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The "Coming Soon" Issue! Jan 2014

A New Incentive for Creating Backyard Bird Habitat

Audubon At Home

MEMBER DISCOUNT CARD

Save money and help save birds! Use this card to save on purchases at participating stores across Pennsylvania.

Present this card at time of purchase. For list of participating businesses, visit pa.audubon.org/save.

Expires January 1, 2015

Golden-crowned Kinglet, photo by Debbie McKenzie



With over 600 properties in our Bird Habitat Recognition (BHR) program since its inception in 2008, we thought it was time to refresh the program and offer a long-awaited incentive to participants. The new program now includes a \$20 per year membership and a member incentive card that allows participants to receive discounts at various businesses

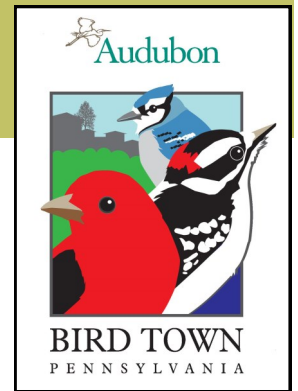
across Pennsylvania. We're working on locking in those businesses now (if you own one and are interested, please respond to this email) and will have a list on our website soon. Most of the businesses offer items to help with your habitat efforts (plants, feeders, hardware) but the list will likely include food establishments and outdoor recreation stores as well. The application to register properties is currently a printable pdf and can be found at pa.audubon.org. More on this in the next newsletter.

Are you a Native Newbie?

Not ready to join the Bird Habitat network? Never planted a native plant in your yard? Haven't really noticed different species of birds? Still spending hundreds each year on annuals? NO PROBLEM! Because we'll soon have a way for you to get engaged and learn more by simply making a *no-obligation pledge* to explore the world of native plants, water conservation, and pesticide elimination. The "Audubon At Home Healthy Yard Pledge" is coming soon and offers a gentle portal into the new-to-you (or your neighbor) world of conservation landscaping, birding, and connections to nature and your local watershed. More on the pledge in the next newsletter. (Most of our newsletter readers are "choir" members. We'll ask for your help to spread the word about the pledge program!)



What Plants Do for Birds
www.PaBirdPlants.org



Native Plant Sales!!!

APRIL 26—MANHEIM, LANCASTER COUNTY (SEE CALENDAR)

MAY 3—CENTRAL PA NATIVE PLANT FESTIVAL AND SALE, HUNTINGDON PA

MAY 3,4,10,11—UNITED UNITARIAN CHURCH PLANT SALE IN BETHLEHEM PA

MAY 17—18 HAWK MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY PLANT SALE

JUNE 6,7—MILLERSVILLE NATIVE PLANT CONFERENCE AND SALE

MANY MORE SALES WILL BE LISTED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS!! IF YOU ARE A GROWER, PLEASE SEND ME INFO INCLUDING DATE AND LOCATION.



Joe-Pye weed, by Charles Younger



15 Most Common Backyard/Feeder Birds—Coming Soon to <http://pa.audubon.org!!>

Audubon At Home
John James Audubon Center
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Advanced Stewards

At the Jan 18 Bird Town Summit, eight individuals received status as “Certified Backyard Conservation Designers” via John Roger’s advanced training series. See calendar for upcoming series.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2014

Backyard Stewardship Workshops

March 1—Newtown Township—Newtown Twp Building

March 15—Chester County region—Schuylkill Township Building, Phoenixville

March 29—Bucks County Workshop—Honey Hollow Env. Ed. Center, Bucks County Audubon, Solebury

April 12—Northern Bucks/Western Montgomery County—venue in Quakertown TBD

April 19—Eastern Montgomery County region—venue TBD

More about workshops: Workshops need 20 participants minimum to be held. These workshops will have a second, outdoor component on another day (TBD at workshop). Light morning fare served but lunches are “BYOL”. Cost is \$55 for entire workshop and includes text book access. **Registration is required (email: ssaffier@audubon.org)** but payment not due until day of workshop. Online registration for the 3/29 event will be at bcas.org.

Feb 1, 10:00—The Great Backyard Bird Count presentation, **Radnor** Memorial Library

March 1—Sapsucker Festival—John James Audubon Center at **Mill Grove**

March 4: The Backyard Conservation Design Training Certification program with John Rogers, 10 week course. For more info, contact John at jrogers@keystoneconservation.org

March 9 - Audubon At Home at The Philadelphia **Flower Show**—1:00 pm at the lecture kiosk!

March 10—Native Plants Talk—**Doylestown** Twp Activity Center 6:30-8pm

March 15 - AAH at **Berks** County Master Gardener’s School—PSU Berks Campus

March 22—Work Day, Native Plant Demo Garden, Central Park, **Doylestown Twp**

April 26—Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival—Overlook Campus, **Manheim Twp**

April 26—**Salisbury** Twp Earth Day Event—Lindbergh Park, Lehigh Valley

May 3—Lehigh Valley Bird Town Native Plant lecture/sale UU Church **Bethlehem**

Ongoing—Birdseed Sale at Honey Hollow Env. Ed Center, **Bucks** County Audubon BCAS.org

The Great Backyard Bird Count!

Get ready! The GBBC is **Feb 14-17** and asks that 15 minutes on each of those four days is spent counting birds in your yard (or local park) This year, you’ll be asked to create a free GBBC/eBird account to log your sightings but beyond that, it’s just as fun and free and it always has been. Get involved! Help make PA #1.

Great Backyard Bird Count
www.birdcount.org



One you’re likely to see on the GBBC - Tufted Titmouse, (D.McKenzie)

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