

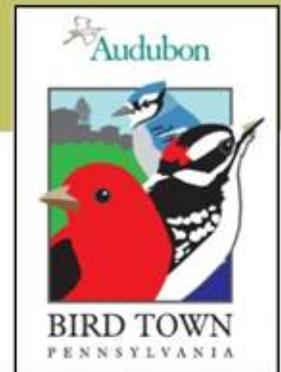
# BIRD TOWN FLYER

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## Morrisville Borough—Bird Town!



In August, Morrisville Borough (Bucks) will officially be designated as a Bird Town, but its already accomplished a great deal; under the leadership of a very enthusiastic teacher and an energetic Master Gardener, the MV Aviators (after-school green club at Morrisville Intermediate) have presented at an Environmental Symposium in Maryland, been present for Peregrine banding in Harrisburg, and have created a courtyard garden that thrives with life. Stay tuned for much more info in future issues!

*Photo: MG Annie Milionis receives Morrisville's first Bird Town sign, photo by teacher Elizabeth Glaum-Lathbury*

### Audubon Inspiring Action

A number of years ago, Audubon Pennsylvania partnered with the Friends of the Wissahickon (FOW.org) to create a training program and Audubon Advisors who as a team, would visit property owners in the Wissahickon Valley and offer advice on creating an ecological, bird-friendly yard. Recently, we received the following email from a homeowner who jumped in full force...and is now enjoying the rewards (anonymity protected by request):

*Just under five years ago, an Audubon at Home team of advisors (Sachiyo Searles, Robert Panebianco, Sally Benton and Joan Leiby) audited my Mount Airy property and sent me a report. I was humbled by the gulf between what I had and what needed to happen to restore habitat, making my property more wildlife friendly.*

*I took to heart your auditors' report and have worked vigilantly since then to realize its recommendations. Besides small steps I had previously taken, I've since:*

- removed about 40% of my property's turfgrass,
- installed a native plant garden, a woodlands area, and a rain garden.
- planted four native trees, dozens of native shrubs, and established numerous

*Cont'd below*

### Audubon At Home...by the numbers

**Top Healthy Yard Pledges** in Bird Towns (jan—june)

1. Upper Dublin
2. New Britain Boro
3. Radnor

**Top Backyard Habitat** registrations in Bird Towns (jan-june)

1. New Britain Boro
2. Abington
3. Radnor

### Honorable Mention

Nine new Bird Habitat properties in Northwest PA counties of Crawford, Erie, Mercer and Lawrence



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**Designed by Nature Garden Tour**

**Saturday, June 20**  
**10am—2:30 pm**  
 Register online at [WVWA.org](http://WVWA.org) or call **215.646.8866**  
**\$10.00**

Walk-up registrations welcome

This tour features seven beautiful Lower Gwynedd and Ambler gardens that showcase native plants and naturalistic design to attract birds, butterflies and other pollinators, increase biodiversity, and improve water quality.

Visitors will receive information packets describing the plants in each garden and other educational materials.

**North American Butterfly Count!**

**Saturday, July 18**  
**9am—12 noon**  
 Bucks County Audubon  
[www.bcas.org](http://www.bcas.org)  
**215.297.5880**  
**\$3.00**

Dr. Lepitoptera “talks” monarchs at 9:30!



Audubon At Home  
 John James Audubon Center  
 at Mill Grove  
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**Audubon Inspiring Action—cont’d**

...colonies of native perennials and native grasses and sedges throughout the property.

- put in two bird feeders, a bird bath, and a screech owl nesting house
- removed numerous invasives.
- rid my stand of Eastern hemlocks of an adelgid infestation returning it to good health.
- continue to avoid using chemical pesticides and herbicides except under very rare circumstances.

I want to again thank Audubon for the "At Home" program which gave me a blueprint for reducing harm and stewarding my property more responsibly. If you are in touch with the volunteers who audited my property, please let them know that they made a tremendous difference and I greatly appreciate what they did.



Photo by Chuck Younger

**Isaacs Features Audubon Pledge, Birdwatching This Summer!**

Issacs Restaurants (in Exton and points west) have teamed with Audubon to run a summer promotion aimed at engaging kids and families into birdwatching and taking the healthy yard pledge. Participants may win free kid's meals and other prizes! There are in-store activities that also feature birds and birding so visit an Isaac's today!! [www.audubonyardpledge.org](http://www.audubonyardpledge.org)

**Clickable Links to Newsletter Features can be found below!**

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Make Morrisville a Bird Town Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/370569469792040/>

Bird Town page: <http://pa.audubon.org/bird-town>

Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association: [www.wvwa.org](http://www.wvwa.org)

Bucks County Audubon: [www.bcas.org](http://www.bcas.org)

Isaac's Deli: [www.isaacsdeli.com](http://www.isaacsdeli.com)

Isaac's Audubon Healthy Yard pledge page: [www.audubonyardpledge.org](http://www.audubonyardpledge.org)

Audubon Pennsylvania: <http://pa.audubon.org>