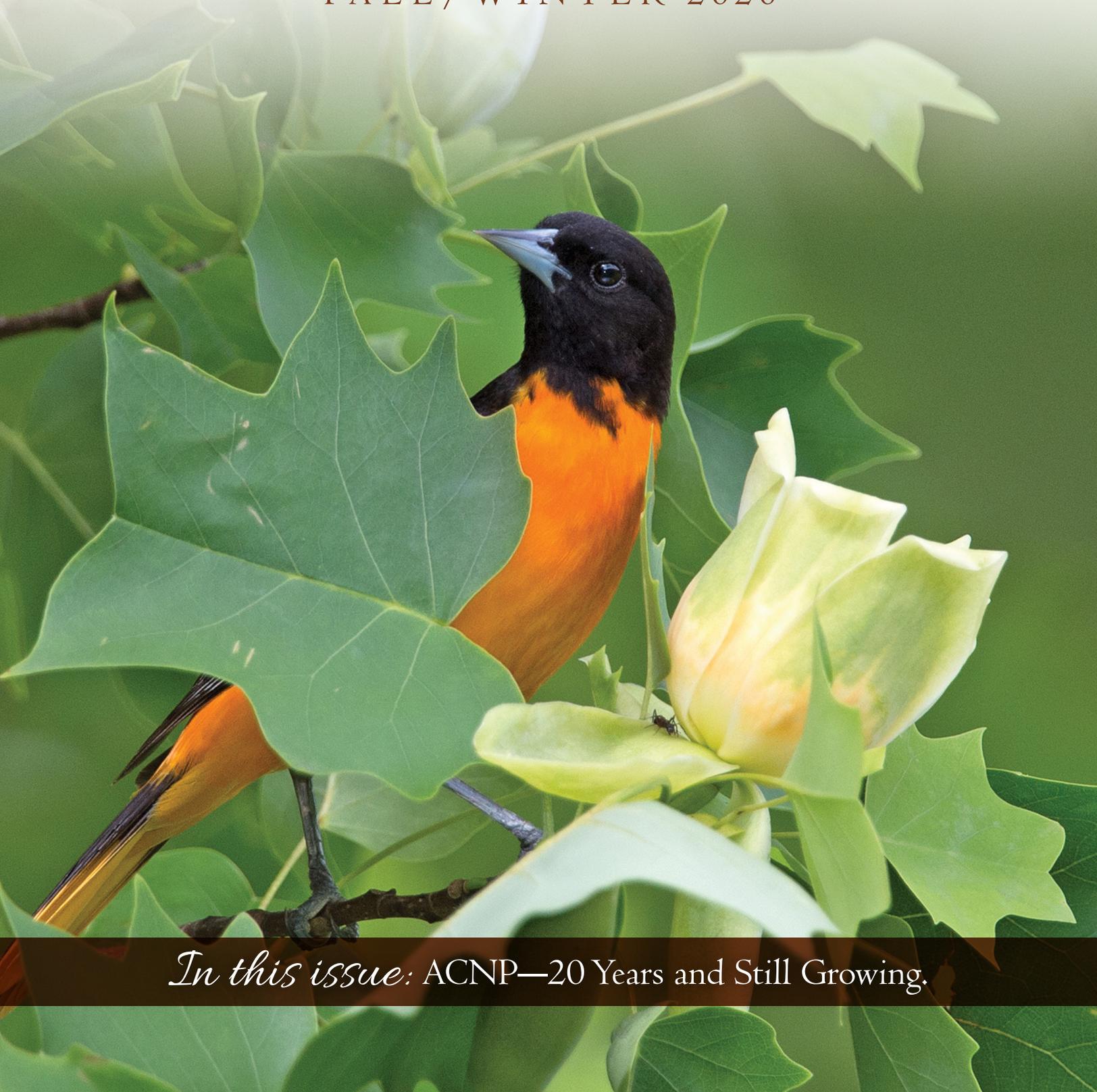


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It's been 20 years since we opened Audubon Center for Native Plants. We're now the region's largest provider of nursery-propagated, Allegheny Plateau (true western Pennsylvania) native perennials.

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This Audubon View

The Covid-19 pandemic has negatively impacted just about every part of our lives. But if there is one bright spot, it has been the overwhelming appreciation people have discovered for nature. Whether that has been parks, trails, or even just backyards—spending time outside and connecting with nature has been an escape for many of us.

Our trails and reserves have remained open throughout the pandemic—and they've never been busier. And from the number of trail maps taken and phone calls received asking for directions and hours, many people are visiting our facilities for the first time. We are happy that we can provide a refuge for them and hope they continue to engage with us in the future. We're excited to help them to connect to nature and learn what they can do to help preserve and restore the natural world.

We've found that when we talk and teach about nature, the benefits of adaptation and evolution are important concepts. We're applying that concept to our approach to programming. During the height of lockdown, we launched a YouTube Channel and our naturalists evolved into filmmakers. They created videos that presented the information we usually deliver at our programs, visited some of their favorite natural spots via virtual hikes, and answered many of the questions we frequently get from the public. As we started doing in-person programming this summer, we took a hybrid approach that limited attendance to 15 people, while broadcasting to many more people at home.

Although Zoom and other digital formats are fantastic, they are no substitute for an in-person experience with nature. We have now adapted most of programs so that they may be delivered in a private format—either at our facility or your location. If you are interested in having a dedicated program for your neighborhood or social group, learning pod, or family, contact our Education Department for details at (412) 963-6100. We are happy to bring nature to you.

Stay well,

—Jim



OUR RESERVES, NATIVE PLANT NURSERY, AND NATURE STORES

BEECHWOOD FARMS NATURE RESERVE

614 Dorseyville Road in Fox Chapel, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

- Audubon Nature Store & Native Plant Nursery

SUCCOP NATURE PARK

185 W. Airport Road in Penn Township, Butler, PA 16002

- Audubon Nature Store

TODD NATURE RESERVE

367 Kepple Road, Sarver, PA 16055

- Buffalo Creek Nature Center: 154 Monroe Road, Sarver, PA 16055

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION: For accessibility needs or questions about any of our sites, please contact Brian Shema at (412) 963-6100 or at bshema@aswp.org. For accessibility needs or questions about any of our programs, please contact Chris Kubiak at (412) 963-6100 or ckubiak@aswp.org. All other questions regarding accessibility or inclusion can be directed to Jim Bonner at (412) 963-6100 or jbonner@aswp.org.



TWENTY YEARS AND *Still Growing*

In 1999, while everyone was planning for Y2K, Audubon was making plans to support future environmental stability through the use of native plants. Twenty years later, we've propagated tens of thousands of native plants—creating refuge and food for wildlife while sustainably adding beauty to gardens across southwestern Pennsylvania.

Our passion for native plants is based on the support they provide for birds, bees, butterflies, and other animals. These plants are uniquely adapted to our region and its wildlife. They bloom at the right times to provide nectar to Ruby-throated Hummingbirds or have enough leaves in mid-summer to feed hungry Monarch caterpillars. They come in all shapes and sizes, from delicate groundcover to 8-foot tall flowering plants. And, depending on the species, live in any of our region's soil varieties—from heavy clay to wet ground.

They also get people excited! Knowing that the plants actively make a difference in the environment is a big motivator for people who support Audubon's mission. Last year alone, we sold 7,350 native plants to the public, representing 210 species of plants. We also held dozens of workshops to get people acquainted with native plants—these are some of our most popular and well-attended events! We even dedicated a corps of volunteers who raised seedlings in their own backyards for us—when we needed some extra room to meet demand! Native plants are easy to grow, too, and the feel-good benefits of native plants have allowed us to partner with municipalities from McCandless Township to Moon Township, showcasing the plants and their abilities to beautify while managing storm water. The rain gardens we've installed across the region help to divert 900,000 gallons of stormwater annually from just the Pine Creek Watershed.

Audubon Center for Native Plants (ACNP) officially opened its doors in the spring of 2000, thanks to a grant from CNG, which later merged into Dominion Resources. As we began to cultivate the plants and the public's appreciation of them, we quickly discovered that we needed some help. A dedicated volunteer corps soon grew right alongside the plants themselves.

We now sell native plants throughout the growing season, from April through October. ASWP is the region's largest provider of nursery-propagated, Allegheny Plateau (true western Pennsylvania) native perennials and a trusted resource for native plant information. ASWP's Certified Backyard Habitat program gets native plants thriving in urban and suburban yards—with the eventual goal to create a flyway of connected gardens to support birds.

Schoolground habitats have been brightened by native plants and the butterflies that they attract. And our educational programs (and hands-on projects) related to native plants have gotten people of all ages excited about including native plants in their own backyard spaces.

None of this would be possible without the vision of those who started and funded ACNP twenty years ago. As we look forward to the next 20 years, we hope you'll share in our commitment to make native plants a part of your backyard habitat. Supporting birds, bees, butterflies and wildlife is one of the best things that we can do as stewards for the natural world. Every milkweed plant in the ground is making a difference. And we have every ACNP supporter, volunteer, funder, and plant buyer to thank for it.

“ASWP has been enormously helpful to the National Audubon Society as we have developed the Plants for Birds initiative—a major component of our Bird-Friendly Communities conservation strategy.”

—JOHN ROWDEN, PHD
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

YOUR SUPPORT
is what makes us thrive!

When you donate to Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, you support our programs that teach people about native plants and their importance to our environment. You help kids to connect to nature, and adults to reconnect to the outdoors they've always loved! Donating is easier than ever on our website, aswp.org. You can even renew your membership or give a gift membership online.

Fall/Winter

PROGRAM SCHEDULE



REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE AT ASWP.ORG OR BY CALLING (412) 963-6100.

Events take place at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve (BFNR), Succop Nature Park (SNP), Todd Nature Reserve (TNR), or Buffalo Creek Nature Center (BCNC). Want a program just for your group? Call us to schedule a session—at your location or one of ours!

BFNR: 614 Dorseyville Road, Fox Chapel, Allegheny County
SNP: 185 W. Airport Road, Penn Township, Butler County
TNR: 367 Kepple Road, Sarver, Butler County
BCNC: 154 Monroe Road, Sarver, Butler County

 Denotes programs that will be offered online.

Special Events

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT
FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN PROGRAM

October 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, & 25 / BFNR
October 15, 16, 17, 23, 24, & 25 / SNP
6:30, 7, or 7:30pm Start Times

This entire program is outdoors. Delight in our annual autumn experience as fireflies guide you on our trails to encounter larger-than-life costumed nocturnal creatures. Hear stories from a Great Horned Owl, observe the acrobatics of the Flying Squirrel, go batty with Little Brown Bat, and meet a real-live creature of the night! Come in costume for twice the fun. This event takes place even if it's raining. Registration required. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember; under 2 is free.

NATURE STORE ARTIST SPOTLIGHT:
MEET & GREET WITH JOAN GUERIN

November 7, 12–2pm / BFNR

Visit the Beechwood Nature Store to meet textile artist Joan Guerin and learn about her work. By harnessing the sun's ultraviolet light and using sustainably foraged materials, Guerin creates botanical solar prints on fabric. Work includes plush handcrafted pillows and vivid tapestries in a palette of colors inspired by mother nature. Guerin will be on-site to answer questions about her work and highlight aspects of her creative process. Free and open to the public, artwork available for purchase.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

Join one of our ASWP Christmas Bird Counts! For a list of local count leaders, please visit www.aswp.org.

Buffalo Creek Valley (Todd Nature Reserve): December 19

Pittsburgh (includes Beechwood): December 26

South Butler (includes Succop Nature Park): January 2

Birding & Nature Hikes

BIRDS & MORE NATURALIST LED
MORNING WALKS

BFNR: Every Wednesday at 9am; Free

SNP: Every Thursday 9am; Free (*No walk November 26*)

TNR: Every Friday 9am until the end of October (*Last walk October 23*)

HARRISON HILLS BIRD WALK

October 4, 8am–12pm / Harrison Hills Park

Join us at Harrison Hills Park, one of the region's most popular places to bird. We will meet in the parking lot at the Environmental Learning Center and bird some of the surrounding trails as birds migrate through our area. Bring your optics, water, and a snack and dress for the weather. Registration required. Email Chris Kubiak at ckubiak@aswp.org. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

GLADE RUN LAKE BIRD WALK

November 8, 8am–12pm / Glade Run Lake

Join us at Glade Run Lake, as we look for migrating waterfowl and other bird species. We will meet in the parking lot at the Glade Run Park Car Park and bird the lake and surrounding areas. Bring your optics, water, and a snack and dress for the weather. Registration required. Email Chris Kubiak at ckubiak@aswp.org. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

Check out our YouTube Channel for everything from virtual hikes to DIY crafts! Find it by searching "ASWP YouTube."

Natural History



JOHN JAMES AUDUBON: REVEALING THE PAST TO CREATE THE FUTURE

October 15, 7pm / BFNR

There are many ways to describe John James Audubon: genius, a pioneer, a fabulist, and a man whose actions reflected a dominant white view of his times in the pursuit of scientific knowledge. His contributions to ornithology, art, and culture are enormous, but he was a complex and troubling character who did things during his life that we would find unacceptable today. This guided discussion will look at Audubon's complex history, as well as contemporary challenges with bird and places with controversial names. Free.



CO-EXISTING WITH THE WHITE-TAILED DEER IN OUR YARDS

November 19, 7pm / BFNR

White-tailed Deer are our largest native grazing mammal. Deer greatly impact our environment and our yards and gardens when they are out of balance with the ecosystem. This program will teach you about the ecology of this abundant species, how to plant and garden with deer-resistant native plants, and other tips to coexist. Free.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT HISTORY AND TRAINING

December 5, 10am–12pm / BFNR

Want to learn about and participate in the world longest running community science program? Learn how you can help count birds for science while you examine trends on how our bird populations are faring. This program will help you identify some of the most commonly observed birds for Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Counts. Beginners welcome! This includes a classroom session on bird identification, the history of the Christmas Bird Count, and a short birding walk, conditions permitting. Appropriate for both adults and interested youth. Free.

Native Plants



PLANTING SPRING NATIVE PERENNIALS IN THE FALL

October 10, 10am–12pm / BFNR

October 10, 2–4pm / SNP

Spring-blooming perennials are best planted early in the fall. Planting in the fall while the soil is still warm will give the roots enough time to establish properly and provide pollinators and birds food in the spring. Learn about some of the best native species to plant in your yard while using iNaturalist, a citizen science app, to document the type of species. Appropriate for both adults and interested youth. Free.

NATIVE SEED COLLECTION WORKSHOP

November 7, 10am–12pm / BFNR

November 7, 2–4pm / SNP

Learn how to harvest native seed while you help the Audubon Center for Native Plants replenish its stocks and add to your own plant collection. Participants will get hands on experience collecting, cleaning and sowing a variety of native plant seed. Free.



WINTER PLANTS FOR BIRDS

December 5, 10am–12pm / BFNR

December 5, 2–4pm / SNP

When winter sets in birds depend on plant resources to provide critical nutrients as insects become scarce. We will discuss how we can help sustain birds during the harsh winter months using bird-friendly native woody plants and ways to prepare your landscape at the end of the season to support resident birds through the winter. Participants will learn proper pruning and planting techniques to successfully establish trees and shrubs in a home landscape. Free.

Kids & Preschool Programs

FLEDGLINGS PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES: AGES 3-5

October 8, November 12, December 10, 10–11:30am / BFNR

October 13, November 10, December 8, 10–11:30am / SNP

Give your 3-5 year old a head start on a lifetime of loving the outdoors. Fledglings programs incorporate stories, a walk, and activities to introduce new and fun nature themes to young participants. Parent or caregiver must be present. \$4 per member; \$6 per nonmember.

September: Meadow Meander

November: Leaf Man

October: Chattering Chipmunks

December: Holiday for the Birds

KIDS' CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

December 26, 10am–12pm / BFNR

January 2, 10am–12pm / SNP

Kids and parents are invited to participate in a family-friendly version of the Christmas Bird Count. Our naturalist will guide you. This event is appropriate for school-age and up. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Advance registration is required. Free.

WANT A PROGRAM FOR YOUR GROUP?

We're happy to deliver our education programs to you—either at your location or at one of our reserves. If you'd like a dedicated program for your neighborhood or social group, learning pod, or family, contact our Education Department for details at (412) 963-6100.

Audubon at Night

OWL PROWL

November 6, 7pm / BFNR

November 7, 7pm / TNR

Learn about our local owls, then search for them on the trails. This event is appropriate for all ages. We will meet participants in the parking lot of both reserves. Registration required. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

Hands-On

BIRDS IN MY BACKYARD BOOK SIGNING AND COLLAGE WORKSHOP

November 21, 12–2pm / SNP

Look! Listen! There's a show going on in your backyard! Join local author Lisa Donovan and illustrator Dee Paras to meet the feathered friends featured in their new children's book *Birds in My Backyard*. Drop by to create collage artwork with Dee, play a bird matching game, and enjoy a reading with Lisa at noon. Free and fun for the whole family! All materials provided. Signed copies of *Birds in My Backyard* will be available for purchase. This event takes place at Audubon Nature Store at Succop. Registration is required.

DECORATE A MINI TREE

December 5, 10am–12pm / BFNR

December 12, 10am–12pm / SNP

Get into the holiday spirit by decorating a mini tree using natural materials. \$35 per member, \$40 per nonmember. Registration required one week prior to workshop for gathering of materials.

YULE LOG HIKE AND CRAFT

December 5 / SNP

December 12 / BFNR

Hike out into the woods to gather natural materials to decorate a birch Yule log. We will drill candle holes and level your log so that it will stay in proper position when you use it to decorate for the holidays. Registration required. \$6 per member, \$10 per non-member.

LIVE HIVE: HONEY TASTING WITH COUNTRY BARN FARM

December 12, 12–2pm / BFNR

Master Beekeeper Joe Zgurzynski of Country Barn Farm will be visiting the Nature Store along with a live hive! Taste some delicious honey and learn about the ecological significance of honey bees. This event takes place at Audubon Nature Store at Beechwood. Free.

Expanding Your Bird Knowledge



THE BLACKPOLL WARBLER: THE MARATHON MIGRATOR

October 13, 7pm / BFNR

In the fall, this warbler may not be much to look at but new research confirms that these small creatures undertake one of the longest and most impressive migrations of the animal kingdom. Launching themselves out over the Atlantic Ocean in October, these birds will make an amazing 96 hour, non-stop flight to northern South America. Come learn the life history of this amazing little bird and how it migrates thanks to 50 years of bird banding data. Registration required. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.



LITTLE BROWN JOBS: SPARROW ID

December 1, 7 pm / BFNR

Ever wonder what that “little brown job” of a bird was? It probably was a sparrow: one of the harder species of birds to identify. Come learn the art and science of sparrow identification. Registration required. \$6 per member; \$10 per nonmember.

Outdoors 101



BETTER BACKYARD BIRD FEEDING

November 7, 12–2pm / BFNR

November 8, 2–4pm / SNP

Ever want to attract more birds to yard? This program explains the dos and don'ts behind backyard bird feeding, the best feeders and seed to use, and how the experts get more birds. Participants will also learn about the citizen science program Project Feeder Watch, and how it helps scientists monitor bird populations. Appropriate for both adults and interested youth. Free.





BIRDING 101

November 14, 10am–12pm / BFNR

November 15, 10am–12pm / SNP

Birdwatching is one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States. Come learn the basics of birding and why watching our feathered friends is such a captivating hobby. \$6 per member, \$10 per nonmember.

Scout Programs

CUB AND GIRL SCOUT BADGE DAY

October 10, 10am–12pm / BFNR and SNP

Choose your nature-related badge or activity! This program is for Cub Scouts and elementary Girl Scouts and is booked by group or den. Contact Scott Detwiler at (412) 963-6100 to make your reservation. \$7.50 per scout; one adult chaperone (free) required per den. (Other dates available by arrangement, subject to minimum fees.)

Volunteer Opportunities

MEADOW BIOBLITZ

October 14, 5–6:30pm / BFNR

Calling all Community Scientists and aspiring Community Scientists! Explore nature while helping Audubon to document the plants and animals in our meadow habitat. Participants will use iNaturalist, a free app, to assist with data collection. No experience is needed and training will be provided. Thanks to The Pittsburgh Foundation for their support of our meadow enhancement work.

MEADOW HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

October 10 & 17, 9am–12pm / BFNR

Help ASWP to make Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve even more bird-friendly! Volunteers are needed to help expand meadow habitat by planting high-wildlife value native species and removing invasive species. All materials will be provided and no experience is necessary. Participants must wear masks and follow social-distancing protocols. This habitat enhancement project has been made possible by the generous support of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

FALL IS A GREAT TIME TO PLANT!

Stop by our Native Plant Nursery at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve to select plants now—the plants will establish themselves over the fall and winter so they look great in your garden next spring and summer.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2020

Christmas Bird Count

Please join us for the 2020 Pittsburgh Christmas Bird Count on December 26, 2020. Participation is free and no experience is necessary. We'll be following social distancing protocols during the count. PS—you can also count birds at your feeders—it's an important part of the count that you can do right from your own home.

There are also Christmas Bird Counts taking place that cover the area of Succop Nature Park and Todd Nature Reserve.

To participate in the Christmas Bird Count, please contact a leader near you. A list of leaders is available on our website: aswp.org.



Auduban NATURE STORE

Store HOURS:

BEECHWOOD FARMS
NATURE RESERVE

Tuesday–Saturday: 9am–5pm

SUCCOP NATURE PARK

Tuesday–Saturday: 12–5pm

IT'S BIRD FEEDING SEASON!

Auduban Nature Stores now carry an expanded line of feeders and accessories, featuring over 200 products from Droll Yankee, Brome, Aspects, and others.

- New to bird feeding? Our professional staff is here to help you customize your feeding station to get maximum results.
- Deer or Squirrel problems? We can help! Shop our wide assortment of pole extenders, baffles, and squirrel-proof feeders.
- Looking for that special gift for the nature-lover in your life? Check out our large selection of books, cards, binoculars, jewelry, games, and other nature-themed items.

FEED THE BIRDS WHAT THEY WANT!

- Beechwood Blend, our own proprietary mix, is the **ONLY** birdseed formulated specifically for the birds of our area.
- Other proprietary mixes available, including Audubon Finch Mix and shell-less Patio & Deck Mix.
- Beechwood Blend is also available at select Giant Eagle stores.

DON'T MISS THE ASWP MEMBERS' SALE, NOVEMBER 10–14.
ASWP MEMBERS ENJOY 20% OFF THESE DAYS ONLY!



Auduban for the Holidays (OR ANY CELEBRATION)!

Looking for the perfect place to hold your holiday event? We can help you to plan for family or corporate holiday parties—or birthdays, baby showers, or wedding showers! Call us at (412) 963-6100 to learn about our rental spaces at Succop Nature Park and Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve.

VOLUNTEER Spotlight



As Audubon Center for Native Plants enters its 20th year, we want to celebrate the many volunteers who have spent countless hours cultivating the plants that are now installed in gardens throughout the region. Thanks to the dedication of volunteers such as **Mary Gevaudan**, ASWP is the region's largest supplier of nursery propagated Western Pennsylvania native plants. Mary has been a part of our Native Plant Nursery since the beginning. We're grateful for all of her help—and for that of her fellow volunteers!

WHEN DID YOU BEGAN AS A VOLUNTEER?

I began volunteering at the turn of the century, after retiring from teaching in the Shaler Area School District.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Nature was always a big interest for me. We were members of ASWP, and occasionally walked the trails at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve. Since I had more time, I thought Audubon Center for Native Plants might be a good fit. It's a pleasant place, close to home.

WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS?

People are much more aware of native plants today. They ask good questions. Some arrive with lists, having done research before coming to the plant nursery.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE NATIVE PLANT, AND WHY?

My Goodness! I can't pick just one. I really like the spring ephemerals—especially Virginia Bluebells, Hepatica, Bloodroot, Jack-in-the Pulpit, and Woodland Poppy to name a few. And who doesn't love Trillium? It's wonderful to see these plants returning every spring. Even more wonderful—they take care of themselves.

WHAT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT NATIVE PLANTS?

If they choose wisely—and pick the right plant for the right place—it's surprising how easy and rewarding natives can be. Mother Nature is in charge; but they probably already know that.

WHAT KEEPS YOU COMING BACK TO VOLUNTEER?

Audubon Center for Native Plants is a casual and comfortable place to volunteer. Like-minded, interesting, knowledgeable, and good-natured people are there volunteering with you. You're in good company.

If you're interested in becoming a volunteer at ASWP, please call us at (412) 963-6100. We have opportunities in the office, native plant nursery, store, conservation corps, and the education department!

Memorials & Honors

THESE TRIBUTES ARE IN RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING

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AUDUBON *News*

GRANTS SUPPORT BUFFALO CREEK CONSERVATION AND MONITORING

We're excited to announce that we've received funding to expand our conservation and monitoring activities in the Buffalo Creek Important Bird Area (IBA) and watershed. We look forward to expanding our conservation impact in this unique region.

Funded by the **Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds**, Audubon is working with Duquesne and Chatham Universities to conduct comprehensive water quality sampling in the Little Buffalo Creek Watershed. Activities include macroinvertebrate and water chemistry sampling, fish surveys, and data analysis. Findings will be used to guide future habitat restoration efforts.

The **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources** has provided funding to support the development of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Coalition and public education, including landowner and youth workshops. Keep an eye on aswp.org for these activities.

Additionally, Audubon secured \$1.2M in funding from the **Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)**, **Regional Conservation Partnerships Program (RCPP)** to assist farmers and forested landowners with conservation planning, farmland preservation, and implementation of land management practices that protect and improve the watershed.

To learn more about Audubon's work in Buffalo Creek and to get involved, contact Sarah Koenig, Conservation Director, at skoenig@aswp.org or call (412) 963-6100.

BUFFALO CREEK LANDOWNERS— WANT NATIVE TREES?

Do you live in the Buffalo Creek area? Do you have a stream or creek on your property? If your answer is yes to both of these questions, we'd love to work with you to plant native trees and shrubs on your property! Not sure if you live in the Buffalo Creek Watershed or want to learn more? Contact Sarah Koenig, Conservation Director, at skoenig@aswp.org or (412) 963-6100. Thanks to DCNR's Multi-functional Riparian Buffer Funding Program, we have funds to plant 3 additional acres in Buffalo Creek

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A Family-Friendly Halloween Adventure

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
and Succop Nature Park

**OCTOBER 15-17
& 23-25**

This entire program is outdoors, even if it's raining. Delight in our annual autumn experience as fireflies guide you on our trails to encounter larger-than-life costumed nocturnal creatures.

COME IN COSTUME FOR MORE FUN!

Register at aswp.org or by calling (412) 963-6100. Price: \$6 for members; \$10 for nonmembers; under 2 is free.