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Next month—Bird Town Hot Spots!

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Fledge Town, PA

Three new **Bird Towns** have joined the "network" and while our work has not quite started in some of these communities, we want to welcome them and say we look forward to lots of bird-friendly programming and initiatives in the very near future! Welcome...

New Britain Borough—Bucks Co

Newtown, Delaware County

Lower Gwynedd Township— Montgomery County



Earth Day at Wayne Elementary

Submitted by Kathleen Pollack

Since every day is earth day, there's nothing untimely about this report from April, at which time Wayne Elementary in Radnor held a bird-centered Earth Day event. Bird house painting was coordinated by the school's PTO Green Committee spearheaded by Josh Hilbert and a presentation to the kids was conducted by Phil Witmer of Audubon and the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club (below, right).





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





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

Native Plant Exchange(s)!

Stay tuned to the newsletter as several Bird Town native plant exchanges are in the works for late summer or early fall. This is a great opportunity to "take one-leave one" and try new plants in your landscape, as well as spend time learning and socializing with others.

Native plants will also be available at the Bird and Wildlife Festival on Sept 27, 2014 at Green Lane Park. Details coming soon!



Bird on a Wire Award

The Backyard Conservation Award this month goes to Sachiyo Searles who is a member of the Whitemarsh Recreation Department's Greenhouse Program. The Greenhouse Program group created native plant gardens with four local businesses along Germantown Pike in Lafayette Hill. The goal was to create pollinator friendly gardens along the business corridor to beautify the area with three-season interest plants that would provide food, nesting and shelter for pollinators. The four businesses include the Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Co., The Persian Grill, Lafayette Auto Care and the Barren Hill Tavern and Brewery. The Greenhouse Program members grew many of the native plants from seed and also propagated others to provide over 467 plants to add to the existing commercial garden spaces that border Germantown Pike. These gardens were designed by the Greenhouse Program members but were installed by the business owners and are to be maintained by them throughout the seasons.

Congratulations on an inspirational effort.



Become a Pledge Town

Wondering if your town will ever become a fully-fledged Bird Town? Well now we've made it easy to begin the process simply by having your town take the Bird Town Pledge. This will automatically add the township or borough to our list of Bird Town pledges online and loop them into a communication network that will prepare them for the eventual transition to the "fledge" stage of our **PLEDGE-FLEDGE-FLY** system of easy entry.

There is no commitment nor fee required—simply the one page application to be completed and sent to our office. (see address—top left of this page) Download application at:

http:pa.audubon.org/bird-town



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2014

WILD SUMMER CONSERVATION FILM SERIES IN WAYNE

WEDNEDAYS, 6/25, 7/30, 8/27 @ 7PM

This new conservation film series will inform, engage and empower all of us about the need to protect not only the birds and the bees, but strengthen biodiversity that is critical to the survival of our planet. Three wildlife films will be screened on Wednesday evenings in the summer. It is free, no registration is required and refreshments will be served.



June 25: The Lost Bird Project (2012)

July 30: Vanishing of the Bees (2009)

August 27: Birders: the Central Park Effect (2012)

At the screenings, guest speakers/local experts will be present, including Phil Wallis of Audubon PA and Phil Witmer of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club. We'll have an opportunity to discuss what we can do to help. The film series is presented by Radnor Memorial Library, Radnor Conservancy, **Radnor Bird Town**, and Radnor Township's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

ART OF THE BARN TOUR AND SHOW

In support of Bucks County Audubon
July 12 and 13, 2014

For more information: www.bcas.org



SAVE THE DATES

September 27, 2014, 11am—3pm The 4th Annual Upper Perkiomen Bird and Wildlife Festival at Green Lane Park (Montgomery County)

June 2015—24th Annual Native Plants in the Landscape Conference—Millersville PA. Seriously, not just for botanists and birders...great for homeowners and gardeners. GO! (details in future newsletters)

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