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Bird-Friendly Neighborhoods

This month, Audubon Pennsylvania announced a new layer of “at home” bird conservation. Durham Village, a 60-home subdivision in Buckingham Township, Bucks County became the first ***Bird-Friendly Neighborhood***.

With the science-based evidence that connected, diverse landscapes provide better resources to birds, *Bird-Friendly Neighborhoods* present the opportunity to improve large patches of habitat. Neighbors can learn from other neighbors, engage in community events, and of course, plant natives with the goal of “closing the gap” and increasing canopy coverage (and carrying capacity) long term within a development.

Bird-Friendly Neighborhoods are geared to neighborhoods with clear geographic boundaries and work best where there is an organized governance or support (friends) group. An urban model is in the works so that defined neighborhoods in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and other areas dominated by the built landscape can participate.

The application is online (pdf) which outlines what is needed to become a designated Bird-Friendly Neighborhood.

PA BEATS CA in the GBBC



The numerous partnerships, workshops, and other events paid off this year and we accomplished our goal of topping California for the number of checklists submitted to the GBBC. We didn't expect NY to sneak into first place with just 200 more checklists. Congrats to **Chester County** which had the most submitted (630) followed by **Montgomery** (596) and **Allegheny** (593). Next year, PA will again vie for the top spot! **Thanks to all** who participated for the first time this year.

Photo by Howard B. Eskin

Have you tried the Native Plant Database?

National Audubon's initiative **Bird-Friendly Communities** is part of the strategic plan and its first project is a comprehensive online native plant database. You can put in your zip code and yield a list of plants specific to your region. This will likely help those new to native plants learn about the variety of plants available to them. Experienced *birdscapers* can peruse the list and explore plants on their “wish list.”

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Howard B. Eskin (1934 —2017)



The world is a little less colorful with the loss of Howard B. Eskin, who passed away on February 24th. As readers of this newsletter or

recipients of virtually any Audubon PA handout may recognize, Howard was a generous contributor of bird and insect photos. But he was much more than a photographer and you can read about this on the many tributes found online. He was particularly proud of this photo he took at Mill Grove nearly 10 years ago.



Upper Moreland Improves Township Park for Birds

Text and photo by Robert Crippen

Every year the Upper Moreland Parks Department has to obtain replacement or additional trees for the Township Parks. This year through the efforts of the Upper Moreland Tree Tenders Group, which is an auxiliary to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), 20 native trees were obtained at reduced cost. The Tree Tenders were trained in May, 2016 by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and because of this training were qualified to obtain the trees. One major emphasis in the training was the proper mulching of trees. Mulch should never touch the trunk of the tree and be no more than 3 inches deep. Mulching should never resemble a volcano.

On November 18, 2016 the Tree Tenders along with Parks Department personnel and volunteers planted the trees in Veterans Memorial Park. The following trees were planted: 4 Sugar maples, 4 Serviceberries, 6 Red maples, 6 Red oaks.



Native Plant Ordinance Workshop Save the date!

Saturday, June 17th, 10:00 am in Lower Makefield Township (exact location TBD). This will be a great opportunity for Bird Towns and other municipalities to learn about the ordinance while consideration is given to adopt it! **Please RSVP** ssaffier@audubon.org



FEATURED EVENT

WOMAN'S NATIONAL FARM
& GARDEN ASSOCIATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

BOWMAN'S HILL WILDFLOW-
ER PRESERVE AND AUDUBON
PA

"DESIGNED FOR NATURE"

GARDEN TOUR

SHOWCASING 6 DOYLESTOWN
AREA RESIDENTIAL GARDENS
IN TRANSITION TO THE USE OF
NATIVE PLANTINGS AND CRE-
ATIVE WATER MANAGEMENT

BE INSPIRED TO SEE WHAT
YOU CAN DO

TO BRING NATURE BACK

INTO YOUR OWN PRIVATE
OASIS.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2017

10:00AM TO 3:00PM RAIN
OR SHINE

\$10 ADVANCE SALE/\$15
DAY OF EVENT

TICKETS AVAILABLE STARTING
MAY 2ND AT BHWP OR
DOYLESTOWN BOOK SHOP

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK AT
BUCKS FARM & GARDEN FOR
UPDATES

WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/
BUCKSFG/

Got Goshawk?

The Ornithological Technical com-
mittee has organized a Pennsylvania
Goshawk Project. They are looking
for reports of sightings in an effort to
assess Goshawk populations and
breeding in the state. Background
and historic information is contained
in this article (live link at bottom):

[http://ebird.org/content/pa/news/
northern-goshawk-reports-needed-for-the-ultimate-forest-raptor/](http://ebird.org/content/pa/news/northern-goshawk-reports-needed-for-the-ultimate-forest-raptor/)
If you're lucky enough to spot this elusive forest-dwelling accipiter, send
your report to goshawk@psu.edu. Photo by David Brinker



Native Plant Sales

Please see websites for details

April 14,15, 21, 22—Pennsbury Gardens, **West Chester**

April 22 thru summer - Bowman's Hill www.bhwp.org, **New Hope**

April 28-30—Henry Foundation, **Gladwyne**

April 28-30—Schuylkill Center for Environ. Ed. www.scee.org

April 29—9 am Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival, **Manheim
Township Library**

April 30—Plant sale at Spring Fling, Robbins Park **Upper Dublin**

May 6, 20 11am-3pm—Collins Nursery, 773 Roslyn ave. **Glenside**

May 6, 7, 13, 14 —**Bethlehem** PA (Universal Unitarian Church)

May 6, 7, 13, 14 10am-4pm Yellow Springs Farm Open House, **ChstrSprgs**

May 20, 9am—1pm—WVWA, **Ambler** www.wvwa.org

Please email with info on additional sales!

Bird Town and other events

April 30—Spring Fling—Robbins Park, **Upper Dublin** Bird Town

June 17, 10-3—*Designed for Nature* Garden Tour, **Doylestown** area, see
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