

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

S U M M E R 2 0 0 9

Saturday, June 6

'Turtle Time' with Senior Naturalist Ted Gilman
10:00-11:30 am

Learn all about the turtles of our region plus meet our 'ambassador' turtles during a short talk and walk to Mead Lake in search of turtle nests. All ages. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.



Painted Turtle

Teens for Conservation (T4C)

Friday, June 12
Hydrogen-fueled Dinner & Music
In Audubon's Barn 7:00-10:00 pm

Join Audubon's T4C committee for this special dinner event. A short discussion of real-world hydrogen applications will follow dinner and the evening will end with live music by White Rose, a local teen band. The music, talk and dinner will be powered by hydrogen that was created by solar energy, all courtesy of Tim Dolan, a local scientist and expert in sustainable hydrogen projects. Ages 12 and up. \$10 per person. RSVP required. Call Jeff Cordulack to sign up at x239.

To hear about more teen-friendly events and community service days, join the T4C email list! Send an email to: jcordulack@audubon.org.

SCIENCE: Summer Bird Count

June 13 & 14 - All Day, Both Days

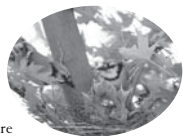
All hands on deck for this annual tradition when volunteers search the 15-mile wide bird count circle for signs of birds in their breeding habitats. Join for the weekend or for just a few hours and enjoy a great way to improve your audio and visual birding skills while visiting new birding sites in our region. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Sunday, June 14

All About Bird Families

10:30 am-12:00 pm

Join Audubon staff when they peek-in on nesting birds, teach about their eggs, how nests are built and how birds they raise their families. All ages. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.



Nesting Blue Jays

Saturday, June 20

Family Pond Exploration 2:00-3:30 pm

Don't miss this opportunity to search for the amazing creatures that call Indian Spring Pond home. You will have a hands-on chance to look for amphibians, insects and other organisms living in the pond. All ages. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Monday, June 22

"Gardens of the Heart"

Piano and Poetry in Celebration of Summer Solstice
2:00 - 3:00 pm

Come for a relaxing, reflective time with Margot Dilmaghani and hear the lyrical, creative expressions by the Romantics and 20th century composers and poets. She has recorded 5 piano CDs and the proceeds from them are donated to not-for-profit organizations working for women's health and environmental causes. CDs available at the event. Suggested donation: \$5. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Saturday, June 27

VOLUNTEER DAY:

Invasive Plant Removal

9:30 am-12:00 pm

Join Audubon volunteers for a morning of invasive plant removal in an effort to protect Audubon's meadows from hostile takeover. A few of the well-known plant pests include purple loosestrife, porcelain berry and the ever-present phragmites. After the clean-up, bring a bag lunch and enjoy a presentation by Andy Brand (see below). Sign up by calling the Nature Store at x221. No fee or previous experience necessary.



Purple Loosestrife

Saturday, June 27

TALK: Homeland Diversity:

Inviting Mother Nature Home Again 12:00-1:00 pm

Bring a bag lunch and join Andy Brand to discuss how to increase biodiversity in our yards, the importance of native plants, and highlights local butterflies and their specific host plants. Andy Brand co-founded and is past President of the Connecticut Butterfly Association, long-standing member of the New Haven Bird Club, and actively volunteers for the New England Plant Conservation Program. To show what is possible in one's yard with very little effort, Andy will share pictures of some of the thousands of species found in his Hamden yard. No charge but suggested donations are \$5. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

YOGA BASICS WITH BASIL JONES

Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30 pm

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Aug. 5

Join Basil Jones (CYT), acclaimed yoga teacher for Martha Stewart and Kathy Smith, to learn yoga basics and how to live in better alignment with nature and our planet. Each week, the Pigeon, Peacock, Crow, Flying Crow, Eagle, Bird of Paradise postures will be explored in depth and some classes will be held outdoors in the sanctuary.

All levels of practitioners welcome. No experience required. Meet in the main hall at Audubon. \$20 per class or pay for five classes and the last class is free. Space is limited. RSVP to Basil at 646-338-9299.

Thursday, July 2

Fireflies - Nature's Mini Fireworks 8:30-9:30 pm

Learn how and why fireflies flash; then go outdoors and watch the different signature patterns for each firefly species. We'll also take a look at our pond to search for night time activity. All ages. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Saturday, July 11

Butterfly Identification & Counting Basics 10:30-11:30 am

A family-friendly introduction to local butterflies and how to participate in the official butterfly count process. Start indoors and head out on the Audubon Center grounds to view our butterfly gardens and begin the official counting for the day. All ages. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Saturday, July 11

Annual Butterfly Count 11:30 am-5:00 pm

Annual Butterfly Counting continues throughout the day. Audubon naturalists will survey the sanctuary and record the species found on-site. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.



Thursday, July 16

Organic, Seasonal and Kid-friendly Meals
with Rachel Khanna

9:30 am: Refreshments / 10:00-11:30 Program

Join expert chef and organic food enthusiast, Rachel Khanna for a delicious morning event where she will share recipes and meals ideas that are likely to become favorites for your kids. This program will discuss what common foods should be avoided and how to easily serve-up healthy and sustainable foods in your home. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. Recipes will be handed out and some will be served. Space is limited to 20 participants. Call Jeff Cordulack to sign up at x239.

Saturday, July 18

Home Composting Basics 3:00-4:30 pm

Did you know...trashing food waste creates air pollution, can raise taxes and causes you to miss an opportunity for free, fresh soil for your lawn or garden? Join Greg Moonie, a Master Gardener, for an interesting presentation that highlights several easy approaches to composting at home. Suitable for teens and adults. Suggested donation: \$5. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Saturday, July 18

Family Pond Exploration 3:00-4:30 pm

Don't miss this opportunity to search for the amazing creatures that call Indian Spring Pond home. You will have a hands-on chance to look for amphibians, insects and other organisms living in the pond. All ages. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Saturday, July 18

Summer Night Walk 8:30-9:45 pm

Explore the dusk and night-time world at Audubon. Search the fields, forests and pond while witnessing the animal world's "changing of the guard" as day turns to night. Ages 7 & up. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Saturday & Sunday, July 25 & 26

Honey Harvest

12 noon-4:00 pm

Visitors are invited to stop by and see how the honey is taken out of the hive and bottled. Help "spin" the honey from the wax combs. Honey will be available for purchase (while supplies last). No RSVP needed. No charge. Sponsored and staffed by the Backyard Beekeepers Association.

Saturday, July 25

Dragonflies and Damselflies Count

10:30-11:15 am: Introduction / Counting until 5:00 pm

An introduction to our local dragonflies and damselflies and then take part in our official dragonfly and damselfly survey of our Audubon Greenwich grounds. Ages 7 & up. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Sunday, July 26

E4C: Family Picnic with Live Hawks & Owls

12:00 pm: Picnic / 1:00-1:45 pm: Live Bird Show

An E4C (Executives for Conservation) summer picnic event that will feature live raptors visiting from the Audubon Center in Sharon, CT. A family-friendly lunch will be served and followed by this special presentation. All ages. \$25 per family. RSVP required. Call Jeff Cordulack to sign up at x239.

Saturday, August 1

Audubon Greenwich's Insect Orchestra 8:00-9:30 pm

Come learn about cicadas, crickets, grasshoppers, and katydids that serenade us day & night. After the short inside program, help search the fields, forest edges, and pond for our local insect 'music-makers' and signs of other night-time wildlife. All ages. Call the Nature Store to sign up at x221.

Sunday, August 16

Family Pond Exploration 10:00 am-12:00 pm

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11th Annual HawkWatch Weekend

& Fairfield County's Green Fair

September 19 & 20 • 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Bring family and friends for HawkWatch Weekend. Enjoy migrating birds above, games for the kids, the famous live bird and animal shows. This year will feature a 'Green Faire' of environmental exhibits and eco-friendly vendors. For an event schedule and list of exhibitors, visit our website: <http://greenwich.audubon.org>. To volunteer for this event, contact Jeff Cordulack at x239.

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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