

BIRD TOWN FLYER

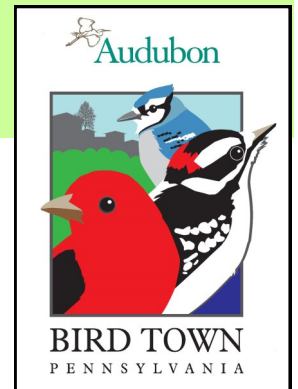


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Nature's Flying "B's" Featured in Radnor Series!

An ambitious collaborative effort has resulted in a dynamic program at the Wayne Art Center and other locations in Radnor from late March to early May.

There are more than twenty programs including those for children and talks by some of the regions most preeminent speakers on nature: Scott Weidensaul, Doug Tallamy, entomologist Dan Duran and more!

For more information and to register (some programs require), go to www.thefivebs.org.

Here are some of the scheduled programs:

WEEK ONE: BIRDS

Sunday, March 29th Wayne Art Center 3:00 - 5:00PM FREE All Ages OPENING RECEPTION OF THE FIVE B's EXHIBITION. www.wayneart.org

Tuesday, April 7th Radnor Memorial Library 4:00 PM Ages 3+ STORYTELLING: "BIRDS" Carrie www.radnorlibrary.org

Wednesday, April 8th Wayne Art Center 7:00 - 8:00PM All Ages. OPENING LECTURE: "WHY BIRDS MATTER" BY NATURALIST SCOTT WEIDENSAUL Wine and refreshments served. Call 610-688-3553610-688-3553 to register or visit website \$10 fee.

Thursday, April 9th (1st of 4) Wayne Art Center 4:15-5:45PM Ages 8+ ART INSPIRING CONSERVATION.

Tour and Discussion of The Five B's Exhibition followed by a craft activity.

Carrie Barron of the John James Audubon Center and WAC Instructor.

Call 610-688-3553610-688-3553 to register or visit website Cost: \$90 (April 9, 16, 23, 30)

Friday, April 10th 6:30PM Radnor Memorial Library All Ages BIRD AND BAT HOUSE BUILDING WORKSHOP (ORDER YOUR KIT AHEAD from 3/2 -3/9 in person at the library or by phone.) WOOD BIRD HOUSE KIT: \$10 WOOD BAT HOUSE KIT: \$32 (Limit 1 bird and 1 bat house per family.)

Assemble your kit at the workshop. Batman and Paul Bunyan will be there at 7:00PM to assist. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. www.thefivebs.org

WEEK TWO: BATS

Tuesday, April 14th Radnor Memorial Library 4:00PM FREE Ages 3+ STORYTELLING: "BATS"

Wednesday, April 15th Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens 7:00PM FREE For Adults. LECTURE: "BATS, WHITE NOSE SYNDROME AND OUR ENVIRONMENT"

Dan Mummert of the PA Game Commission. www.jenkinsarboretum.org

Wayne Art Center,
Radnor Bird Town and
Audubon Pennsylvania
Present an Exhibition &
Educational Programs
Honoring Winged Creatures.

March 29 - May 9, 2015



New Vinyl Overlays STILL available for Bird Habitat SIGNS

THE BACKYARD HABITAT SIGNS ARE GETTING A MAKE-OVER BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU WITH THE OLD DESIGN, YOU CAN NOW PICK UP A DURABLE VINYL OVERLAY TO APPLY TO THE SIGN.

WE HAVE A VERY LIMITED SUPPLY OF THE OVERLAYS SO PLEASE ORDER SOON. THE ORDER FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL AND THE DECALS ARE \$6.00 EACH (SHIPPED).

NOTE: IF YOU RECENTLY ORDERED ONE, THEY WILL BE ON THE WAY SHORTLY. WE NEEDED SPECIAL MAILING ENVELOPES TO PREVENT DAMAGE DURING SHIPPING AND THAT CAUSED A DELAY.



Chickadees in Winter *by Edie Parnum*

On cold winter days, watching perky Carolina Chickadees lifts my spirits. Nasty wind, snow, and ice do not deter them. At the window of my warm kitchen with its well-stocked pantry, I wonder how they survive the frigid weather. Weighing only as much as four pennies, they are the smallest birds that visit my feeders. They must be vulnerable to starvation and hypothermia. (Do they? Find out at www.backyardsfornature.org)



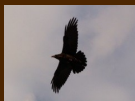
Audubon At Home
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Gulf Spill hero to appear in our area!

Olivia Bouler, who's youthful perspective became synonymous with environmental awareness and fund raising for the Gulf of Mexico spill in 2010, will be in the **Lehigh Valley** on May 15 and 16 talking to kids. Her artwork will be on display at the Nurture Nature Center (Easton) from April to June. The Delaware Valley Green Building Council is seeking sponsorship of the exhibit and visit. Please contact Marie North for more info at mnorcsba@ptd.net.

Pennsylvania Counts!

The results are in and Pennsylvania came in **SECOND place** for the most checklists submitted in the Great Backyard Bird Count in 2015 behind California by about 1,500 checklists! **Thank you** for contributing and let's top Cali next year!!



Abington Becomes Bird Town!!

With an effort lead by Leigh Altadonna of the Wyncote Audubon Society with help from Greta Brunschwyler of Briar Bush and Jennifer Sherwood of the township's EAC, the Board of Commissioners adopted Bird Town on March 12th. This was preceded by a presentation from members of the Abington High School Earth Serve Club who explained the value of Bird Town at an earlier meeting of the Public Affairs committee. Lexi Lee-Ittah and Rachel Rawdin received a round of applause after their March 4th presentation.

Help Protect French, Hay, and Pickering Creeks

Become a Schuylkill Water Steward

The French, Hay, 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 4/11/15 and continues through 6/6/15. 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 to learn more and apply. Applications due by 3/31/15.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2015 (clickable links can be found below newsletter)**Bird Towns**

March 28—Chapters of the Delaware River Basin Gathering, Briar Bush Nature Center, **Abington**

April—May - The Five B's (Birds, Bees, Butterflies, Bats, Bugs—series of programs and lectures, **Radnor** Bird Town.) See pg 1

April 25, Saturday—9am—3pm Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival, Bird Town **Manheim Twp**

May 9 11am—1pm: **Birds and Blooms**, a nature fest for families at the Allentown Library, includes live birds from Wildlands Conservancy, conducted by the **Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition** (join the LVBTC Meet-up Group for additional info)

Native Plant Sales

April 25 - Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival <http://habitatmt.com>

May 2, 10-3—Central PA Native Plant Festival and Sale, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center

May 2, 3 and 9, 10—Native Plant sale at UU Church, 424 Center St., Bethlehem

May 8, 1-6, May 9, 10-4—Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve, New Hope www.bhwp.org

May 9 + 16, 11-3—Open house at Collins Nursery, Glenside

May 10, 16, 17, 30—Open house at Yellow Springs Farm, Chester Springs

June 3-6, Native Plant Conference and Sale, Millersville University www.millersvillenativeplants.org

John Rogers: Designing with Natives workshops/presentations

Nature's Role in the Economy (free): Backyard Conservation Design workshop \$55:

Honey Hollow (3/25)

Pennypack Trust (3/21)

Wildlands Conservancy (3/26)

Newtown Bucks (3/28)

Schuylkill Twp (3/31)

Honey Hollow (4/4)

Green Lane (4/1)

Schuylkill Twp (4/18)

Camel Hump Farm (4/2)

Wildlands Conserv. (4/25)

Note: For every 10 residents of the same Bird Town who attend a BCD workshop, the **Bird Town** receives a \$100 community garden award. The Bird Town that is represented by the most people is eligible for \$1,000 award in December. jrogers@keystoneconservation.org for more info.

Other

March 12, Thursday—8:00 am Del Val College, Doylestown—**The Land Ethics Symposium**. See www.bhwp.org

March 14, Saturday 8:30 am—3:15pm—Lancaster Master Gardeners **Symposium**

March 14, Sat. 8:00am—4pm—**Gardenwise**, York County Master Gardeners (including talk by Scott Weidensaul!)

March through October—**Gardening with Nature** series, Camp Hill, Cumberland County PSU Master Gardeners, including talks by Paul Zeph of **Audubon** and George Weigel, central PA garden writer. See <http://extension.psu.edu/cumbelant>

March 30, 9am—12:30—How to a Successful **Purple Martin** Landlord, Longwood Gardens, see <http://purplemartins2015/eventbrite.com> (ask about afternoon session)

June 6—Gardening for **Birds & Butterflies**, Edge of the Woods Nursery, Orefield, Register at edgeofthewoodsnursery.com



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