

## Kenn Kaufman to Discuss Migratory Songbirds



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 • 6:00-9:00 PM**

Kenn Kaufman is a Field Editor for the National Audubon Society and a contributor to every major birding magazine. His own *Kaufman Field Guides* series now includes volumes on birds (in English and Spanish), butterflies, mammals, and insects. Most of his time, however, is dedicated to writing books, such as *Kingbird Highway*, *Flights Against the Sunset*, *Lives of North American Birds*, and *Advanced Birding*.

Kenn burst onto the birding scene as a teenager, hitch-hiking across North America in pursuit of birds. He continues to travel and lead nature tours on all seven continents. In 2008, the American Birding Association presented him the Roger Tory Peterson Award “for a lifetime of achievements in promoting the cause of birding”

although, as he points out, he isn’t finished yet.

His special visit to Greenwich is thanks to the Birds & Beans Coffee Company. Kenn is a collaborator with this innovative coffee company and notes, “I’ve spent some time in the last few years wondering why the ‘good coffee’ (coffee beans certified by the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center) couldn’t get more traction. Of course, SMBC has the truth on their side, but their message just has not broken through. A few of us birders are passionate about the issue, but haven’t been able to communicate the importance of drinking ‘Bird Friendly’™ coffee. I’m enthusiastic about ‘Birds & Beans’ because I think this could be the initiative that actually connects the dots and makes something happen. And it gives me a chance to work with great people on a worthwhile project; I feel blessed to be involved.”

To learn more about the Smithsonian Institute’s rigorous coffee certification process, visit: <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/scbi/migratorybirds/>. To purchase this coffee, visit the Audubon Greenwich Nature Store or [www.birdsandbeans.com](http://www.birdsandbeans.com).

\$20 donation per person and RSVPs are required. At 6:00 pm, meet this living legend from the birding world during a reception and book signing. His presentation will begin at 7:30 pm. To RSVP, contact Jeff Cordulack at 203-869-5272 x239. Call the Nature Store at x221 to check what books will be available in the store.



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## Hawk Watch Festival & Green Bazaar

OCTOBER 9 & 10  
11AM - 5PM

- Live Birds of Prey Shows with Jen Pena at 1 & 3pm
- Nancy Tucker’s Famous Kids’ Music Show at 2pm
- Eco-friendly Vendors & Exhibits
- Raptor Identification Classes
- Pond Searches • Games
  - Great Food On-Site
  - Nature Gift Shop
- Wild Hawk Counting



For the schedule of events and vendor details, visit [greenwich.audubon.org](http://greenwich.audubon.org)

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Admission: Members: FREE  
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## Butterfly Count - July 11, 2010

### At Audubon Greenwich and the Nichols Preserve

After some stormy weather the day before, July 11 proved to be a lovely day for counting butterflies with comfortable temperatures, a mix of sun and clouds, and light winds. The team conducted the counting from 11:15 am to 6:00 pm with a break for lunch. A nice mix of species were spotted, including one new species for the count:



The pearl crescent was spotted most frequently on the count.

broad-winged skipper. These results seem to reflect the wide variety of larval food plants and habitats on the Audubon sanctuary when compared to other sanctuaries and neighborhoods.

*Participants included: Ioa Byrne, Cynthia Ehlinger, Ted Gilman, Carolyn Hartel, Tom Lopes, Michael Lopes, Brian O'Toole, and Luke Tiller.*

	Audubon Greenwich	Nichols Preserve	Total
Eastern Tiger Swallowtail	6	0	6
Spicebush Swallowtail	3	2	5
Eastern Comma	0	1	1
Eastern Tailed Blue	1	0	1
Monarch	3	0	3
Cabbage White	9	2	11
Clouded Sulphur	1	0	1
Orange Sulphur	2	7	9
American Copper	8	0	8
Gray Hairstreak	1	0	1
Pearl Crescent	18	0	18
Great Spangled Fritillary	2	0	2
Red Admiral	3	1	4
Dun Skipper	4	0	4
Northern Broken Dash	10	0	10
Silver-spotted Skipper	16	0	16
Broad-winged Skipper	2	0	2
Wild Indigo Duskywing	3	2	5
Common Wood Nymph	1	1	2
American Lady	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>

## Volunteer Teacher Naturalist, Bobby Littlefield, Retires After 26 Years

by Ted Gilman, Senior Naturalist

In 1984, Bobby Littlefield finished her career as a kindergarten teacher at Riverside School in Greenwich. While she was at Riverside, Bobby brought her class to the Audubon Center for our programs. On a trip shortly before she retired, she mentioned to the volunteer teacher naturalist who was leading her group that she would like to take part in the program when she retired. The Audubon staff naturalist, Lisa Kane, signed her up for the naturalist training program that same day. And we are very glad that she did!

Bobby Littlefield has devoted countless hours to guiding thousands of bright-eyed children along the pathways of the Audubon Center, providing enthusiasm and gentle, perceptive guidance to our young natural history detectives. This year Bobby decided that it was time to shift her time and efforts to conservation education efforts among her fellow residents of her retirement community, as well as continuing her long tradition of family natural history guidance to her grandchildren. While we will miss having Bobby with us for regular school group classes, we are glad to report that Bobby still intends to help us out during special events, such as our annual Hawk Watch weekend. **Thank you Bobby for your many years of teaching and touching young lives, as well as our own!**

*One of the essential elements of the success of our education programs at the Audubon Center in Greenwich is our corps of teacher naturalist volunteers who enable us to divide large class groups of children into smaller groups for the outdoor exploration portion of their lessons. To learn more about joining this special team of volunteers, contact Lindsey (x235) or Ted (x230) in the Audubon Greenwich Education Department. Fall TN training dates listed below.*



Bobby Littlefield

## 2010 Dragonfly Count

### A Hot, But Productive Day

July 24 turned out to be a brutally hot day, but several dedicated observers turned out to help us count. After an indoor introduction to dragonflies, damselflies, and our count procedures, we headed outside to count. We moved from shady spot to shady spot, to scan the front fields, forest edges, the orchard, and Indian Spring Pond. The heat prevented us from covering as much territory as we had in previous counts, but we still enjoyed a nice variety of species.



Eastern Pondhawk

*Participants included: Marty Barris, Walter Chadwick, Cynthia Ehlinger, Ted Gilman, Carolyn Hartel, and Rory Kyle.*

Fragile Forktail	(1 female)
Eastern Forktail	(4 males, 4 females)
Black-tipped Darner	(2 males)
Common Green Darner	(1 male)
Halloween Pennant	(1 male) (1 female)
Eastern Pondhawk	(2 males, 2 females)
Widow Skimmer	(4 males, 6 females)
Twelve-spotted Skimmer	(2 males)
Blue Dasher	(65 males, 4 females)
Eastern Amberwing	(16 males, 16 females)
Band-winged Meadowfly	(1 male)
Black Saddlebags	(1 male)
Spreadwing	1
unknown species	
Meadowfly	2
unknown species	
Skimmer	1
unknown species	

## ‘TN’ Training Schedule September 15, 16, 22, 23

### Love nature and want to teach others?

Be a “Teacher Naturalist” at Audubon Greenwich. Throughout the year, school and Scout groups come to study nature and learn science while hiking



Ted Gilman teaches students and new TN candidates about the Long Island Sound ecosystem.

Audubon trails. Will you be their next guide?

Join fall training sessions and shadow classes – and soon you will be on the trails sharing your knowledge and passion for nature with young people. Call Lindsey at x235 for more information and sign up.

*Audubon Greenwich thanks our dedicated Citizen Scientists for help with our Bird, Butterfly, and Dragonfly Counts.*

# AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

## FALL 2010

### Saturday, September 4

**TRIP: Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge 8:00 am-3:00 pm**  
Jamaica Bay on Long Island is a 'Mecca' of New York City birding areas. Join Luke Tiller for a trip to this birder's paradise in search of shorebirds, herons, waterfowl, terns, raptors, and songbirds. Bring lunch. Van leaves Audubon promptly at 8 a.m. \$20/person. RSVP required to store: x221.

### Saturday, September 11

#### Hawk & Raptor ID During The Migration

**10:00 am-1:00 pm**  
The hawk migration has begun and Luke Tiller will host an in-depth raptor ID class for anyone interested in learning more about how to put a name to those wings that are spotted over the center from August to November. Wing shapes, flight patterns and other ID clues will be reviewed during this class. \$5/person. RSVP to store: x221.

### Saturday, September 11

#### Spider & Late Summer Insect Hike 2:00-3:00 pm

Explore Audubon's fields, woods, and pond edges for an amazing and wonderful variety of spiders, their webs, and signs of their insect prey. All ages. \$3/person. RSVP to store: x221.

### Wednesday, September 22

#### Nocturnal Migration 7:30-9:30 pm

**With Luke Tiller and Benjamin Van Doren**  
Discover the wonderful world of nocturnal bird migration. Just after sunset every fall, millions of birds fly south to cross North America and head to wintering grounds in the southern US and in South & Central America. Learn more about this amazing phenomenon – detectable by sight, sound, and even radar – and then enjoy a walk outside to listen for migrants' calls and search for their silhouettes against the moon. \$5/person. RSVP to store: x221.

### "Autumn Birding Series" Talks & Trips with Luke Tiller

"Confusing Fall Warblers" (Sept. 23) & Trip: Greenwich Point (Sept. 26)  
"Raptor Migration" (Oct. 14) & Trip: Lighthouse Point (Oct. 17)  
"Little Brown Jobs" (Oct. 21) & Trip: Allen's Meadows (Oct. 24)

Audubon Greenwich's official Hawk Watcher and professional birding guide, Luke Tiller, will host a series of bird-themed workshops and trips. The talks will give insight into the amazing world of bird migration and three of the more challenging conundrums facing birders. The mid-week talks are paired with weekend trips to three birding hotspots in Fairfield County.



Blue-winged Warbler

RSVPs required. All talks on Thursday at 7:00 pm / All trips leave Audubon Greenwich at 7:30 am; return times vary. \$60 for all six programs or \$15 per lecture/trip. RSVP to store: x221 or email Luke for more information: [luke.tiller@gmail.com](mailto:luke.tiller@gmail.com).

#### Morning Bird Walks

Saturdays: Sept. 11, 18, 25 / Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Wednesdays: Sept. 22, 29 / Oct. 6, 13

Meet Audubon's bird walk leaders at 7:30 am in parking area for the main building to start on-site or to depart for other birding locations. No charge. Please RSVP. For more details or RSVPs, call 203-869-5272 x221.

### Saturday, September 25

#### Predators in Peril on Land & Sea 6:00-9:00 pm

**A discussion about poisoned lions & overfished seas**  
Top predators are declining sharply in oceans and African ecosystems and something can be done. Learn what is needed to save these irreplaceable resources when two experts discuss these tough topics. Jamie Pollack, co-founder of 'Shark Savers' will detail the Pew Charitable Trust's 'Federal Fisheries Reform Project' efforts to protect top predators in the sea and Brian Gaisford, renowned safari guide and partner with WildlifeDirect.org, will explain the fight against Furadan – a pesticide made in the US, banned by EPA, and sold widely abroad, decimating wildlife populations in Africa. \$15/person includes wine & cheese reception. Space limited. RSVP required to Jeff at x239.

### HawkWatch Weekend Festival & Green Bazaar

October 9 & 10 • 11:00 am-5:00 pm

Witness and celebrate the amazing annual migration of raptors above Audubon Greenwich's hawk counting site. The 2-day event will include live 'birds of prey' shows (1 & 3 pm); Nancy Tucker's music show for kids (2 pm); and several on-going animal exhibits, fun games, nature hikes, bird ID lessons, and much more. Also, visit many eco-friendly vendors and enjoy great food, too.

Check the schedule online at: <http://greenwich.audubon.org>. No RSVP required. Festival tickets and Audubon family memberships available at the gate.



Jen Pena and her Birds of Prey Shows always attract enthusiastic audiences.



Eagles in Homer, Alaska battle for fish in mid-flight.



### SPECIAL GUEST: KENN KAUFMANN

Saturday, October 16 • 6:00-9:00 pm

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Reception & Book Signing: 6:00 pm • Presentation: 7:30 pm • \$20/person. RSVP required to Jeff: x239.

### AUDUBON GREENWICH'S FALL FILM FESTIVAL

#### "Ghost Bird"

A film about the search for the Ivory-billed Woodpecker

Friday, October 22 7:00-9:00 pm

In 2005, scientists announced that the Ivory-billed woodpecker, thought to be extinct for 60 years, was found in the swamps of Eastern Arkansas. 'Ghost Bird' explores the mystery surrounding the rediscovery and shows how one phantom woodpecker has changed a sleepy Southern town forever. This film is a reminder of how local conservation plays a vital role in preserving the planet's precious biodiversity. RSVP required. \$10 per person. RSVP to Jeff: x239.



#### "Living Downstream"

A film about toxins in the environment

Friday, November 12 6:00-8:30 pm



Living Downstream is a powerful movie about the intimate connection between the health of our bodies and the health of our air, land, and water. Through the story of one woman, Sandra Steingraber, filmmakers follow invisible toxins as they migrate to some of the most beautiful places in North America. See how these chemicals enter our bodies and why scientists believe they are making us sick. Learn more at: [www.steingraber.com](http://www.steingraber.com). RSVP required. \$15 per person includes wine & cheese reception before. RSVP to Jeff: x239.

### Saturday, October 16

#### The World of the Chipmunk 2:00-3:30 pm

The chipmunk's life is hardly dull. They scamper, scold, scurry, climb, hoard acorns, chase and bicker with their neighbors, raid bird feeders and bird nests, as well as dodging attacks by hawks, snakes, and other predators. Come join us for a short indoor introduction and then hike outdoors in search of these frisky, fascinating neighbors of ours. All ages. RSVP to Ted: x230.

### Saturday, October 23

#### Woodpecker Walk

2:00-3:30 pm

What are the woodpeckers in our neck of the woods? Join Ted Gilman for a tour of the sanctuary in search of the six or more species that can be seen on-site and look for the variety of foods and homes they depend on. All ages. RSVP to store: x221.



Northern Flicker

### Saturday, October 23

#### Harvest Moon Hike on Old Pasture Trail 6:30-8:30 pm

Join a 1.5 mile hike in harvest moon light when we explore fields, forests, and the lakeshore for the sights and sounds of our wildlife neighbors. Ages 7 & up. RSVP to Ted: x230.

### Friday, October 29

#### E4C: 'Enchanted Orchard' & Live Animal Show

6:00-9:00 pm

A Halloween-themed evening of fun for the whole family. Meet kid-friendly, costumed animal characters on a tour of the 'Enchanted Orchard'. After, enjoy dinner, live animal show, and treats in Audubon's historic red barn. Wear a costume or come as you are. All ages. \$10/person. Space very limited. RSVPs and parent supervision required. RSVP to Jeff: x239. Rain Date: October 30.

### Saturday, October 30

#### Fairchild Garden Wilderness Trail Hike 1:00-2:30 pm

Come explore the varied terrain, plant and animal life, and investigate the natural happenings in Field, Forest, Pond, and River habitats found in this lovely natural preserve. Hike is approximately 1.5 miles on both level and rolling terrain. Ages 7 & up. RSVP to store: x221

### Saturday, November 6

#### E4C Family Breakfast Event 9:00-10:30 am

"E4C: Executives for Conservation" is a special series of events for families with younger children. Guests enjoy a family-friendly breakfast and an animal-themed program in Audubon's Education Center or Barn. \$25 per family. Space is always limited for these popular events. To stay updated, sign up for special 'E4C event invites' & be the first to know the details and have a chance to RSVP before events fill. To sign up, email to Jeff at [jcordulack@audubon.org](mailto:jcordulack@audubon.org).

### Saturday, November 13

#### Family-friendly Bird Count: 'Project FeederWatch'

1:00-2:30 pm

Winter is a wonderful time for our families to share the joy of birds in our own backyards. Come learn about watching and feeding winter birds and how your family can be 'Citizen Scientists' by reporting your regular backyard bird feeder observations to Cornell University. All ages. RSVP to Ted: x230.

### Saturday, November 20

#### TRIP: Birding at Read Sanctuary

9:00 am-12:00 pm

The waters and shores of this coastal sanctuary, in nearby Rye, NY, are great for cold weather study of overwintering loons, grebes, herons, gulls, ducks, and shorebirds. The fields, thickets, and woodlands can also turn up interesting songbirds and raptors. Dress warmly and join us for a morning of birding along the shore. Ages 5 & up. RSVP required to Ted: x230.

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.

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH AUDUBON PROGRAMS! Send a blank email to: [AudubonGreenwichNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AudubonGreenwichNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) for weekly program reminders.

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**Cast Your Vote for the Environment**

The elections on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 will affect the future of our environment here in Connecticut and throughout the nation. Take the following steps to ensure a green and growing future for our state with these steps.

- Register and get counted! Connecticut does not allow same-day voter registration, so make sure you register in your community well before Election Day. Check with the local Registrar of Voters for information on deadlines and voting locations.
- Check their credentials! Audubon Connecticut is a nonpartisan organization that does not engage in electoral activities. We do, however, encourage you to be an informed voter. Learn about candidates' environmental positions and records before you vote.
- Go public! Attend candidate forums or debates in your community. Ask candidates about their positions and ask debate sponsors to include questions about the environment.
- Join the flock! Become a member of Audubon's Advocacy Network email at: [AudubonActCT-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:AudubonActCT-subscribe@yahoo.com) to get up-to-date information on environmental issues affecting birds, other wildlife, and their habitats.

**The Issues:** While campaign season is in full swing, we're busy putting together our 2011 legislative agenda with a focus on restoring Long Island Sound, reducing pesticide use, funding land conservation, and expanding programs for wildlife. Tell us what issues are important to you.

**Become an 'Opinion Leader':** We're looking for volunteers to help Audubon get the word out about important public policy issues affecting birds, habitat, and wildlife. Meet with lawmakers, testify at the Capitol, or volunteer an hour of your time to research a key issue. You can make the difference for birds, our families, and our future.

*Let us hear from you! Contact Sandy Breslin, Director of Governmental Affairs at (203) 264-5098 x302 or [sbreslin@audubon.org](mailto:sbreslin@audubon.org) with questions, issues, or to volunteer.*

## Greenwich's Summer Bird Count Yields 24,000+ Birds

On June 12th and 13th, 49 birders covered 17 territories in Greenwich, Stamford, and parts of Darien and Westchester County during the annual Summer Bird count. 134 species and 24,485 individual birds were tallied during the two day counting period. This counting effort's valuable data contribute greatly to our scientific knowledge of bird populations in this region and nationwide.



### NEW HIGH COUNTS:

American Robin: 2,728  
Common Grackle: 2,577  
Barred Owl: 14  
Downy Woodpecker: 277  
Fish Crow: 60  
Osprey: 59  
Red-shouldered Hawk: 8

### RARE OR UNUSUAL SPECIES:

Bobolink  
Bufflehead  
Common Eider  
(2nd count record)  
Glaucous Gull  
(1st count record)  
Greater & Lesser Scaup  
Long-tailed Duck

### NEW LOWS:

House Finch: 181  
Ovenbird: 74  
White-eyed Vireo: 1

Nashville Warbler  
(3rd count record)  
Ring-necked Duck  
(2nd count record)  
Ruddy Duck  
Savannah Sparrow  
Snow Goose  
White-rumped Sandpiper

*Report compiled by: Brian O'Toole*

## Annual Christmas Bird Count December 19, 2010

Join the team and search for flocks during this annual holiday tradition dating back over 100 years. All skill levels are welcome. Count with a team in the field or request a form to count in your backyard or nearby natural area. Call Brian at x221 to sign up.

# Musica Plenti Prepares Winter Solstice Festival 2010

Musica Plenti is pleased to announce the second annual Winter Solstice Festival will be held on December 11 & 12 at Audubon Greenwich. As Audubon's first Artists-in-Residence, this award-winning vocal chamber ensemble marks a significant milestone in their twenty-three year history. Karen Dixon, the Audubon Center Director, said, "We are delighted to partner with an organization whose mission is to reconnect people to music; this unique collaboration seeks to highlight the power of both nature and music to inspire people to a greater appreciation of the environment, their community and each other." Robert Puleo, Musica Plenti's Artistic Director, noted that the ensemble is proud to once again perform "in the peaceful setting of the Center which creates an intimate space for the audience to experience the deep bond which unites the listener with the music."



Members of Musica Plenti with Center Director, Karen Dixon (middle)

For tickets and more information, visit Musica Plenti's website at [www.musicaplenti.org](http://www.musicaplenti.org) or call Joe Humphrey at 203-637-3058.

## Audubon Greenwich Nature Store

### Birding Optics Sale! September-November 2010

Now is the time to buy the binoculars or scope you've always wanted! Everyone will receive a 10% discount on any binocular or spotting scope in the store, regardless of if you are an Audubon member. Also, when you stop in, be sure to ask which birding optics are discounted even more than 10%.

### Good News! Seed prices are coming down nationwide

Fall is the ideal time to set up bird feeders. We carry the cleanest and best bird seed mixes at a reasonable cost so be sure you don't waste your money on cheap bird seed blends that are packed with seeds that birds don't like.

### 'Bird-Friendly' Coffee from Birds & Beans Coffee

Audubon Greenwich is one of the few lucky stores that stocks 'Birds & Beans Coffee.' Each mug rewards you with rich organic coffee and a good feeling from knowing you are protecting songbird habitat with each purchase. This premium coffee is reasonably priced, available in four varieties including the new decaffeinated blend, and makes a great gift for yourself or a friend.

### The Holidays Are Coming

Shopping at the Audubon Greenwich Nature Store supports Audubon's conservation mission and helps you locate the items you need. The store has a great selection of bird feeders, guides, kid's books and toys, and a selection of binoculars that are just right for kids! The Store can special order many other items you are looking for. To order a special gift, call Brian O'Toole at 203-869-5272 x221.

### NEW STORE & CENTER HOURS

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# Natural History Notes

By Ted Gilman, Education Specialist

Meadows glowing yellow and violet with the blooms of goldenrods and asters, stir with the vibrations of thousands of wings as bees and other insects seek sweet nectar and crickets advertise for mates in their grass and wild-flower jungle; orange-red leaves of sumac, tupelo, and sassafras serving as early notice of the color spectacle of the full fall foliage to come; shamrock and black-and-yellow orb weaver spiders waiting at their spiral-wound webs for the unwary bee or grasshopper to provide them with their next meal and nourishment for their developing eggs; a male scarlet tanager, looking somewhat like a patchwork quilt as it moults to its winter plumage, feeds steadily on insects, tupelo fruits, and other foods to fatten itself for the coming migration to Peru, Colombia, or Bolivia; a single bright orange sugar maple leaf making its graceful, floating trip from tree branch to forest floor to return its minerals to the soil from which they came; a white-tailed deer



buck, with thickened neck and full-grown antlers, creating a 'buck rub' as he polishes his antlers against the trunk of a young sapling, leaving scraped bark, strong scent, and pawed ground to mark his visit; blue jays, gray squirrels, flying squirrels, chipmunks, and red-bellied woodpeckers all working hard to store the bounty of fall's acorn crop to tide them over the cold winter season; the scent of ripe grapes adding their special tinge to the autumn air; a massive young golden eagle, with its white wing patches and white-based tail feathers showing in full spread as it soars over Quaker Ridge, on its way from far northern Labrador or Quebec to spend the winter in the Appalachian mountains or the Chesapeake Bay region; the spindly, yellow petals of witch hazel flowers, a few feet above the forest floor, offering their color as the last member of the autumn flower parade before the snowflakes begin to fly...

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## SAVE THE DATES

- **September 25**  
**Predators In Peril on Land & Sea**
- **October 16**  
**Special Guest: Kenn Kaufman**
- **October 22**  
**Film: 'Ghost Bird'**
- **November 12**  
**Film: 'Living Downstream'**