

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

W I N T E R 2 0 0 9 - 2 0 1 0

Saturday, December 5

Audubon's Animal Ambassadors 1:00-2:00 pm
Meet the non-human members of Audubon Greenwich's teaching team. Take a close look at our snakes, turtles, frogs, and insects during this fun class with an Audubon naturalist. *Space limited. Call the Store at x221 to sign up. After this class, the family can enjoy the music concert. See the entry below.*

Musica Plenti's Solstice Music Festival

Saturday, December 5 & 12 at 2:00 pm

Sunday, December 6 & 13 at 3:00 pm

A celebration of music and nature to welcome the winter Solstice and the holiday season. The family-friendly events will showcase an original children's musical designed for this event by The Greenwich Performing Arts Studio (Dec. 5, 12), as well as choral concerts performed by The Bows and The Good News Gospel Choir (Dec. 6) and Musica Plenti (Dec. 13). For tickets, call 203-637-3058. Visit their website www.musicaplenti.org for more information.

Sunday, December 6

Invasive Beetle Workshop 2:30-4:30 pm

With Rose Hiskes of the CT Agricultural Experiment Station
A two-hour training session on how to identify the Asian Long-horned Beetle (ALB), the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), infected trees. These beetles infect many trees including maple, elm, willow, birch, and poplar, killing them in 3-5 years. *RSVPs are required. No charge. To sign up, leave a message at x239.*

Wednesday, December 9

2009 Hawk Watch Report 7:00-8:00 pm

The official 2009 Quaker Ridge Hawk watcher, Luke Tiller, will present this year's findings from our annual survey of raptors flying over our center. Several new records were set so come out to hear highlights from Luke's first season counting with us at Audubon Greenwich. *No RSVP required. Donations for Audubon accepted.*

Saturday, December 12

Family Bird Watching 12:30-2:00 pm

Help our naturalist identify and count our local birds and report them to Project Feederwatch. Learn how your family can do these counts at your own home throughout the winter. *After this class, the family can enjoy the music concert. See the entry above. Register with Ted at x230.*

Tuesday, December 15

GREEN HOMES: High Efficiency Heating & Cooling Systems 7:00-9:30 pm

Do you want to improve the energy efficiency of your home, but your house isn't suitable for an alternative energy system such as geothermal or solar? A range of options exist to make your conventional HVAC system more efficient and less costly to operate. *Suggested donation: \$10. RSVP to Jeff at x239.*

Wednesday, December 16

Environmental Priorities for Connecticut's

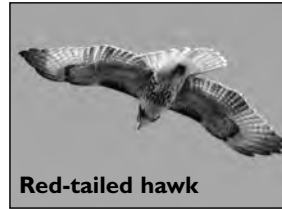
General Assembly 8:00-9:30 am

Don't miss this special chance to hear from our elected officials at the only forum in Greenwich focused solely on environmental matters. Questions are encouraged. Free admission. Panelists are: State Senator L. Scott Frantz (R-36); State Representatives Livvy R. Floren (R-149), Lile R. Gibbons (R-150), Fred Camillo (D-151); and Sandy Breslin - Audubon Connecticut's Director for Government Affairs. *Meet in the Cone Room, Greenwich Town Hall, 101 Field Point Rd. RSVPs appreciated but not required. Leave a message at x239.*

Saturday, December 19

Bird Count Scouting Trip 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Join experienced Audubon bird watchers to survey good local coastal and inland birding areas in preparation for the Annual Christmas Bird Count tomorrow on Sunday Dec. 20. Meet at the Audubon Center. Bring binoculars and warm clothes. Loaner binoculars and field guides will be available. *Ages 8 and up. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.*



Red-tailed hawk

Photo credit: Ted Gilman

Annual Christmas Bird Count Sunday, December 20 - All Day

Join one of the oldest 'citizen science' bird research projects in the world. Contact Brian O'Toole to join one of our field counting teams or, if you live in our 15-mile count circle, conduct a backyard bird count and add your report to the count. (see enclosed flier)
For more details or to join a counting team, call x221.

Saturday, January 9

TRIP: Long Beach/Great Meadows IBA (Stratford) 9:00 am-2:00 pm

A coastal birding trip with Brian and Ted from Audubon. Help survey these great sanctuaries for over-wintering water birds, hawks, owls, and other birds. Dress warmly and bring binoculars. Extra binoculars will be available. *Register with Ted at x230.*

Sunday, January 24

TALK: Deep Travel with David Leff 2:00-3:00 pm

Are you a deep traveler? Join David Leff for a journey that goes deep rather than far. Deep travel is a methodology that will enrich a trip anywhere. Mr. Leff is an author of numerous essays, columns, and stories, a Board Member of Audubon CT, and former Deputy Commissioner of the CT DEP. Learn more at: www.davidkleff.com. *Suggested donation: \$5. RSVP to the Nature Store at x221. Note: Younger people can enjoy the owl pellet program while you enjoy this one.*

Sunday, January 24

Owls and Owl Pellets 2:00-3:00 pm

Learn about our local owls and what owls like to eat by dissecting an owl pellet. Come learn how to be a skull and bone detective. *Ages 5 & up. Please RSVP to x221.*

Saturday, January 30

E4C: Family Breakfast & Live Animal Show 9:00-10:30 am

Families are invited to join the fun at Audubon when families gather for a light breakfast and a live animal show. *All ages. \$25 per family. RSVPs required and space is limited. Leave a message for Jeff at x239.*

Saturday, January 30

Animal Homes and Winter Hideouts 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us as we explore the Audubon trails through field and forest for special hiding places where our wildlife seeks shelter from the weather and predators. *All ages. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.*

Saturday, January 30

Full Moon Walk 6:00-8:00 pm

Join us as we hike to Mead Lake to enjoy the moonlit woods and lakeshore and listen for ice shifting, hooting owls, coyotes, or other wildlife. *Ages 7 & up. Dress warmly with soft, quiet outer layers. RSVP required. Contact Ted at x230.*

Saturday, February 6

Hudson River Eagle Fest at Croton Point Park 9:00-4:00 pm

Come scan the Hudson River shores and icy waters for wintering bald eagles. Live eagle programs, information tables, warming tents, etc. *For details visit www.teatown.org.*

Great Backyard Bird Count February 12-15

Join a nationwide effort to count birds in your own yard or neighborhood and report them to the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University. Visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc or call Ted at x230 to learn more about participating.

Saturday, February 13

TRAINING SESSION:

Great Backyard Bird Count 1:00-2:30 pm

Join us as we check our bird feeders and take a short walk on the property to identify and count local birds before returning to the center to report our bird sightings to Cornell's Laboratory of Ornithology using the internet. Participants will learn basic bird ID and how to do counts in your own backyard and neighborhood. *All ages. Sign up with Ted at x230.*

2010 Winter Vacation Camp

February 16-19

Experience winter in a whole new way!

A wonderful wintertime nature camp for young people in Grades K-5. Sign-up early because spaces fill up fast. Registration forms and all details are online at greenwich.audubon.org.
Call Lindsey at x235 for more information.

Saturday, February 20

DOUBLE FEATURE:

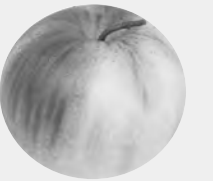
Eagles In Alaska – Photography by Dan Burns & Meet the author of “How To Grow Your Own Tree Hugger” 2:00-3:30 pm

The show begins with a series of incredible bald eagle photos by renowned NFL/sports photographer, Dan Burns. His striking images from Homer, Alaska capture an unusual gathering site for several dozen birds each winter. Author Wendy Rosenoff will follow with activities from her new how-to book about with raising eco-conscious youngsters. *\$4 for adults/\$2 for children. All ages. RSVP to the Nature Store at x221.*

Saturday, February 27

‘FRESH The Movie’ & Panel Discussion 2:00-4:30 pm

Local, organic and sustainable food movements are gaining ground and this event will kick off a series of related events. ‘FRESH The Movie,’ provides a vivid glimpse into our nation's broken food system, but also shows heroes who are working for change. A panel discussion follows the movie. Selected exhibitors will be onsite. All details are online. *Buy tickets online at www.brownpapertickets.com for \$7 or \$15 at the door (space permitting and limited). Co-sponsored by www.FairfieldGreenFoodGuide.com. Call Jeff at x239 for details. (Snow date: Feb. 28th)*



Saturday, February 27

Be An Animal Tracks and Traces Detective 2:30-3:45 pm

Learn about the different tracks and traces left by our local animals and then join us for a short walk outside to search for animal signs. *Ages 5 & up. Please RSVP to the Nature Store at x221.*

Saturday, February 27

Full Moon Hike 6:30-8:30 pm

We will hike to some of the farther corners of the Audubon property to look and listen for owls, coyotes, and other wildlife. *Ages 7 & up. Dress warmly with soft, quiet outer layers. RSVP required. Contact Ted at x230.*

Programs are suitable for all ages unless otherwise indicated. Please register by calling 203-869-5272. Programs start at the Kimberlin Nature Center at Audubon Greenwich, 613 Riversville Road. <http://greenwich.audubon.org>.

Program fees: \$3/adult members; \$5/adult non-members; \$1.50/member children and seniors; \$3/non-member children and seniors; no charge to Teacher Naturalists as part of their ongoing training.

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