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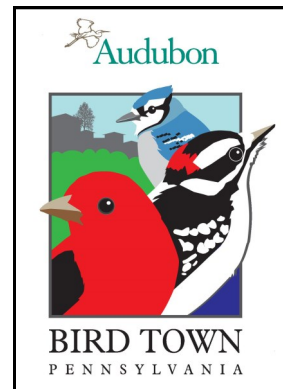
BIRD TOWN FLYER

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GBBC is Feb. 17-20, 2017

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PA Counts! Help Make Pennsylvania the #1 Birding State!



Everyone is invited to participate in this year's **Great Backyard Bird Count**. This fun and free citizen science program is in its 20th year and takes place February 17-20th. Pennsylvania consistently places in the top five in terms of state participation; for the past two years it's been #2 behind California. In 2017, the goal is to be the top state...and you can help!

Counting winter birds can be done from the warmth of your house or you can visit local parks, schoolyards or virtually any other property. Submit a checklist on all or any of the four days of the count – your data is important to the bird population snapshot analyzed by ornithologists!

Typically, there are about 15-20 common species of birds that will visit your feeders and yards during the count. You can probably identify some of them already (cardinals, Blue Jays, etc.) and the rest are relatively easy! If you're still hesitant, attend one of the workshops listed below.

Audubon Pennsylvania has put up a webpage with some great resources, including a link to a downloadable graphic containing all of the common winter birds you'll likely encounter.

<http://pa.audubon.org/news/pa-counts>



Remember, "flyovers" count in the GBBC. Photo by Howard B. Eskin

Great Backyard Bird Count Workshops! (all are free and open to the public)

Jan. 21, 10am—12 Newtown Township Bird Town (Bucks) Newtown Twp Bldg, 100 Municipal Dr.

Jan. 24, 7:00—8:30 pm—*Things with Wings series* at Wildwood Park, HARRISBURG

Jan 25, Feb 1, 6:30—8:00 pm—*Bird in York series* at Martin Library, YORK, two-part program

Jan 25, 7:00 pm—New Britain Borough Bird Town, 56 Keeley Ave., New Britain

Feb. 4, 9:30 am – 10:30 am—Schuylkill Twp Bird Town, Twp Building, 111 Valley Park Rd., Phoenixville

Feb. 6, Feb. 13, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm—A repeat of the Jan. 25 Feb 1 program at Martin Library in YORK

Feb. 11, 10am—Jenkins Arboretum, 631 Berwyn Baptist Rd., Devon (Radnor and Tredyffrin Bird Towns)

Feb 18, 1pm—How-to and Hike: Honey Hollow Ed. Center, 2877 Creamery Road, New Hope BCAS.org

Pending: Montgomery County—see Meetup.com for info on the Bird Town workshops





Berks and Chester County Residents! Check it out...

Bird Friendly Communities
John James Audubon Center
at Mill Grove
1201 Pawlings Rd.
Audubon PA 19403
610.666.5593 x112
ssaffier@audubon.org

Upper Dublin Bird Town Bird Walks (8:00 —

10:00 am)

JAN 22, THURS—ROBBINS
PARK

FEB 16, THURS—

WISSAHICKON VALLEY WA-
TERFOWL PRESERVE

MARCH 16, THURS—

ROBBINS PARK

APRIL 20, THURS—PINE

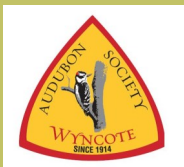
RUN PARK

MAY 18, THURS—ROSE

VALLEY PARK

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TO CHANGE. SIGN UP AT
MEETUP.COM FOR LAST MI-
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Help Protect
French and
Pickering
Creeks

Become a Schuylkill Water Steward

Photo by Mark Schmeitzing

The French and Pickering Creeks in Chester and Berks Counties are among the most pristine tributaries in the Schuylkill River Watershed. You can join the effort to keep them beautiful as a Schuylkill Water Steward!

As a Schuylkill Water Steward volunteer, you will participate in five fun and engaging training sessions through which you will learn about the science of healthy watersheds, threats to our local streams, water sampling techniques, and more. Training begins March 18, 2017 and continues through April 29, 2017. Following your training, you'll get to work protecting area streams by:

- Monitoring water quality
- Keeping an eye on stormwater
- Observing aquatic wildlife and their habitats
- Planting and managing streamside buffers



Visit schuylkillwaterstewards.org to learn more and apply. Applications due by March 8, 2017.

Major funding is provided through the William Penn Foundation's multi-state initiative to protect and restore the Delaware River Watershed, which includes the Schuylkill Watershed.



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