

# BIRD TOWN FLYER



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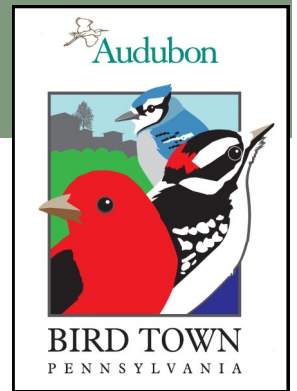
## Hummingbirds at Home—Get in!



Rufous Hummingbird

Audubon's newest Citizen Science program is great news for Pennsylvania birdscapers! Now we can monitor birds and contribute to conservation data in a season *other* than winter! If you've planted for hummingbirds or simply have seen them in your yard, consider contributing to **Hummingbirds at Home**. (If you haven't planted—not to worry—fall native plant sales are just around the

corner and cardinal flower, trumpet vine, and other desirables can be planted in September and October for next year's hummingbird garden to flourish! See next page for list of SALES!) Recent studies show that the blooming of hummingbird flowers and arrival of the hummingbirds in their breeding areas are getting out of sync. The Hummingbirds at Home website and app help people set up a patch in their yard, garden, porch, window box, park – or just about anywhere – where they can do plant surveys to keep track of hummingbirds and what they feed on. Sightings also can be logged outside a patch. [www.HummingbirdsAtHome.org](http://www.HummingbirdsAtHome.org)



## Plant of the Month Swamp Milkweed

**ASCLEPIAS INCARNATA**

ANYTHING WITH "SWAMP" IN ITS NAME GENERALLY MEANS IT GROWS WELL IN WET SOIL AND THAT'S NO EXCEPTION WITH THIS GREAT LANDSCAPE PLANT. LIKE COMMON MILKWEED, SUN-LOVING INCARNATA ATTRACTS MONARCHS BUT ITS SWEET AROMA (GET CLOSE AND SMELL IT!) ATTRACTS COUNTLESS POLLINATORS OF EVERY SHAPE AND SIZE. A SMALL PLANT WILL BE FULLY CONSUMED BY A FEW MONARCH CATERpillARS WHICH LEAVE TELLTALE "LOGS" (FERTILIZER?) ON REMAINING LEAVES AND SOIL. YELLOW APHIDS ALSO FIND IT IRRESISTIBLE AND CAN BE CONTROLLED MANUALLY.



Save the date!

September 28th—Green Lane Park—the 3rd Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird and Wildlife Festival. Take a ride out to one of the area's most recognizable Important Bird Areas to celebrate birds and nature!

**3rd Annual UPPER PERKIOMEN BIRD & WILDLIFE FESTIVAL** at GREEN LANE PARK  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2013 12 to 4 PM  
FREE ADMISSION!

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**FREE HAY RIDES**  
**ARTISTS & CRAFTSMEN**  
**CRAFTS & GAMES FOR KIDS**  
**FUN & PRIZES • RAFFLE • FOOD & DRINKS**  
**NATIVE PLANTS • LIVE BIRDS & ANIMALS**  
Green Lane Park  
FOLLOW SIGNS TO AMPHITHEATER  
2144 Snyder Road  
Green Lane, PA 19054  
245-234-4528  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY:  
[www.parks.montcopa.org](http://www.parks.montcopa.org)  
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<http://pa.audubon.org>

**JACK HUBLEY**  
and his Birds of Prey!  
Scheduled 1:30 subject to change

**New for 2013!**  
Open Bird  
Calling Contest!

Audubon At Home  
John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove  
1201 Pawlings Rd.  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2013

### **Backyard Stewardship Regional Workshops** (all are 9:30—2:30 unless otherwise noted)

October 5th **8:30 am** Lancaster area regional workshop—Boettcher House, Landis Woods

October 19th—Lehigh Valley region— Wildlands Conservancy, Emmaus

March 1—Central Bucks region—Honey Hollow Env. Center, Solebury

March 15—Chester County region—venue TBD

March 29—Western Montgomery County region—venue TBD

April 12—Lower Bucks County region—venue TBD

April 19—Eastern Montgomery County region—venue 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. **Registration is required (email: [ssaffier@audubon.org](mailto:ssaffier@audubon.org))** but payment not due until day of workshop (except 10/5).

### **Fall Native Plant Sales**



Aug. 24—9am -3:30 Irvine Nature Center Irvine Nature Center, Owings Mills MD

Sept 6, 7 -2-7pm (Fri) 9:30—3pm (sat) Pennypack Eco. Rest. Trust, Huntingdon Valley

Sept 6, 7, 8—12-5pm (fri) 10-4pm (sat, sun) Yellow Springs Farm, Chester Springs

Sept 7. 9—2pm, Meadowood Nursery Hummelstown—Manada Conservancy Fall Sale

Sept 14, 9am – 2pm Beechwood Farms, Fox Chapel (Pitts.) 10-20% off reg. prices!

Sept 14, 9—1pm, Meadowood Nursery Hummelstown—Appalachian Audubon Fall Sale

Sept 21, 8 –12, Newtown Twp Building (Bucks), Native plant and Seed swap ([newtown.tree@Comcast.net](mailto:newtown.tree@Comcast.net))

Sept 28, 9am—2pm Schuylkill Center for Env. Education, Philadelphia/Roxborough

Sept 28, 11am—4pm, Collins Nursery, Glenside (rain date sept 29)

Sept 28—12-4pm Third Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird and Wildlife Festival (plants available for purchase)

### **Other**

Aug 14, 6:30pm, Attracting Birds, Butterflies...Artists of Yardley, 949 Mirror Lake Rd. Yardley (farmhouse)

Sept. 15, 12-4—Speaker Series—Window Dangers, Dr. Dan Klem, Lehigh Gap Nature Center [www.lgnc.org](http://www.lgnc.org)

Sept. 28, 8am—10am Bird Walk, Doylestown Central Park (\$5)

Sept. 28, 7am—7pm—Migration Festival, Lehigh Gap Nature Center [www.lgnc.org](http://www.lgnc.org)

October 26, 8am—10am Bird Walk, Doylestown Central Park (\$5)

October 30, 12:30 pm—Birds, butterflies and native plants (relationships) L. Makefield Masonic Hall (\$5)

November 4, 6:30—8pm, Native Trees and Shrubs for Fall Planting, Doylestown Twp Building (\$5)

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