



Diving into Autumn

To me, September has always felt like the start of a new year. Even as the landscape changes over from summer's bounty, the crisp air signals a fresh start and the Mid-Atlantic region seems to shake off its hot, humid lethargy.

Here at Audubon, our summer bounced with energy from day campers, interns, Alliance for Watershed Education fellows, nesting terns and grebes, and outdoor programs that welcomed all to the joyful world of birds. It was thrilling to see!

Yet the next few months will feel even more dynamic. Lights Out efforts have resumed with the start of fall migration, which we will also celebrate with the first ever Audubon's Philadelphia Birding Weekend in early October. Based upon the highly successful Baltimore Birding Weekend, we will welcome bird lovers (and the bird curious) to bird walks throughout Philadelphia and to a social event on Saturday evening at the Discovery Center. Audubon staff will also dive into policy conversations, conduct forester trainings, create bird habitat in public green spaces, host school groups, bird by canoe and begin the planning work for the

recovery of critical salt marsh habitat in Maryland.

It will be an exciting fall and we invite you to join us.

With gratitude,

Suzanne Biemiller

Executive Director, Audubon Mid-Atlantic

Vice President, National Audubon Society

Common Tern and chick. Photo: Kim Abplanalp

New Arrivals in the Audubon Nest

Aneca Atkinson will be joining the flock as our new Delaware River Watershed Director. Aneca brings more than a decade of experience in water resources and environmental engineering, including a tenure at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection which began in 2007 in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Aneca holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from Smith College and a Master of Science Degree in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering from Villanova University. "I am excited to bring my passion for preserving and restoring land and water for birds and other species to the Audubon Society. I look forward to advocating for habitats that support healthy bird and wildlife populations in the Delaware watershed."

Tess Wilson is coming to Audubon Mid-Atlantic as Network Engagement Manager after working at the Network of National Library Medicine, where she facilitated chapter relations, member engagement, event planning, and organized educational training sessions, as well as previous roles in libraries in the Pittsburgh region. Tess will support robust chapter engagement, help build an advocacy platform to implement our regional policy agenda, and be a resource for our growing network of people working on bird conservation in the Mid-Atlantic.

Welcome, Aneca and Tess!



A Big Win for Climate in Washington DC

Audubon Mid-Atlantic is celebrating the passing of the federal Inflation Reduction Act by Congress last month. It will help hasten the country's transition to renewable energy and support a multitude of habitat restoration projects that will help mitigate the impact of climate change on birds and people. To learn more, please [click here](#) for the statement from the National Audubon Society.



U.S. Capitol. Photo: Luke Franke



Expanding Open Space in Carbon County, PA

Pennsylvania's Carbon County Commissioners have placed a \$10 million bond issue on the November ballot to support the preservation of open space and agricultural land in the county. Audubon staff worked collaboratively with county officials, local community organizations, and county residents on this ballot initiative. This work grew out of the Kittatinny Ridge Conservation Landscape program that Audubon Mid-Atlantic staff administers. We urge Audubon members who live in Carbon County to vote "yes" on this ballot question in November.

Bald eagle. Photo: Mark Zakutansky



Banding Together to Protect Birds in Baltimore

Patterson Park Audubon Center's Bird Ambassadors hosted a bird banding demonstration with Birds of Urban Baltimore (B.Ur.B.) for Latino Conservation Week. Scientist Mike Hudson shared the methods for banding and monitoring common birds in our city parks, and Bird Ambassadors led conservation activities such as creating decals to reduce window reflectivity

at home.

Birding Banding in Baltimore. Photo: Susie Creamer



Explore the city during our Philly Birding Weekend

[Register today](#) for Audubon's Philly Birding Weekend, which will be hosted **October 7-9, 2022!** Audubon Mid-Atlantic invites people from across the Philadelphia region to join us as we explore some of the city's iconic green spaces and look for birds on their fall migration. Each tour will be guided by bird experts. Planned excursions will include walks in local watersheds and parks, a paddle on the Strawberry Mansion Reservoir, Saturday night celebratory Tally Rally and so much more! We encourage you to register for some of the excursions and join us for the Tally Rally at the Discover Center. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at phillybirding@gmail.com.



Upcoming Programs and Events

A Panel Discussion on Pennsylvania's Environment and Voter Opinion

Please join us on October 13th for a panel discussion at the Discovery Center with co-hosts PennFuture and PennEnvironment to discuss how Pennsylvania's voters view important environmental issues of our time, and how the state's candidates for office, and elected leaders respond to that public opinion. The panel will include Pennsylvania environmental policy experts as well as nationally known non-partisan pollsters, political pundits, and Audubon Mid-Atlantic staff. Taking place at the one-month mark prior to Election Day, this is sure to be a lively discussion moderated by Stephen Caruso of Spotlight PA and Audubon Mid-Atlantic staff.

Panelists include:

Chris Borrick - Nationally recognized pollster and Director of Public Opinion Institute at Muhlenberg College

Larry Ciesler - Founder and CEO of Ceisler Media and Issue Advocacy

David Masur - Executive Director of PennEnvironment

Ezra P. Thrush – Director of Public Affairs for PennFuture

Aneca Atkinson – Audubon Mid-Atlantic Delaware River Watershed Director

To register and for more information, click [here](#).

Visit our Centers, explore our trails, and join us for some fall birding and other exciting activities happening across the Mid-Atlantic region!

- [Pennsylvania Events](#), including the John James Audubon Center and The Discovery Center
- [Patterson Park Audubon Center Events](#)



American goldfinch. Photo: Sharron Crocker

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