

BIRD TOWN FLYER



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Fall Migration on the Way!!

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Fall Bird Garden Tips

Autumn is the season we begin thinking about the changing leaves, pumpkins, Thanksgiving and *spring*. It may come at the end of the year, but autumn is really the time to start preparing for the spring, and a new beginning. By completing the simple actions on this checklist now, you will enhance your ability to attract birds and other wildlife into your yard when spring arrives and into next fall:



Plant: Putting trees, shrubs and perennials in the ground now while the soil is warm and the air is cool allows the roots to get established before the growing season and reduces the need for extensive watering. Fall really is the best time to plant native plants! (Think fruit-bearing shrubs!)

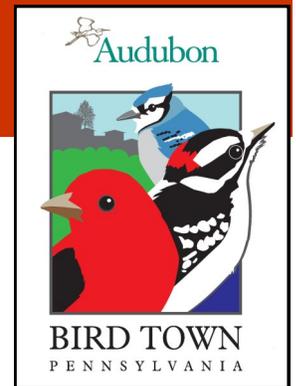
Plan: Expand your flowerbeds, dedicate a new space for gardening, and convert existing lawn. Think about essential elements for wildlife such as food sources, water, cover and nest sites. Consider shrubs that fruit at different times of the year and flowers that might provide seeds for birds in the fall.

Create Insect Habitat: Insects overwinter (as eggs, larva, pupae, and adults) in leaf litter, log/stick piles, standing dead perennial stems, etc. and the birds know it! Create these opportunities by cleaning up less.

Discard Lawn and Garden Chemicals: Inventory what you have, keep only what you need. Contact local waste management or health agencies to learn about disposal guidelines. With your renewed commitment to a healthy yard, you won't need dangerous /outdated chemicals any longer.

Change your own Climate...for the better: By adding layers of habitat (canopy, shrub, grasses and groundcovers) where once there was lawn, you'll create a cooler microclimate that is more forest-like and less like a heat-soaked parking lot! Birds love it!

Collect! Seeds from your garden and learn to propagate a native nursery!



Habitat Discount Businesses!

- Yellow Springs Farm
- Red Bud Nursery
- Edge of the Woods Nursery
- Meadowood Nursery
- David Bros Natives
- Collins Nursery
- Sugarbush Nursery
- Ernst Conservation Seeds
- Sylva Native Nursery
- Briar Bush Nature Ctr
- Churchville Nature Ctr
- Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust
- Wild Birds Unlimited (Buckingham)
- Wild Birds Unlimited (Allentown)
- County Line Landscape
- Blooming Valley Landscape Nursery
- Do It Best Hardware (Radnor)
- Life is Good (North Wales)

For details see pa.audubon.org/save

4th Annual

UPPER PERKIOMEN BIRD & WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

WHO WANTS TO HAVE SOME FUN?!

LIVE MUSIC!

NATIVE PLANTS!

BIRD CALLING CONTEST

CRAFTS and GAMES for KIDS!

FUN & PRIZES!

ARTISTS & VENDORS

BUTTERFLY RELEASE with WINGED WONDERS

FREE HAY RIDES

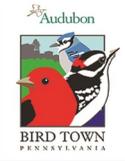
HABITAT RAP PUPPET SHOW

FOOD & DRINKS!

PENNSYLVANIA FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION'S WOODMOBILE!

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 2014
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM FREE ADMISSION!

Green Lane Park
FOLLOW SIGNS TO AMPHITHEATER
2144 Snyder Road Green Lane, PA 18054
215-234-4528
MONTGOMERY COUNTY: www.parks.montcopa.org

Audubon PENNSYLVANIA
<http://pa.audubon.org>

BIRD TOWN PENNSYLVANIA



Bird on a Wire Award

Cindy Nuss of Upper Dublin Bird Town won the Backyard Conservation Award for August. Congratulations Cindy! (see event listing for special presentation in Upper Dublin on Sept.

COMSTAR SUPPLY 22)



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2014

Sept 11, 2pm Lower Gwynedd Bird Town— Presentation on bird migration. At the township building

Sept. 20 (Sat), 8am—10:30 am: Bird Walk in Tacony Creek Park—FREE walk with expert birder Keith Russell of Audubon Pennsylvania. Expect some good bird spotting. Donuts, coffee and binoculars provided. Meet at Roosevelt Blvd and Bingham St, Phila 19120. For more info: Doryan@tffwatershed.org

Sept 20, 11am—4pm (9/21 rain date) - Fall Open House, Collins Nursery, Glenside (773 Roslyn Ave.)

Sept 20,21, 27, 28, 9am—3pm—Native Plant Sale, Unitarian Universalist Church, Bethlehem uucvpa.org

Sept 20, 9am—8pm—Lehigh Gap Nature Center Migration Fest, Slatington PA

Sept 20, 7am—3pm—Cradle of Bird Festival, John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge, Phila.

Sept 22, 7:30 pm—Creating healthy ecosystems in our own backyards, Upper Dublin Bird Town (see flyer below)

Sept 27, 11am –3pm—Upper Perk Bird and Wildlife Festival (see page 2)

Sept 27, 8am—noon—Native Plant and Seed Swap, Newtown Bucks County. (see >>>)

Oct 9, 7:30 pm—Riparian Corridor Workshop, Schuylkill township building

Ongoing: Birdseed available at Bucks County Audubon, Honey Hollow Center, Solebury

Fall Backyard Conservation Design Classes—
More info: jrogers@keystoneconservation.org

 **Monday September 22**
7:30 pm
Woman's National Farm & Garden Assoc.
presents
Evolutionary Ecologist, Dr. Dan Duran

More Than Green:
Creating healthier ecosystems in our own backyards
 
Upper Dublin Township Building, 801 Loch Alsh Ave., Fort Washington
 



NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP EAC & BIRD TOWN PRESENTS

NATIVE PLANT & SEED SWAP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

8AM – 12NOON

At Clark Nature Center, 235 Durham Rd

Rain or Shine

Bring a friend, but not your pet!

Please RSVP for more details:
newtown.tree@comcast.net
(Requested but not required)

What's a Plant Swap?

A fun way to find new homes for extra plants you may have (divisions, seedlings, cuttings, etc.) by trading with other gardeners.

Please stop even if you have nothing to trade, seeds/plants will be available for a \$1-2/donation.
All proceeds to benefit Newtown Township Bird Town.

Tips for Swappers:

Plants should be in a container. Seeds in an envelope or baggie.

Label as well as possible (annual/perennial, sun/shade, size, bloom color, etc.).

Bring boxes, flats, or trays to bring your new plants back in.

Plants should be well watered, disease and pest free. However, keep in mind natives are chewed on by bugs, and that's not all bad!

Dig plants a few days in advance so they can recover and water well!

North American native plants and seeds preferred; see website for list of plants NOT allowed!

Heirloom garden vegetable seeds welcome.



Find more information and inspiration for gardening with native plants online at:

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