

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

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Saturday, March 7

Mead Lake Hike 2:00-3:45 pm

Explore the shores of Mead Lake for animal tracks & learn the history of the lake on this guided walk. Age 7 & up. RSVP to Store: x221.

Saturday, March 14

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

Come for a light, healthy breakfast and enjoy a live animal show with Jungle Jim from Party Safari. \$25 per family. RSVP required. RSVP to Jeff: x239.

Saturday, March 14

Woodcock Watch 6:45-7:30 pm

Watch and listen for the crepuscular calls and aerial performances of these sandpiper relatives. A brief indoor program followed by outdoor observation. Dress warmly for quiet standing to watch. Ages 8 & up. RSVP to Store: x221.



Saturday, March 21

Naturalist Workshop: Birding Basics 9:30 am-noon

An introduction to the tools & skills used in bird study, followed by a bird ID walk. Learn how to use binoculars, field guides, audio-visual materials, and other resources that make birding so much fun. For adults and teens. Registration required. \$12/adult. No charge for teens. RSVP to Ted: x230.

Sunday, March 22

'Pura Vida': Ted's Costa Rican Eco-Adventure

2:00-3:00 pm

Audubon's own Ted Gilman shares stories and photos from his trip to Costa Rica in 2008.

Ted will highlight tropical plants, insects, birds, snakes, monkeys, volcanoes, and the dedicated scientists & educators who are working to preserve the rich natural heritage of Costa Rica. No charge. RSVP to Store: x221.



Tuesday, March 24

GREEN HOMES SERIES: Indoor Environmental Quality Registration: 8:30 am/ Show: 9:00-11:30 am

Learn how to improve the quality of the air in your home. Take steps to energy independence by implementing efficiency, conservation, and clean energy strategies at home. Suggested admission: \$10. RSVP to Liz: x229.

Sunday, March 29

HIKE: Signs of Spring Detective 2:00-3:30 pm

Come help us search for red-winged blackbirds, pussy willows, colorful tree buds, early emerging insects, and much more. All ages. RSVP to Store: x221.

Sunday, March 29

Maine's Puffin Colony with "Puffin Pete" Salmansohn 3:30 pm

Join Pete for fun times and a short award-winning film, Project Puffin, that brings viewers to the wild Maine islands where puffin restoration work is taking place. All ages welcome. RSVP to Store: x221.



SPRING BIRD WALKS

Rise and shine for this annual tradition. No fee or RSVP required. Bring binoculars. Some loaner binoculars may be available.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

7:00-8:30 am at Fairchild Garden

April 8, 15, 22, 29 / May 6, 13, 20, 27

Meet in parking area on North Porchuck Road.

SATURDAY MORNINGS

7:00-8:45 am at Audubon Greenwich

April 4, 11, 18, 25 / May 2, 16, 23, 30

Meet in main parking area on Riversville Road.

Thursday, April 16

Scott Weidensaul – 'Voices for the Birds' Tour

7:30 pm (Reception at 6:30 pm)

Coffee and Birds...What is the connection? Learn from naturalist & researcher Scott Weidensaul, author of 24+ books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize-nominated 'Living on the Wind.' Enjoy 100% shade grown coffee. \$5 suggested donation. RSVP to Jeff: x239.

Saturday, April 18

Wildlife-friendly Plants: Talk & Walk 10:00-11:30 am

Learn how you can invite more songbirds and other wildlife to your yard. Join Ted Gilman for an introductory talk in Kiernan Hall and a walk on the Audubon Center grounds to point out a variety of plants providing food and shelter to songbirds and other wildlife all year long. RSVP to Store: x221.

Saturday, April 18

Vernal Pond Survey Hike 2:00-4:00 pm

Hike to the Old Pasture Trail to examine vernal pools and look for evidence of breeding wood frogs, spotted salamanders and fairy shrimp. Ages 8 & up. RSVP to Store: x221.

Wednesday, April 22

GREEN HOMES SERIES: Building & Rebuilding a Green Home 9:00-11:30 am

Learn the green choices and the tradeoffs to consider when building or renovating a home. Suggested admission: \$10. RSVP to Liz: x229.

Wednesday, April 22

A Sense of Wonder – A film inspired by the life of Rachel Carson

Art Reception 6:00-8:00 pm Film 8:00-9:00 pm

Audubon Greenwich is pleased to screen *A Sense of Wonder* on Earth Day evening. Shot at Rachel Carson's cottage on the coast of Maine, the film is based on the play *A Sense of Wonder* written by Kaiulani Lee. Using many of Miss Carson's own words, this documentary style film, depicts Carson in the final year of her life. Space limited. RSVP to Jeff: x239.



Friday, April 24

Celebrate the Night Sky and Sounds 8:00-9:30 pm

Come learn some basic constellations, listen for flight calls of migrating birds, and visit our pond to check for chorusing Spring Peepers. Ages 7 & up. RSVP to Store: x221. (Rain/Cloud Date: April 25)

Saturday, April 25

E4C family Breakfast: Meet a live bat! 9:00-10:30 am

Enjoy a light, healthy breakfast with a special bat presentation by Gerri Griswold – a veteran bat presenter. This child-friendly show will touch on bat basics and feature a live ambassador from the bat world. \$25 per family. RSVP required. RSVP to Jeff: x239.

Saturday, April 25

Naturalist Workshop: Neotropical Migrants 9:30am-noon

Learn about wood warblers and other neotropical migrants. Introductory talk and field walk to learn characteristics, adaptations, and behaviors plus ID tips & study resources. For adults and teens. Registration required. \$12 adults. No charge for teens. RSVP to Ted: x230.

Saturday, April 25

Spring Wildflower Walk 2:00-3:30 pm

Come walk with us to seek out our early spring wildflowers and learn about their life histories, ecological niches and insect pollination partners. Ages 5 & up. RSVP to Store: x221.

Saturday, May 2

Naturalist Workshop: Birding By Ear 9:30 am-noon

Indoor discussion of how and why birds vocalize, introduction to useful bird sound recordings, and outdoor walk to practice Birding By Ear skills. For adults & teens. Registration required. \$12 adults. No charge for teens. RSVP to Ted: x230.

Saturday, May 2

Family Pond Exploration 2:00-3:30 pm

Bring the family to discover an amazing variety of insects, amphibians and other organisms which call Indian Spring Pond home. All ages. RSVP to Store: x221.

Friday, May 8

Full Moon Walk 8:00- 9:30 pm

Come enjoy the spring moonlight while we listen for migrating neotropical songbirds overhead and the choruses of frogs at the pond and other wildlife. RSVP to Ted: x230.

International Migratory Bird Day Saturday, May 9

Birding & Breakfast with Bridget Stutchbury

6:30-8:00 am Birding

8:00-9:00 am Birders Breakfast*

9:30-10:30 am 'Voices for the Birds' by Bridget Stutchbury

Enjoy Audubon's tradition of early morning birding and breakfast in the barn. Bridget Stutchbury is author of the book 'Silence of the Songbirds,' an advocacy for conservation which has led to her being called the Rachel Carson of the 21st Century. Lecture: \$5 suggested donation. *Breakfast: \$8/person - RSVP required. RSVP to Store: x221.

Meet David Sibley - Bird Artist Extraordinaire 5:30-7:30 pm

First there was Peterson – then there was Sibley. Join Audubon for a memorable lecture and reception with David Sibley, renowned author of several bird identification guides, including the Sibley Guide to Birds. \$20 per person includes refreshments and snacks. Sibley books available in store. RSVP required. RSVP to Jeff: x239.



Saturday, May 30

Naturalist Workshop: Insects and other Arthropods 9:30 am-noon

Overview of anatomy, taxonomy, natural history, and useful resources. Class will combine introductory talk and outdoor walk. For adults and teens. Registration required. \$12 adults. No charge for teens. RSVP to Ted: x230.

Saturday, May 30

Insects and Their Relatives in Our Back Yards 2:00-3:30 pm

Join us for this family program to meet some of the amazing insects and other creepy crawlies who live in our yards and learn how we can invite some of these colorful creatures by gardening for insects. All ages. RSVP to Store: 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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