

AUDUBON GREENWICH NATURE PROGRAM CALENDAR

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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

photo by AJ Hand

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.

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.

Hawk Watch 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.



photo by Dan Burns

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



SPECIAL GUEST: KENN KAUFMANN

Saturday, October 16 • 6:00-9:00 pm

Kenn Kaufman is a field editor for Audubon and a contributor to every major birding magazine. 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*. His own Kaufman Field Guides series now includes volumes on birds (in English and Spanish), butterflies, mammals, and insects. Don't miss this chance to meet and learn from someone who has been awarded the highest honor of the American Birding Association, the Roger Tory Peterson Award "for a lifetime of achievements in promoting the cause of birding."

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. 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.

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.

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