

BIRD TOWN *FLYER*



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Native Plant Ordinance Workshop

Date Change and now confirmed!

Saturday, June 24th, 10:00 am—11:30am
Lower Makefield Township Building

This will be a great opportunity for you to learn about the ordinance from the original author, John Saffier. While most valuable to Bird Town members, this FREE presentation is open to the public or those affiliated with a township or borough (e.g., etc.) **RSVP is required:** ssaffier@audubon.org

POSTPONED!

This event has been postponed to a later date. Sorry for any inconvenience.



MANTIZ

Mid-Atlantic Native & Threatened Insect Zoo



The MANTIZ BioBlitz—Today. Tonight. Tomorrow.

This “bioblitz”, organized by MANTIZ* (www.mantiz.org) will be the first thorough evaluation of the biodiversity of Green Lane Park, a beautiful 3,300 acre natural park and Audubon Important Bird Area in Montgomery County. A bioblitz is a 24-hour event that focuses on identifying and quantifying as many species as possible in a specific area. In a bioblitz, the community and scientific experts work together to learn more about the local biodiversity. This serves as a unique learning experience while also generating valuable information for conservation and sustainability purposes.

The event will take place at Green Lane Park on **Friday June 23, starting at 11 AM**, and ending on **Saturday June 24 at 11 AM**. Audubon will be conducting a bird walk at 6pm. If you want to enjoy a nice day exploring local natural attractions while helping the scientific community, please join us! No entry fees or equipment required.

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Garden Pics Needed!

We’re looking to update our library of native garden photographs to be used in newsletters, brochures, web, and other features.

Please submit good photos of your garden (now that many things are in bloom). Please include any information you’d like to share about the garden as it may be used for a newsletter article in the future to inspire others.

“Before and after” photos are also welcome along with any “critter shots” you may have that resulted from your ecological landscape.

Include your location (township and county) and whether or not you are an Audubon recognized “Bird Habitat”

We will give photo credit whenever the photo is used.

Submit photos and text to:
ssaffier@audubon.org



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RESOURCES NOW ON THE WEB

A NUMBER OF DOWNLOADABLE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE AS PDFS ON THE WEBSITE (SEE LINK BELOW NEWSLETTER) INCLUDING:

- WHAT PLANT FOR WHICH BIRD
- CREATING BIRD-FRIENDLY HOME OWNERS ASSOC.
- ASH TREE REPLACEMENT
- CONTAINER GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS
- LOWER MAKEFIELD'S NATIVE PLANT ORDINANCE AND PLANT LIST



LANCASTER BIOBLITZ

JOIN THE LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVANCY AND THEIR BIO-BLITZ ON SEPT 16-17 (NOON TO NOON) AT THE STEINMAN RUN NATURE PRESERVE. PARTICIPANTS MAY ALSO EXPLORE THE CONSERVANCY'S NEW 44-ACRE BUNTING TRACT. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LYDIA MARTIN AT LMARTIN@LANCASTERCONSERVANCY.ORG

Broad-winged Hawk Report

Biologists in Pennsylvania just completed a four-year study of the amazing Broad-winged Hawk, a migratory species that winters in South America! Large kettles of "Broadwings" can be seen during migration creating a visual that is bucket-list worthy. Approximately 80,000 pass through Pennsylvania in the fall.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission funded the study which located 24 nests and tagged 13 birds with satellite transmitters to track movement.

Like many forest-dwelling birds of Pennsylvania, Broadwings were found to situate their nests in places with 78% (on avg) forest coverage, often near a stand of evergreens.

Recent declines in this species warranted the study...about 16% fewer were found in the 2012 Breeding Bird Atlas. Little was known about their elusive nesting behavior and with use of habitat, this study revealed what they feed on in PA (small mammals, small birds, amphibians and snakes).

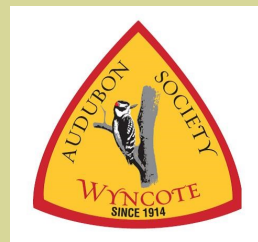
For homeowners in forested areas, this statement from the report supports the tenets of Bird-Friendly Communities and Audubon At Home: *Because Broadwings will nest in and around small housing developments in forest, native habitat restoration in private lands may augment public land conservation.* In short...plant more native trees!



For more information, see www.hawkmountain.org

Bird Town Bird Walks (with Wyncote Audubon)

All at Robbins Park in Upper Dublin,
8:00 am—10:00 am, FREE
Thursdays
Sept. 14
Oct. 12
Nov. 9
Dec. 14



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