

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

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Friday, September 4

The World of Bats and Moonlight Walk 7:00-8:00 pm

Learn about our local bat neighbors, get an update on the 'white-nose syndrome' endangering the bats of the Northeast, and watch for bats emerging from their daytime roosts for a night's hunting. Ages: 5 & up. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.

Autumn Migration Bird Walks

Every Saturday ~ 7:00-8:45 am

September 5, 12, 19, 26 at Audubon Greenwich
October 10, 17, 24, 31 at the Fairchild Sanctuary

Join us to seek out the flood of migrants heading for the tropics as well as other species arriving from the north to spend the winter with us. Bring binoculars and hiking shoes. Loaner binoculars may be available. No fee or RSVP required. For September dates, meet at the main sanctuary at 613 Riversville Road. For October dates, meet at the Fairchild parking area on North Porchuck Road in Greenwich. Contact the Nature Store at x221 for more information.

Saturday, September 5

Nature on the Move: The Mysteries of Migration 2:00-3:30 pm

Join us first for a brief talk indoors about animals that migrate: from monarch butterflies and dragonflies, to hawks, bats, fish, seals, and whales and then take a walk on the Audubon grounds in search of migratory animals. All ages. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.



Monarch Butterfly

Saturday, September 12

Go Greener Greenwich: "Eco-fair & Sunbake Concert" 2:00-10:00 pm

Visit Audubon's table downtown at this large community event held in Roger Sherman Baldwin Park, just off of Exit 3 on I-95. Enjoy this family-friendly event with music, environmental-themed exhibits, eco-friendly vendors and much more. Also, complete an event passport and win passes to the HawkWatch Festival the following weekend. For discounted tickets in advance & more information, visit www.archstreet.org or call 203-629-5744.

Audubon Volunteer Days

October 3 & November 7 ~ 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Join Audubon staff and fellow volunteers to help maintain our trails and improve bird habitats at Audubon Greenwich. Wear long pants and sturdy shoes. Tools and work gloves will be provided. Heavy rain cancels the work day. Call the Nature Store to sign up and for updates at x221.

HawkWatch Festival & Green Bazaar SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2009

11:00 am-5:00 pm

Come celebrate the amazing annual migration of raptors often seen above Audubon Greenwich's hawk counting site, the Quaker Ridge Hawk Watch. This 2-day event will include games, animal exhibits, hikes, talks, live birds of prey shows (1 & 3 pm), special shows (2 pm), and your last chance to enter the hybrid car raffle. Loads of eco-friendly vendors and great food on-site. Check website for an event schedule & list of exhibitors. Memberships and tickets available at the gate. No RSVP required.

Special Cocktail Reception: Sept. 19 at 5:00 pm

Join renowned author Marie Winn as she shares her experiences writing "Red-tails in Love" and "Central Park in the Dark." \$10 per person. RSVP to the Nature Store x221.

Tuesday, September 22

GREEN HOMES:

Introduction to Green Buildings & Energy 7:30-10:00 pm

The first part of this season's "Audubon At Home" series designed for homeowners who want to learn more about how they can bring green building practices and energy systems to their new or remodeled home. The program will also address the tax rebates and incentives that apply to Connecticut and New York. \$10 per person. RSVP appreciated. Contact Jeff at x239 or jcordulack@audubon.org. For more information and a list of speakers, visit Audubon Greenwich's website.

Saturday, October 3

Gimbel Sanctuary Hike 2:00-3:30 pm

Learn about our efforts to combat the invasive Mile-a-Minute Vine using beetles and enjoy exploring this special sanctuary and parts of the adjacent Byram River gorge. Meet at Gimbel parking area on Sherwood Ave., near Nutmeg Drive. All ages. RSVP required. Call Ted at x230.

Saturday, October 3

E4C: Family Breakfast & Hike 9:00-10:30 am

Come out for a family-friendly breakfast and then enjoy a hike in the sanctuary with Audubon naturalists. Shorter and longer hikes will be offered to suit different ages and abilities. All ages. \$25 per family. RSVP required. Call Jeff at x239.

Saturday Oct 10

Family Pond Exploration 2:00-3:30 pm

Indian Spring Pond is a special place to explore for frogs, snakes, turtles and all the tiny life forms that call this pond their home. All ages. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.

Saturday, October 17

TRIP: Hook Mountain Hawk Watch 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Travel with us to this mountaintop viewpoint across the Hudson with excellent hawk watching and spectacular views across the autumn landscape. Involves moderate half mile hike uphill. Bring binoculars, hat, sunscreen, lunch, water bottle, hiking shoes. Ages: 8 & up. RSVP with Ted at x230.



Red-tailed Hawk

Sunday, October 18

TRIP: Cove Island Park Bird Sanctuary 8:00-11:00 am

Visit this seaside park in search of migrating sparrows and shorebirds, at this birding hotspot in Stamford, CT. Meet at Audubon Greenwich to carpool by 8 am or call ahead and meet the group at Cove Island. Ages: 8 & up. RSVP required. Call Brian at x221.

Tuesday, October 20

GREEN HOMES:

Geothermal Energy Systems 7:30-10:00 pm

The second in the "Audubon At Home" series designed for homeowners who want a greener home. This discussion will focus on the basics of geothermal heating and cooling systems and explain how geothermal systems can be installed in new and existing homes, resulting in drastically reduced carbon emissions and utility bills. \$10 per person. RSVP appreciated. Contact Jeff at x239 or jcordulack@audubon.org. For more information and a list of speakers, visit Audubon Greenwich's website.

Saturday, October 24

Autumn Foliage and Wildlife Foods Walk 1:00-3:00 pm

Come enjoy the glorious colors of autumn and seek out the many natural foods which feed both resident and migrant birds and other wildlife. All ages. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.

Sunday, October 25

TRIP: Allen's Meadows 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Join Audubon naturalists for an autumn trip in search of migrating sparrows and other songbirds frequently sighted at this birding hotspot in Wilton, CT. Meet at Audubon Greenwich to carpool by 8 am or call ahead and meet the group in Wilton. Ages: 10 & up. RSVP required. Call Brian at x221.

Saturday, October 31

Butler Sanctuary Hawk Watch 1:00-4:00 pm

Travel with us a short distance up Rte 22 to this hilltop site with a broad panoramic view over SW Fairfield County and Long Island Sound and great potential for observing migrating hawks and other birds. Ages: 8 & up. RSVP required. Call Ted at x230.

E4C: The Enchanted Orchard & Animal Show

Thursday, October 29 • 6:00-8:30 pm

A special evening of fun for the whole family. Enjoy a fun walk in the Enchanted Orchard, an animal show, dinner and Halloween treats in Audubon's historic red barn. Wear your costumes or come as you are. All ages. \$25 per family. RSVP and parent supervision required. Space is limited. Call Jeff at x239 to sign up. Rain Date: October 30.

Saturday, November 7

Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Join us for a trip to this outstanding refuge with both freshwater and saltwater habitats to search out waterbirds, raptors, and songbirds. Ages: 8 & up. RSVP required. Call Ted at x230.



Brant

Saturday, November 14

Winter Birds and Project Feederwatch 1:30-3:00 pm

Get to know backyard winter birds, how to feed them, and learn how your family can be "citizen scientists" to help count winter birds at bird feeders in your own backyard. All ages. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.

Tuesday, November 17

GREEN HOMES:

Wind & Solar Energy Systems 7:30-10:00 pm

The third part of the "Audubon At Home" series designed for homeowners who want a greener home. This discussion will focus on how micro-wind applications, solar hot water and solar photovoltaic systems can be installed in homes, resulting in drastically reduced carbon emissions and utility bills. \$10 per person. RSVP appreciated. Contact Jeff at x239 or jcordulack@audubon.org. For more information and a list of speakers, visit Audubon Greenwich's website.

Saturday, November 21

Mother Nature's Bird Foods Hike 1:00-2:30 pm



Junco

Learn about the many wild foods birds seek to eat and how birds use their bills to gather it. Then hike with a guide in search of wild birds and their foods. All ages. RSVP to Nature Store at x221.

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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