# BIRD TOWN *FLYER*

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## *Audubon PA is Growing! (Plants)*

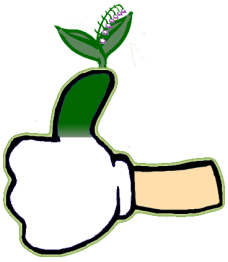
Through a special arrangement with Friends Hospital in Philadelphia, Audubon PA and the Tookany-Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership (TTF) now have use of a greenhouse!

Audubon's Rhyan Grech and Keith Russell helped seal the deal and have started stocking the greenhouse with local plants and seeds.

The plants will help populate projects at schools and parks throughout the city, especially within the TTF watershed, one of Audubon's priority watersheds in Philadelphia.

The program is supported by the William Penn Foundation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

## Green Thumbs Sought for Green House



Volunteers are sought for to "work' the Friends Hospital greenhouse. Activities include watering plants, transplanting plants, sowing seeds, and caring for newly germinated plants. For now, we are looking for those who can work weekday work hours. Experience is not necessary but we welcome those with plant propagation experience as well!

For more information or to volunteer, contact Rhyan Grech at RGrech@audubon.org

**Native Plant Ordinance Workshop!** Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for details about a native plant ordinance workshop in Lower Makefield Bird Town in mid-late February. This will be a great opportunity for Bird Towns and other municipalities to learn about the ordinance while consideration is given to adopt it!

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### Bird-friendly Replacements for Ash Trees

*Audubon PA just released a simple list of trees that home owners and land stewards might consider when replacing dead or dying ash trees. There's no doubt that the Emerald Ash Borer is having an impact and ash trees are also susceptible to other wood-boring insects. Since different species of ash grow in varying conditions, the short list contains a variety of native trees that not only provide for birds but span soil and exposure conditions. See PA.AUDUBON.ORG*

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**Bird Friendly Communities**
**John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove**
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## Upper Dublin Bird Town Bird Walks *(8:00 — 10:00 am)*

**JAN 22, THURS**—ROBBINS PARK

**FEB 16, THURS**—WISSAHICKON VALLEY WATERFOWL PRESERVE

**MARCH 16, THURS**—ROBBINS PARK

**APRIL 20, THURS**—PINE RUN PARK

**MAY 18, THURS**—ROSE VALLEY PARK

**THESE WALKS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SIGN UP AT MEETUP.COM FOR LAST MINUTE UPDATES (LINK BELOW)**

# *Pennsylvania Vies for Top Spot in GBB*

**Is this the year Pennsylvania finally breaks out of the "runner up" position and takes over as the number ONE contributor to the Great Backyard Bird Count??**

Well, that's really up to **you!** If you've enjoyed your experience with the GBBC and recognize the importance your data has to this snapshot of global bird conservation, then recruit someone new to participate this year! **Know a teacher?** Have them introduce the program to their students. There are resources on the website to make it easy and fun!

About 2,800 new checklists (that just 700 people submitting a checklist for each of the count's four days **Feb 17-20**) would put us over the top to place higher than that *other* state with some of the greatest habitat diversity in the country...California. Yes, this is an east-west rivalry and we're fired up! Know any **news reporters**? We are "media ready" and will talk to Pennsylvania TV, radio and print sources about count. Send us your contacts! Live in a **Bird Town?** Your count is critical! Are you an **environment organization** with a GBBC workshop or event in the works? Let us know and we'll post it on our GBBC website (http://pa.audubon.org/pa-counts) and social media (Facebook, Twitter, Meetup). We'll also list you as **GBBC PA PARTNER** on the site!

**GBBC Workshops (*so far…*)**

**Jan. 21, Newtown Township Bucks Count (**time and location tbd), conducted by Diane Smith of the Bucks County Audubon Society.

**Jan. 24, 7:00—8:30 pm**—*Things with Wings series* at Wildwood Park, HARRISBURG

**Jan 25, Feb 1, 6:30—8:00 pm**—*Bird in York series* at Martin Library, YORK, two-part program

**February 6, Feb. 13, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm**—A repeat of the above program at Martin Library in YORK

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