

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

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Saturday, June 4 Connecticut 'Trails Day'

Celebrate National Trails Day at Audubon's Fairchild Sanctuary with a self-guided hike in this seldom visited location. This site has eight miles of trails that wind through deep shady gorges under cover of a mature forest canopy. Boy Scouts will be on hand from 10 am to 2 pm to hand out trail maps. For more National Trails Day events, visit: www.americanhiking.com.



CITIZEN SCIENTISTS WANTED!

June 11 & 12 – Summer Bird Count
July 9 – Annual Butterfly Count
July 23 – Dragonfly & Damselfly Survey

Participate in a citizen science program with Audubon and you'll help contribute to important wildlife studies about birds, butterflies, and more. Interested children and adults welcome to join the fun for all or part of the count sessions. This is ideal for Teens interested in community service opportunities outdoors. Contact Ted at x230.

Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12 SCI: Annual Summer Bird Count

A two-day survey to help determine what birds are living and nesting in this area at this time of the year. Counting starts at 5:30 am and continues throughout the day. Choose a time when you are interested in joining the count and sign up for this great chance to get out with experienced birders and sharpen your birding skills. Ages 7 & up. RSVP by June 10 to Ted at x230.



Tufted Titmouse

Friday, June 17 FILM: "ANWR: America's Wildest Refuge" 6:00-9:00 pm

Tucked into a remote corner of Alaska, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is a place where the American frontier can be experienced on an epic scale. See this new high-definition film about its wildlife and its founding 50 year ago. All ages. Reception: 6:00 pm/ Film: 7:30 pm. \$10 per adult. Children are free. RSVP to Jeff at x239.

Sunday, June 26 MUSICA PLENTI: 'Music for a Summer Afternoon' 3:00-5:00 pm

Welcome summer with Musica Plenti, Audubon Greenwich's first Artists-in-Residence! Musica Plenti is an award-winning vocal chamber ensemble, who will help us celebrate the summer Solstice with a selection of pieces dedicated to nature. \$20/person. For tickets, call 203-952-1365 or www.musicaplenti.org.

Friday, July 1 Fireflies – Nature's Mini-Fireworks 8:30-9:30 pm

An ideal time of the year to learn about this special insect. Learn about how and why the firefly flashes and then try your skills at telling the species apart by looking at the different patterns made by the different firefly species. All ages. Space limited. RSVP to Ted at x230.

ANNUAL HONEY HARVEST Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Stop by and learn how honey is taken out of the hive for harvest. Help "spin" the honey from the wax combs. Honey will be available for purchase (while supplies last). All ages. No charge or RSVP required. Downhill in the red Ketay-Asnes Barn. Sponsored and staffed by the Backyard Beekeepers Association.



ADVANCING NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY Sundays: June 12, 19, 26 & July 10, 17 8:30-10:00 am

Take nature photography to the next level with experienced photographers in the field. This is a great chance to get outdoors with other photographers, share photography tips, and witness the wilderness hiding just outside our backdoor. Hikes will be led by professional photographer, Dan Burns, and are co-sponsored by the Photography Club of Lower Fairfield County. Sites will include the main sanctuary and others in the region.

\$10/adult. Please RSVP for trip locations & rain updates. RSVP required for locations and rain updates. Contact Jeff at x239.



Great Horned Owl

photo: Dan Burns

Saturday, July 9 SCI: Annual Butterfly Count Introduction: 10:30-11:00 am Field Counts: 11:00 am-5:00 pm



Monarch Butterfly Caterpillar

Start with an introduction to local butterflies and learn how to count scientifically from 10:30-11:00 and then head out on the Audubon Center grounds to view our butterfly gardens and conduct our count. Ages 7 & up. RSVP required to Ted at x230 by July 8. Rain Date: July 10.

Sunday, July 10 Family Pond Exploration 3:00-4:30 pm

Hop around the pond with Audubon staff and get up close to the tiny creatures that call the nearby pond home. Equipment will be provided. All ages. Space limited. RSVP to Store at x221.

FARM-TO-TABLE "PARTY IN THE BARN"

Saturday, July 23

A unique fundraising event showcasing local farms and seasonal harvests. Enjoy exquisite wines paired with small plates of farm-fresh goodness from organic and biodynamic farms. Evening will include wine education and an auction.



Advance tickets required and limited. For tickets, contact Jeff at x239.

Saturday, July 23 SCI: Dragon & Damselfly Survey Introduction: 10:30-11:00 am Field Counts: 11:00 am-5:00 pm

Become a citizen scientist by joining short introduction to local dragonflies and damselflies followed by an annual survey for these species on the Audubon Greenwich grounds. A great way to witness the wide variety of species living in our region. Ages 7 & up. RSVP required to Ted at x230 by July 22.

LOVE-A-POLLINATOR DAY Saturday, July 30

Native Pollinators: a walk & talk with Kim Stoner
3:30-5:30 pm

Learn about our valuable native bees and other pollinators with Kim Stoner, Ph.D., a vegetable entomologist at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station since 1987. She is coordinating a state-wide study of native bees that Audubon is participating in. This event will include a walk outside and a presentation inside. All ages. No charge. RSVP to Ted at x239.



Nicotine Bees: a film & discussion
5:30-7:30 pm

In 2005-2006, bee 'colony collapse' occurred simultaneously in dozens of countries. After years of research, experts and recent studies point to neonicotinoids – a widely-used group of pesticides used on food crops. Learn about the collapse, ideal plants for pollinators, and how to change policies that can address the pesticide issue. Space limited. \$15/person includes the movie, reception & discussion. Advance tickets are discounted. RSVP to Jeff at x239.



E4C: Family Nature Events

"E4C: Executives for Conservation" is a special series of events for families with younger children. Guests will enjoy a family-friendly animal-themed programs. Space is always limited for these events. To stay updated, request special "E4C event invites" & be the first to know the details. To sign up, email Jeff at jcordulack@audubon.org.

Friday, August 5 Night Hike: In Search of Local Bats 7:30-9:00 pm

Join us for an indoor discussion about bats and the devastating white-nose syndrome (WNS) disease destroying thousands of these important members of the ecosystem. Learn what scientists are doing to find a cure and then hike outside to look and listen for local bats in the sanctuary. Ages 5 & up. RSVP required to Ted at x230.

Saturday, August 6 Family Woodland and River Hike 3:00-4:30 pm

Hit the trails with an Audubon naturalist for a fun exploration of shady woodlands in mid-summer. All ages. Space limited. RSVP to Store at x221.

Sunday, August 7 Nature Photography for All 10:00-11:30 am

Hike with Jeff Cordulack in search of great nature photos at Audubon Greenwich. The focus will be on flowers, insects, and scenic photos. Ideal for learning basic composition and close-up (macro) photo techniques. All ages. \$5/person. RSVP required to Jeff at x239.



SHARON AUDUBON FESTIVAL Saturday, August 13 & Sunday, August 14 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Travel north to the Sharon Center in Northwest Connecticut to join this great family nature festival with nature walks, animal programs, music, food, activities, and displays. All ages and worth the trip. Call (860) 364-0520 or check www.sharon.audubon.org for event details.

Sunday, August 21 Family Pond Exploration 3:00-4:30 pm

Hop around the pond with Audubon staff and get up close to the tiny creatures that call the nearby pond home. Equipment will be provided. All ages. Space limited. RSVP to Store at x221.

HEALTHY, ORGANIC FOOD EVENTS

Other films and special events about organic and genetically-modified (GMO) foods are planned for the summer and fall. These and other 'Audubon At Home' programs are designed to help people avoid toxins in foods and encourage eco-friendly consumer choices. To stay updated on these new events, contact Jeff at jcordulack@audubon.org or x239.

Programs suitable for all ages unless otherwise indicated. Register by calling 203-869-5272. Audubon Greenwich, 613 Riversville Road. <http://greenwich.audubon.org>. Programs: \$3/adult members; \$5/adult non-members; \$1.50/member children and seniors; \$3/non-member children and seniors.

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