nationwide, and can also be purchased at the John James Audubon Center.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2014

BACKYARD STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOPS

May 3—Eastern Montgomery County region—Jarrett Nature Center, Horsham 9:30 - 2:30

May /June - Chester County workshop, Schuylkill Township, date tbd

More about workshops: Workshops need 20 participants minimum to be held. These workshops will have a second, outdoor component on another day (TBD at workshop). Light morning fare served but lunches are “BYOL”. Cost is \$55 for entire workshop and includes text book on CD. **Registration is required (email: ssaffier@audubon.org) but payment not due until day of workshop.**

BIRD TOWN EVENTS

Apr. 19: Arbor Day; Bird Town and EAC tables at Doylestown Farmers Market. Free trees and mosquito dunks

April 26: Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival—Overlook Campus, **Manheim Township, Lancaster**

April 26: **Salisbury Twp** Earth Day Event—Lindbergh Park, Lehigh Valley

May 17: Native Plant Garden Tour, Doylestown

May 22: 7pm Doylestown EAC meeting - John Rogers talks about conservation design and green corridors

May 26: Memorial Day Parade, **Doylestown Borough** (Bird Town float)

Ongoing: Birdseed Sale at **Bucks County Audubon** BCAS.org

NATIVE PLANT SALES!

APRIL 26—MANHEIM TWP, LANCASTER COUNTY

APRIL 26—APPALACHIAN AUDUBON SALE AT MEADOWOOD, HUMMELSTOWN

APRIL 26, MAY 3 9-5: ANNUAL WILDFLOWER SALE, CHURCHVILLE NATURE CENTER, BUCKS CO

MAY 2 (2-7PM) AND 3RD (9-3PM)—PENNYPACK ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION TRUST, HUNTINGDON VALLEY

MAY 3—CENTRAL PA NATIVE PLANT FESTIVAL AND SALE, HUNTINGDON PA

MAY 3,4,10,11—UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH PLANT SALE IN BETHLEHEM PA (SEE ARTICLE PAGE 1)

MAY 3,4 8:30 –4 AND 9-1: SCHUYLKILL CENTER, HAGYS MILL RD, PHILADELPHIA

MAY 10, 10AM—4: SPRING GARDEN DAY/NATIVE PLANTS SALE, KINGS GAP STATE PARK, CARLISLE

MAY 10—JUNE 1, 10-4: BOWMAN’S HILL WILDFLOWER PRESERVE NATIVE PLANT SALE

MAY 10, 11, 10-4PM: PEACE VALLEY NATURE CENTER, DOYLESTOWN

MAY 17, 11AM—4PM—COLLINS NURSERY OPEN HOUSE, GLENSIDE

MAY 17—18: HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY PLANT SALE

MAY 17, 8AM—1: PLANT FEST AND SALE, MASTER GARDENERS CUMBERLAND CO., 310 ALLEN RD., CARLISLE

JUNE 1—ARTS IN THE PARK, FRIENDS OF HIGH SCHOOL PARK, ELKINS PARK, 10AM—5PM PLANT SALE INCLUDED

JUNE 6,7—MILLERSVILLE NATIVE PLANT CONFERENCE AND SALE

* **DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT PA.AUDUBON.ORG/SAVE TO LEARN ABOUT DISCOUNTS AT NATIVE PLANT NURSERIES AND OTHER VENUES IN PA! GET YOUR “HABITAT DISCOUNT CARD” BY REGISTERING (OR RE-REGISTERING IF YOUR BIRD HABITAT PROPERTY WAS RECOGNIZED PRIOR TO 2013, AT PA.AUDUBON.ORG/REGISTER-YOUR-PROPERTY) EMAIL ME IF YOUR SALE IS NOT LISTED. CLICKABLE LINKS BELOW!**

OTHER EVENTS

Ongoing—**Gardening with Nature Series**, Master Gardeners of Cumberland County (see clickable link below, lots of great programs!!)