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NJ Audubon Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary 11 Hardscrabble Road Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Lectures for Adult Groups

To schedule a program for your group please call 908-396-6594.

Birds

Beginning Birding

Birding is America's fastest growing outdoor pastime. This beginners program is designed for those interested in birding and would like to learn how to get started. We introduce birds commonly seen in New Jersey backyards and natural areas, and how to use binoculars to observe them.

Birding Basics

Learn how to enjoy America's fastest-growing outdoor pastime. We'll show you basic identification techniques of commonly seen NJ birds using field marks, habitat, and silhouettes. Learn how to use a field guide, and how to choose and use binoculars.

Backyard Birds and Bird Feeding

Most people learn about birds by putting up a feeder in their yard. Learn about the different types of feeders and the birds that they attract. We will discuss the do's and don'ts of putting up feeders, and some of the commonly encountered feeder problems.

Backyard Birds Through the Seasons

Backyards have a wonderful show of birds all year long. Learn what birds you might see through the seasons.

The Birds of Summer - NJ Nesting Birds

From robins to rails, from swallows to sparrows, summer is the peak of bird nesting in the Northeast. Learn about the habitats where each species nests and how they raise their young.



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Bird Migration in NJ - Wild Journeys

This program delves into the mysteries and mechanics of bird migration through NJ. Over 90% of the state's 350 bird species are migratory. While some travel only a few miles, others span the continent. How and why do they do it?

Birds that Hunt - The Hawks, Falcons, & Eagles of NJ

Over 150 pairs of Bald Eagles nest in NJ, Peregrine Falcons have re-occupied the cliffs of the Palisades, and a Sharp-shinned Hawk has been hunting songbirds at your feeder. Learn about these magnificent animals and their lives.

The Story of Chocolate and Migrating Birds: What's the Connection?

This program covers the cultural history, growth and production of chocolate. There's even a health benefit from dark chocolate. Learn which of our migrating birds might spend the winter in a tropical forest whose canopy shades the small cacao trees.

Other Wildlife

Butterflies and Moths of NJ

A powerpoint presentation will highlight common butterflies and moths of NJ, their amazing life cycles, the differences between butterflies and moths, and the plants important for their survival.

Butterflies of NJ

Although many butterflies will visit flowers planted in your yard, there are other species you will only find in their native habitats. This program focuses on the identification of the main groups of NJ butterflies and their habitat needs.

Monarchs and Other Butterflies

The Monarch Butterfly has endured hardships that has reduced the population, but has benefitted from recent conservation efforts. Learn about the Monarch and its amazing migration. Enjoy the beauty of common butterflies of NJ.

Mammals - The Natural History of Everyone's Favorites

Can opossums hang from their tails? What's the most important mammal in a meadow habitat? What should you do if you see a bear?



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The Wonderful World of Bats

Bats play a crucial role in the environment, and their loss would jeopardize many plants and animals. Most of what people think is true about bats is wrong. Learn the real story of these flying mammals.

Plants and Gardening

Gardening for Wildlife

Backyards are becoming increasingly important for wildlife. Wildlife need food, water, and shelter to survive. Whether your backyard is big or small, you can provide those needs and create a beautiful garden in your yard, porch, or balcony that's alive with flowers, birds, butterflies, pollinators, and other wildlife. Learn about native plant selection, shelters for wildlife, water features, and more. We'll highlight some of the wildlife that may visit your New Jersey wildlife garden.

Wildflower Folklore

Wildflowers have been part of fun stories and folklore for centuries. They also have a prominent spot in the history of medicine. We'll highlight some of these wonderful plants, their contributions to our culture, and their folklore.

Pollination: Fantastic Floral Strategies

Flowers have co-evolved with insects and other animals. This program explains flower structure and the fascinating ways flowers attract their pollinators – bees, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, birds and bats.

Tree Identification

Ever wonder what trees are in your yard? We can help you with this powerpoint on the introduction to tree identification. We'll show you the basics on tree classification, the first step to identifying a tree, and some common native trees.

Conservation and Ecology

Backyard Habitats for Birds, Butterflies, and Other Wildlife

Bird feeders and a butterfly garden are great ways to attract wildlife to your garden, but they are only the beginning. This program shows you how to provide food, water, and shelter to create wildlife habitat in your yard.



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Ghost Forest - Forests at Risk

What is a healthy forest, anyway? More than trees, forests should be incredibly diverse systems, from the leaf litter to the canopy. Forces from within and without are threatening our forests. Learn what they are and what you can do to protect our forests.

The History of the Great Swamp

The history of the Great Swamp starts with the formation of the Watchung Mountains, continuing through the last glacial period which formed the glacial Lake Passaic. A few glimpses of the area in the 1800's and moving on to the establishment of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. View some of the wildlife that inhabit the refuge and learn about the endangered and threatened species that call it home.

FEES: \$200 for one hour program, plus round trip mileage from Bernardsville (first 10 miles are free). No mileage charge for virtually presented programs.