

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

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Saturday, June 5

Connecticut 'Trails Day' Hike 10:00 am-12:00 pm

A special hike along the little-known connector trail that follows the Byram River and ends in the Fairchild Wildflower Garden. *No charge. All ages are welcome but this hike is suitable for seasoned hikers only. Bring water and RSVP to Store at x221.*

Saturday, June 5

Turtle Nesting Time 2:00-3:30 pm

Get to know some of our local turtles in one of our classrooms and enjoy a guided walk to Mead Lake to check for nesting painted and snapping turtles along the shoreline. *RSVP to Store at x221.*

Saturday, June 19

CONCERT: 'Much Ado About Shakespeare' 3:00-4:30 pm

Welcome summer with Musica Plenti, Audubon Greenwich's first Artists-in-Residence! Musica Plenti, an award-winning vocal chamber ensemble, will help us celebrate the summer Solstice with madrigals, operatic scenes, musical theatre, and contemporary pieces, all inspired by Shakespeare and nature. *\$20/person. For tickets and more information, call (203) 637-3058 or visit www.musicaplenti.org.*

Sunday, June 27

Organic Lawns for You & Me 11:00-12:00 pm

Don't go another year without 'going organic' on your lawn. Join others who take care of their own lawn when Jeff Cordulack from Audubon covers the organic lawn care basics and fields questions from the audience. *Handouts will be available. \$5/person. RSVPs appreciated to x239.*

Sunday, June 27

Family Pond Exploration 1:00-2:00 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.*

Sunday, June 27

FILM: 'A Sea Change' - About Ocean Acidification 3:00-5:00 pm

Imagine a world without fish. A powerful new documentary about climate change, this is the first documentary about ocean acidification, a little-known but potentially devastating threat to ocean life. www.ASeaChange.net. *\$5 suggested donation per person. All ages. RSVPs required to Jeff at x239.*

Thursday, July 1

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

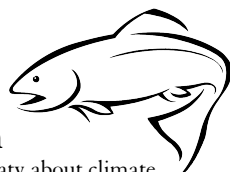
An ideal time of the year to learn about this special insect. Learn about how and why the firefly flashes and then try your skills at telling the species apart by looking at the different patterns made by the different firefly species. *All ages. Space limited. RSVP to Ted at x230.*

Saturday, July 10

SCI: Annual Butterfly Count Introduction: 10:30-11:00 am

Field Counts: 11:00-5:00 pm

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. RSVP to Ted at x230 by July 9.*

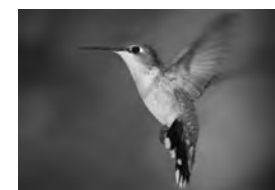


Monarch Butterfly

Saturday, July 17

Hummingbirds: Feathered Gems 3:30-4:30 pm

Gina Nichol, former Audubon staff member, illustrates the amazing adaptations of these glittering gems and describes their fascinating life histories. With vivid photographs of hummingbirds who live throughout the Americas, Gina will describe how these birds survive in habitats that range from tropical forests to the forests of the Andes Mountains. Tips for attracting hummingbirds will also be discussed. *\$5 per person. No RSVP required.*



Ruby-throated Hummingbird

NATIVE & HONEY BEE DAY SATURDAY, JULY 24

Honey Harvesting: 11:00 am-4:00 pm



Apis mellifera

Visitors are invited to stop by to 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). *Downhill in the red barn. All ages. No charge. No RSVP required. Sponsored and staffed by the Backyard Beekeepers Association.*

FILM: DOUBLE-FEATURE: 4:00-7:00 pm

'Vanishing of the Bees' & 'Nicotine Bees'

A double-feature of documentary films dedicated to the native and honey bees we all depend on. In 2005-2006, something happened and a sharp, catastrophic collapse of bee colonies in dozens of countries occurred simultaneously. This was unlike anything seen before, even by the oldest beekeepers in the U.S., Canada and Europe. Come learn what beekeepers and scientists think has happened to these essential insects. Pack a simple picnic dinner for intermission and decide for yourself what the causes of the honeybee die-offs are. A discussion of the equally important 'native bees' will also be included. *\$15/person includes both movies, 'mead' wine and bee-inspired snacks between movies. Space limited. Advance tickets required. RSVP to Jeff at x239.*



CITIZEN SCIENCE NEEDS YOU!

June 12 & 13 – Summer Bird Count

July 10 – Annual Butterfly Count

July 24 – 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. Insect counts will start with a short introduction on how to help with counting and basic identification skills. Interested children and adults welcome to join the fun for all or part of the count sessions. *T4C: These events are co-sponsored by Audubon's Teens for Conservation Committee and participants are eligible for volunteer hours. RSVP to Ted at x230.*



Northern Flicker

June 12 & 13

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. Choose the timeframe when you are interesting in joining the count and sign up for this great way to get out with experienced birders and sharpen birding skills. Counting starts at 5:30 am and continues throughout the day. *Ages 7 & up. RSVP required on the day before you wish to count. RSVP to Ted at x230.*

PHOTO HIKES: With Dan Burns

June 13 & 27 and July 11 & 18 8:00-10:00 am

Grab your gear and hit the trails with renowned sports photographer, Dan Burns, when he visits several of Audubon's local sanctuaries. This is a great chance to get outdoors with other photographers, share photography tips, and witness the wilderness hiding just outside our backdoor. Meet in the main parking area to depart promptly at 8:00 am for the day's location. *\$10 donation suggested for Audubon. RSVP required for rain updates. For RSVPs and site info, contact Jeff at x239.*



FILM & PANEL DISCUSSION: 'DIRT: The Movie'

Wednesday, July 14 • 6:00-9:00 pm

DIRT: The Movie takes you inside the wonders of soil and tells the story of Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility—from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. More than a film,...it is a call to action. Includes interviews with dozens of experts and narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis. *Space is very limited. \$12/person online or RSVP to pay \$15.00 at the door, if space permits. Visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/114370 or RSVPs to Jeff at 203-869-5272 x239.*

• 6:00 pm: Local Wine & Cheese Reception • 7:00 pm: Screening & Panel Discussion

Co-sponsored by www.FairfieldGreenFoodGuide.com and McArdle's Florist & Garden Center

Saturday, July 24

SCI: Annual Dragonfly & Damselfly Survey

Introduction: 10:30-11:00 am

Field Counts: 11:00-5:00 pm

Become a citizen scientist by joining a short introduction to local dragonflies and damselflies followed by an annual survey for these species on the Audubon Greenwich grounds. A great way to get out and search nature and help record their presence. *Ages 7 & up. RSVP required. RSVP to Ted at x230 by July 23.*

Friday, August 6

Night Hike for Bats and WNS Update 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 x239.*

Saturday, August 7

TRIP: Milford Point & Great Meadows IBA in Stratford

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Join Brian O'Toole and others for a trip to two great birding locations known for shorebirds, herons, egrets, terns, osprey, and swallows. Pack a lunch and grab your gear. Van and carpool leaves promptly at 9:00 so arrive early. *\$12/person. RSVP required to Brian at x221.*

Sunday, August 8

Nature Photography for All 10:00-11:30 am

Hike with Jeff Cordulack in search of great nature photos at the Fairchild Wildflower Garden on North Porchuck Road. 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.*

FILM: 'What's On Your Plate?' & Discussion about School Lunches Sunday, August 8 • 2:00-4:00 pm

School will start soon – what will be on your child's plate? Come ponder the issue while viewing this informative, kid-inspired movie about healthier, fresher, and more local foods for schools and kids. You will be glad you did. *All ages. \$10/adult. Kids are free. Space limited and RSVP required to Jeff at x239.*

Saturday & Sunday, August 14 & 15

Sharon Audubon Festival 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 22

Family Pond Exploration 2:30-4:00 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.*