An ambitious collaborative effort has resulted in a dynamic program at the Wayne Art Center and other locations in Radnor from late March to early May. There are more than twenty programs including those for children and talks by some of the regions most preeminent speakers on nature: Scott Weidensaul, Doug Tallamy, entomologist Dan Duran and more!

For more information and to register (some programs require), go to www.thefivebs.org.

New Vinyl Overlays STILL available for Bird Habitat SIGNS

The Backyard Habitat Signs are getting a make-over but for those of you with the old design, you can now pick up a durable vinyl overlay to apply to the sign.

We have a very limited supply of the overlays so please order soon. The order form is attached to this email and the decals are $6.00 each (shipped).

Note: if you recently ordered one, they will be on the way shortly. We needed special mailing envelopes to prevent damage during shipping and that caused a delay.
Chickadees in Winter  by Edie Parnum

On cold winter days, watching perky Carolina Chickadees lifts my spirits. Nasty wind, snow, and ice do not deter them. At the window of my warm kitchen with its well-stocked pantry, I wonder how they survive the frigid weather. Weighing only as much as four pennies, they are the smallest birds that visit my feeders. They must be vulnerable to starvation and hypothermia. (Do they? Find out at www.backyardsfornature.org)

Abington Becomes Bird Town!!

With an effort lead by Leigh Altadonna of the Wyncote Audubon Society with help from Greta Brunschwylwer of Briar Bush and Jennifer Sherwood of the township’s EAC, the Board of Commissioners adopted Bird Town on March 12th. This was preceded by a presentation from members of the Abington High School Earth Serve Club who explained the value of Bird Town at an earlier meeting of the Public Affairs committee. Lexi Lee-Ittah and Rachel Rawdin received a round of applause after their March 4th presentation.

Pennsylvania Counts!

The results are in and Pennsylvania came in SECOND place for the most checklists submitted in the Great Backyard Bird Count in 2015 behind California by about 1,500 checklists! Thank you for contributing and let’s top Cali next year!!
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2015**

**Bird Towns**

**March 28**—Chapters of the Delaware River Basin Gathering, Briar Bush Nature Center, **Abington**

**April**—May - The Five B’s (Birds, Bees, Butterflies, Bats, Bugs—series of programs and lectures, **Radnor Bird Town.** See pg 1

**April 25,** Saturday—9am—3pm Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival, Bird Town **Manheim Twp**

**May 9** 11am—1pm: **Birds and Blooms,** a nature fest for families at the Allentown Library, includes live birds from Wildlands Conservancy, conducted by the **Lehigh Valley Bird Town Coalition** (join the LVBTC Meet-up Group for additional info)

**Native Plant Sales**

**April 25** - Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival http://habitatmt.com

**May 2,** 10–3—Central PA Native Plant Festival and Sale, Shaver’s Creek Environmental Center

**May 2,** 3 and 9,10—Native Plant sale at UU Church, 424 Center St., Bethlehem

**May 8,** 1–6, **May 9,** 10–4—Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve, New Hope www.bhwp.org

**May 9 + 16,** 11–3—Open house at Collins Nursery, Glenside

**May 10,** 16, 17, 30—Open house at Yellow Springs Farm, Chester Springs

**June 3–6,** Native Plant Conference and Sale, Millersville University www.millersvillenativeplants.org

**John Rogers: Designing with Natives** workshops/presentations

**Nature’s Role in the Economy** (free): **Backyard Conservation Design workshop** $55:

Honey Hollow (3/25) Pennypack Trust (3/21)
Wildlands Conservancy (3/26) Newtown Bucks (3/28)
Schuylkill Twp (3/31) Honey Hollow (4/4)
Green Lane (4/1) Schuylkill Twp (4/18)
Camel Hump Farm (4/2) Wildlands Conserv. (4/25)

Note: For every 10 residents of the same Bird Town who attend a BCD workshop, the Bird Town receives a $100 community garden award. The Bird Town that is represented by the most people is eligible for $1,000 award in December. [jrogers@keystoneconservation.org](mailto:jrogers@keystoneconservation.org) for more info.

**Other**

**March 12,** Thursday—8:00 am Del Val College, Doylestown—**The Land Ethics Symposium.** See www.bhwp.org

**March 14,** Saturday 8:30 am–3:15pm—Lancaster Master Gardeners Symposium

**March 14,** Sat, 8:00am–4pm—**Gardenwise,** York County Master Gardeners (including talk by Scott Weidensaul!)

**March through October**—**Gardening with Nature** series, Camp Hill, Cumberland County PSU Master Gardeners, including talks by Paul Zeph of **Audubon** and George Weigel, central PA garden writer. See http://extension.psu.edu/cumbeland

**March 30,** 9am–12:30—How to a Successful **Purple Martin** Landlord, Longwood Gardens, see http://purplemartins2015/eventbrite.com (ask about afternoon session)

**June**—Gardening for **Birds & Butterflies,** Edge of the Woods Nursery, Orefield, Register at edgeofthewoodsnursery.com