

BIRD TOWN FLYER

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Season of Gratitude and Appeals

We want to **THANK** all of the volunteers who have made Bird Town and Audubon At Home a visible force in backyard stewardship this past year, as well as our partners, contractors, and other individuals who helped, attended events, or simply sent an inquiry. We're proud of our program but have more work to do!

Not many organizations can get away with using cute nestlings to make an appeal for support—but we're lucky in that way. The eggs in the nest represent work we need to do in 2014 and new beginnings, and the open beaks represent the need for continued support.

There's a [clickable link](#) at the bottom of this newsletter. Please consider a tax-deductible year-end donation and mention "**Audubon At Home**" in the message section.



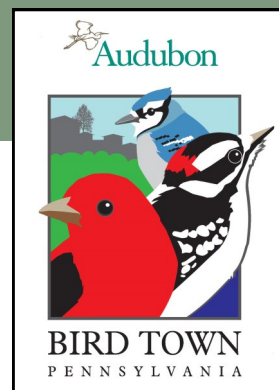
Photo by Howard B. Eskin.
Thanks Howard!!

Glass: The Clear Focus for 2014



A Cedar Waxwing suffers a preventable fate

As part of the forthcoming **Healthy Yard Pledge**, Bird Towns, schools, and homeowners will be provided information to help guide decisions about decreasing bird kills by window strikes. We're working with Audubon ornithologist Keith Russell and the Philadelphia Zoo to develop a one-pager and web content that will highlight some reflection-reducing alternatives to help prevent window strikes. Strikes kill an estimated one *billion* birds a year in the US according to PA's own Dr. Dan Klem at Muhlenberg College, who has been studying impacts for more than 30 years.



Plant of the Month

AMERICAN HOLLY (OF COURSE)

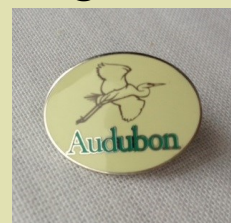
NOT JUST A GREAT ORNAMENTAL LANDSCAPE PLANT, BUT A TRIED AND TRUE BIRD WINNER! GREAT AS A FOOD SOURCE AND PREFERRED WINTER COVER, THE BERRIES OF *ILEX OPACA* ARE EATEN BY AT LEAST 18 SPECIES OF BIRDS (AND YES, DEER).



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Refer **TEN** Friends!

WE WANT TO GROW OUR MAILING LIST. REFER 10 FRIENDS AND RECEIVE A FREE AUDUBON HAT PIN! PUT YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS ON THE FLYER LIST! SEND YOUR LIST OF TEN NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES TO [SSAFFIER@AUDUBON.ORG](mailto:ssaffier@audubon.org)



Sign up on our new Forum : www.birdtownforum.net

Christmas Gift Ideas! We have a tiny supply (less than 20) of the rare, blaze (hunter) orange Audubon hats available for purchase. (right) Great as stocking stuffer or under the tree! **Order yours today!** (\$15.00 includes tax and shipping, respond to this email to reserve)

Check out the **Mill Grove Gift Shop** for books, toys, and other nature gifts located in the house of the John James Audubon Center, 1201 Pawlings Rd., Audubon PA 19403. Hours Tues-Sat 10-4, Sun 1-4, closed Mondays! 610.666.5593 (Free museum admission all of Dec!!)



Bird Towners Flock to Weidensaul Talk

More than **100 people** spent some time on Saturday, November 16th at the Lower Makefield Township Building to hear one of the bird world's greatest speakers and ambassadors, **Scott Weidensaul**. The breathless gasps and inquisitive "hmphs" heard from the crowd were testimony to the parade of fascinating facts contained in the presentation. EAC Chair Jim Bray was *pleased as punch* with the turnout which was punctuated by a book signing and photo session with Scott. The hour-long talk was video-taped and is available for broadcast on Bird Town CATV stations. (Contact Steve for more info).



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—2013

Backyard Stewardship Workshops

March 15—Chester County region—Schuylkill Township Building, Phoenixville

March 29—Bucks County Workshop—Honey Hollow Env. Ed. Center, Bucks County Audubon, Solebury

April 12—Western Montgomery County—venue TBD

April 19—Eastern Montgomery County region—venue TBD

More about workshops: Workshops need 20 participants minimum to be held. These workshops will have a second, outdoor component on another day (TBD at workshop). Light morning fare served but lunches are "BYOL". Cost is \$55 for entire workshop and includes text book. **Registration is required (email: ssaffier@audubon.org)** but payment not due until day of workshop. Online registration for the 3/29 event will be at bcas.org.

Dec. 14th—**Christmas Bird Count Starts Dec. 14!! See birds.audubon.org for info!**

Feb 1, 10:00—The Great Backyard Bird Count presentation, Radnor Memorial Library

Late Feb: The Backyard Conservation Design Training Certification with John Rogers, 10 week course. For more info, contact John at jrogers@keystoneconservation.org

Ongoing—Birdseed Sale at Honey Hollow Env. Ed Center, Bucks County Audubon BCAS.org



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