



Audubon GREENWICH

Spring 2016 Calendar

MARCH

Saturday, March 5

Family Bird Watching Winter/Spring
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

All Ages - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Learn to use binoculars and field guides to identify winter birds and the first returning spring migrants. Then add your count to our weekly "Project Feeder Watch!" RSVP to Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Sunday, March 6

Family Nature Play: Campfires & Shelters

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Price per Family - \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Build a campfire and outdoor survival shelter in this fun hands-on family experience. This class will be offered the first Sunday of every month in March, April, and May. RSVP to Susan at 203-930-1387 or sematthews@audubon.org.

Saturday, March 12

Family Songbird Nestbox Workshop
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 5 & up - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Learn to host bird families in your own backyard. Discover a wide variety of nestboxes and the birds that use them. Discuss nestbox placement and maintenance. Families wishing to build their own nestbox, should pre-order a kit by calling our Nature Store (203-869-5272 x221, \$26 member, \$30 non-member). To register, please visit our website at: greenwich.audubon.org/nestbox-workshop-march-2016. For more information, contact Ted at 203-930-1353.

Sunday, March 13

Volunteer & Intern Open House
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

All Ages - Free

Enjoy refreshments and discover volunteer opportunities Audubon Greenwich has to offer, including college internships and youth-adult volunteer positions. Opportunities exist in: Environmental Education, Exhibit Animal Care, Nature Center

Docents, and Land Stewardship projects. Earn college credit through an internship. RSVP to Susan at 203-930-1387 or sematthews@audubon.org.

Friday, March 18

Woodcock Watch

6:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Rain/snow date: Saturday, March 19

Ages 6 & up - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Enjoy the crepuscular calls and aerial performance of the elusive woodcock. We will also listen for any newly emerged spring peepers. RSVP to Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Saturday, March 26

Birding 101 Workshop: Bird Watching Basics

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Adults & Interested Youth - \$12 member, \$15 non-member, no charge for youth

Get an indoor introduction to birds and resource material, and then enjoy a birding walk using binoculars, field guides, and field study skills. RSVP to Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

APRIL

Saturday, April 2

Early Spring Mead Lake Hike

2:00 - 3:45 p.m.

All Ages - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Join us for a walk to Mead Lake to seek colorful tree buds, early flowers, and emerging turtles, frogs, snakes, and returning birds. RSVP to Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Sunday, April 3

Family Nature Play: Tracks & Traces

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Price per Family - \$10 member, \$15 non-member

Join an experienced naturalist for an exciting day of family explorations. Discover wildlife through their tracks and the traces they leave. RSVP to Susan at sematthews@audubon.org.

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New England Wild Flower Society Native Plant Workshops at Audubon Greenwich

Friday, March 4

Lawn Alternatives

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

\$20 member, \$24 non-member

Learn how your lawn affects the environment and how it can be replaced by native plants that benefit wildlife.

Friday, March 11

Rain Gardens

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

\$20 member, \$24 non-member

Become a steward of the watershed and create a rain garden in your own backyard.

Wednesday, March 23

Pollinator Plants for Landscapers

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$66 member, \$80 non-member

Join Dan Jaffe, a Propagator from the New England Wild Flower Society, and learn how to create beautiful, low-maintenance gardens that act as ecological powerhouses in the landscape.

Thursday, April 21

Wildflowers of Connecticut

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

\$14 member, \$16 non-member

Join botanist Ted Elliman for a look at the wildflowers of Connecticut as described in his new book *A Field Guide to the Wildflowers of New England*. Books will be available for sale, and a book signing will follow the lecture.

For more information and to register, please visit our website at:

greenwich.audubon.org/newfs-series-march-2016

STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH AUDUBON EVENTS

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AudubonGreenwichNews-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Sunday, April 3
Summer Camp Expo & Reunion
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Free

Enjoy a sampling of exciting summer camp activities at our first Summer Camp Expo & Reunion! Reconnect with old camp friends while making s'mores around a campfire. Light refreshments will be available. *Families who bring a new, prospective camper will receive a 20% off coupon for our nature store.* RSVP to Susan at 203-930-1387 or sematthews@audubon.org.

Sunday, April 10
Vernal Pools: Search for Frogs, Salamanders, & More!
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

All ages - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Join us for an afternoon walk to the vernal pool at the Fairchild Wildflower Garden. We will look and listen for breeding wood frogs, spring peepers, and spotted salamanders. RSVP to Susan at 203-930-1387 or sematthews@audubon.org.

Saturday, April 16
Birding by Ear
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Adults & Interested Youth - \$12 member, \$15 non-member, no charge for youth

Learn how and why birds vocalize, listen to bird song recordings, and then walk outdoors to practice your Birding-by-Ear skills. Registration is required with Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Saturday, April 16
Invasive Plant Workshop & Walk
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

\$3 member, \$5 non-member

Learn about our local "aliens" and the problems they are causing for native plants, insects, birds, and people. RSVP to Ted at 203-930-1353. *Ages 12 & up are invited to help control invasive plants on our grounds after the workshop, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.*

Saturday, April 23
Wildflower Ecology & Photo Walk
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ages 5 & up - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Come walk and learn about the natural history of early spring wildflowers. Discover the ecological niches and insect pollinators of these fragile woodland treasures. Bring a camera or cell phone to

snap some pictures. RSVP to Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Saturday, April 30
Native Plant Sale Pre-Order Deadline

It's time to place your native plant order. Beautify your garden and provide a more sustainable food supply for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife. To place your order, visit greenwich.audubon.org/native-plant-sale by April 30.

MAY

Sunday, May 1
Family Nature Play: Sensory Hike
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

All Ages - Price per Family - \$10 members, \$15 non-members

Use your five senses to explore the forests and fields during an afternoon of nature discovery. RSVP to Susan at 203-930-1387 or sematthews@audubon.org.

Saturday, May 7
Wood Warblers & Other Neotropical Migrants
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Adults & Interested Youth - \$12 member, \$15 non-member, no charge for youth

Explore the characteristics, adaptations, life histories, and behaviors of these colorful springtime migrants. Learn identification tips and resources for continued study. Registration required with Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Sunday, May 8
Mother's Day Celebration Walk
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

All Ages - \$3 members, \$5 non-members, (Mom's are free!)

Are you looking for a special place to take mom on Mother's Day? Join us for an afternoon walk at our beautiful 285-acre wildlife sanctuary. Afterwards, mom will enjoy a 20% discount on nature store items, while kids make a nature-themed craft for mom. RSVP to Susan at 203-930-1387 or sematthews@audubon.org.

Saturday, May 14
International Migratory Bird Day Celebration—Bird Walk & Breakfast
6:30 - 9:30 a.m.

\$10 per person for breakfast

Enjoy an early morning hike and hearty breakfast. RSVP required for breakfast. Contact Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Early Morning Bird Walks

Wednesdays: April 6 - May 25 at Fairchild Garden from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays: April 2 - May 21 at Audubon Center from 7:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Friday, May 20 - Sunday, May 22
Native Plant Sale & Order Pickup

Visit Audubon Greenwich to purchase a wide selection of native plants to beautify your garden and provide wildlife habitat! Also pick up plants that were pre-ordered by the April 30th deadline. Sale & pickup hours: May 20 (2 - 6 p.m.), May 21 (9 a.m. - 5 p.m.), and May 22 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.).

Saturday, May 21
Insects on Our Native Plants
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

All Ages - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Emerging insects and other invertebrates are essential foods for birds returning from their winter homes. Join us as we search local plant life for critters that feed our avian friends. RSVP to Ted at 203-930-1353 or tgilman@audubon.org.

Saturday, May 28
Turtle Time
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

All Ages - \$3 member, \$5 non-member

Meet some of Audubon's resident turtles and discover their natural history, nesting behavior, and how to protect these fantastic reptiles. Then hike to Mead Lake in search of nesting turtles. RSVP with Ted at tgilman@audubon.org or 203-930-1353.

Nature Sprouts Series
Wednesdays, April 13 - May 18
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ages 18 months - 4 years old & Adult - \$30 per session, \$150 for all six sessions

Explore nature with your child at Audubon Greenwich. Enjoy short hikes, live animal meet & greets, stories, family fun, and crafts. Adults enjoy a brief conservation discussion at the end of each class. Themes will include: nature play, animal architects, signs of spring, pollinators, and much more. RSVP to Susan at 203-930-1387 or sematthews@audubon.org.