We hope you’re enjoying the summer! By now, most young birds have fledged and may be feeding on your late-summer fruiting shrubs and on the insects compelled to live on your property thanks to native plants and absence of pesticides. Audubon would like to see more people benefit from these practices by increasing the number of people who receive our newsletter. Please hit “respond” to this email and send TWO new email addresses of people with whom we can share the newsletter. In return, you’ll be entered into a drawing to receive a beautiful little book, “Hawk Mountain—A Conservation Success Story” illustrated by Julie Zickefoose. Second prize is the book “Designing with Natives” by John Rogers, third is “Gardening for Life in Southeastern PA” published by Audubon. Drawing will be Sept 1 and announced in Sept newsletter.

**It’s the Growing Season!**

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**OAKTOBER IS TREE TIME!**

Despite “garden fever” in the spring, autumn is really the best time to plant trees and shrubs (aka: woody plants); there’s almost nothing you can do that has more value to birds in your landscape than plant a tree. In fact, when Doug Tallamy is asked, “what is the one thing I can do that will have the most impact?” he responds with “planting a tree.” Whether that’s a resource-rich oak tree or other native trees, planting just one will contribute to increasing canopy coverage.

So this Fall, PLANT AT TREE! For some assistance, Behmerwald’s Nursery in Schwenksville and Primex Nursery in Glenside are part of our partnership with TreeVitalize offering $15.00 off a tree valued at $50 or more! (Stay tuned for more nurseries to join the program.) In addition, the Habitat Discount Program includes several plant stores where you can save while you spend! http://pa.audubon.org/save

Also, see future calendar of events for native plant sales in your region.

**Bird Town discussed on RADIO 610 AM, Saturday 8/15 at 8:30 on Lora Lewis’ “Philadelphia Focus”**
EVENTS !!!!!

Beginner Bird Walk
Lehigh Valley Audubon
September 19 7:30 am
Trexler Nature Preserve
Free. Meet in parking lot of LV Zoo.
Register at meetup.com (see direct link below)

Talk!
The Secrets of Raptor Identification
Fri, Sept 11, 7pm
Wildlands Conservancy Emmaus (Lehigh Valley)

Tree Tenders Trainings
Bucks County
Sept 9, 16, and 30

Delaware County
Sept 17, 24, Oct. 1

Philadelphia
Oct 7, 14, 21
Contact Mindy Maslin at mmaslin@pennhort.org

Fall Plant Sales
Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve
Saturday, Sept. 5

UU Church Bethlehem
424 Center Street
Sept 19, 20, 26, 27

More Bird Town events plant sales coming in September Issue!

One Acre Property Yields 60+ Fledglings!
Steve C. from Landenberg Chester County writes to tell of the activity on his property which was registered as an Audubon Bird Habitat in 2013. With the right mix of plants and supplemental resources (nestboxes, mealworms, etc.), Steve’s property is a hotbed of nesting activity:

The (first bluebird) pair previously fledged broods of 4 and 5 birds, so when the new birds fledge (third brood) the total for the pair will be 13. (they fledged 8/12/15).

A second pair of bluebirds fledged 5 in another nestbox. In other nestboxes, Carolina Chickadees fledged 6, Tree Swallows fledged 6, and different pairs of House Wrens fledged a total of 23 birds, with 12 more on the way.

Besides the nestbox birds, American Robins and Gray Catbirds fledged birds in open cup nests. All the nesting activity was reported to Cornell’s NestWatch.org website.

Thanks for sharing Steve!

Our 5th Annual Bird and Wildlife Festival is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 26. This year’s festival will focus on monarch butterflies and feature several tag and release sessions with Winged Wonders.

There will also be live animals, environmental organizations, the famed Bird Calling Contest, hay rides, food, music, and more.

Special thanks again to Isaac’s Deli for running the Bird Buddies summer promotion!

Welcome to our new Healthy Yard pledge-takers!

Clickable Links to Newsletter Features can be found below!

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