



Audubon Community Nature Center

The connection begins with you.

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featuring upcoming programs and events.



Audubon Community Nature Center builds and nurtures connections between people and nature by providing positive outdoor experiences, opportunities to learn about and understand the natural world, and knowledge to act in environmentally responsible ways.



Nature Center Newsletter

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by Jeff Tome

Nature Center Hours

Please visit auduboncnc.org or call (716) 569-2345 for up-to-date information.

Trails are open from dawn to dusk.

Visit auduboncnc.org
by scanning this code.



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Executive Director's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends of the Nature Center,

The Nature Center is normally bustling with the sounds of children visiting on their school field trips during the months of May and June. As I write this, we are waiting in anticipation to see what each day brings.

Now is the time to show how strong we are together as a community. We at ACNC are looking into ways that we can still provide that support to our community members despite the recent virus outbreak.

We hope that you continue to visit ACNC for a much needed respite from the daily news. Come and hike the trails, visit Liberty the Bald Eagle, explore the nature play area, or enjoy an outdoor picnic. Spending time outside is one of the best ways to preserve your physical, mental, and emotional health in the coming weeks.

The ACNC May/June Newsletter is always chock full of programs, events, and other ways to get involved with Audubon, and this year is no different. We will continue to update our program listings as things progress with the COVID-19 outbreak, and we will base all program scheduling on the most recent recommendations issued by the CDC. Please continue to check ACNC's website (auduboncnc.org) for the most up-to-date programming information or call (716) 569-2345.

It is through your support that Audubon Community Nature Center is able to exist. Your donations to the ACNC Annual Fund through the mail, or through Warren Gives (May 20) and Give Big Chautauqua (June 11), go towards supporting the important work that we do to ensure that every child within the local community has a real and healthy connection to nature.

Thank you, as always, for being a part of the Audubon Community Nature Center family.

Stay safe, stay sane, and take care of yourselves.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Nature Center again soon,

Leigh J. Rovegno



ACNC Through the Years

Audubon has changed a lot since it was founded in 1957 around a kitchen table. The following excerpts are from past May – June newsletters.

1960

“The last field trip to Presque Isle and Pymatuning area was enjoyed by all and a total of 102 birds were recorded.”

1970

“What can you do for – a fellow who carries over 500 lbs. of birdseed... on his back from Bentley Avenue to the feeder through a couple of feet of snow in below zero temperatures...” (On Robert Carlson’s contributions to Audubon)

1980

“Construction of the walkway along the Clarke Nature Trail... is in full swing.” (On the construction of what is now known as Hemlock Bridge).

1990

Audubon celebrated a “Gentle Parting of the Earth” groundbreaking ceremony to dedicate the new building expansion.

2000

Garden and bus tours were offered to the private garden of Marion Jarvi in Toronto, Thornhill Gardens, as well as Secest Arboretum and Gardenview Horticultural Park.

2010

“Dr. Scott Stoleson and his merry band of ornithologists are generously donating their time again this spring to bring you the chance to see some of our most beautiful birds up close — in the hand!”



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Audubon Community Nature Center’s Board of Directors, Chairs, and Committee Members are volunteers.

Thank you to those listed above who contribute time, thought, and energy to help ACNC run smoothly and effectively.

Farewell!

Jennifer Schlick

Some of you have already heard: I decided it is time to move on. My last official day of work at ACNC will be June 12, though due to COVID-19 I am working reduced hours until then.

I started working at ACNC on October 1, 1998 after an 18-year career teaching computer science and math at Jamestown Community College. How do I sum up two decades in a short article? I thought about telling some stories of things that happened during my time here, but every time I thought, “Oh, I should tell that story,” a dozen other stories flooded my memory. I cannot pick which ones to tell, and I cannot tell them all!

So, no stories. Just gratitude. For co-workers who both challenge and support me. For donors and volunteers who give so generously to make ACNC successful. For program participants who come out to learn, socialize, and have fun. For the children, whose curiosity and enthusiasm feed my soul. And especially for the incredible opportunity it has been to share my knowledge and skills while learning a whole new set of knowledge and skills.

Many have asked, “What’s next?” Since mom passed away last January, we have decided to buy out my siblings and move into the house in Lakewood where I grew up. There are many updates and renovations to be done, much downsizing of “stuff,” and the move itself. Once things settle with the house projects, I’ll probably look for part-time work somewhere. Maybe. Time will tell. I will definitely continue my volunteer work with the Friends of Timbercrest providing support for the Girl Scout camp in Randolph. I am not moving away; you will see me around.

It has been an honor to be a part of the ACNC community. I have faith that the current and future staff and volunteers will continue to do great things.

Carry on! I’ll be watching.

Jennifer Schlick



‘Grow’ your Donation to ACNC through Spring Giving

Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, ACNC had to suspend all programming through the month of April, resulting in a financial loss of around \$15,000. Suspensions may continue through May and June, which will affect ACNC’s ability to support itself financially. ACNC staff continues their work caring for the animals, keeping the trails open and safe, and coming up with creative ways to generate income. Your online donations through Warren Gives and or Give Big CHQ are more important than ever!

Warren Gives • warrengives.org

May 20, 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Pennsylvania has closed schools indefinitely, and therefore ACNC school programs have been cancelled too. Warren County School outdoor programs represent about \$6,600 of income for ACNC each year, much of which may not be received in 2020. Funds raised through Warren Gives will support ACNC educators throughout this time of unprecedented cancellations and closures so they can return to providing high quality environmental education programs for Warren County Schools once the threat of COVID-19 subsides.

Give Big CHQ • givebigCHQ.org

June 11, 12:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m.

Your donations through Give Big CHQ directly support the work done by ACNC educators throughout the year, including teaching school programs, hosting educational programs and festivals, composing nature-related newspaper articles, providing care to ACNC’s animal ambassadors, and so much more.

Your donations are needed now more than ever to ensure that ACNC lasts another 50 years, and beyond! Support Audubon, and support Chautauqua County’s many other non-profit organizations by making a donation through Give Big.

Audubon is Essential

We think Audubon Community Nature Center is an essential part of our community. We are betting that you feel that way, too. Yet as this pandemic spreads like a fire in a pine forest, we acknowledge that we aren't, by definition, "essential".

What is essential? Those things that are absolutely necessary. Food, water, air, shelter. In some cases, medicine, machines, and fuel. And, in turn, the supply chains that get those things from origin to destination.

In hardship, priorities change because needs don't. To survive you must have the essentials. Thus, securing food becomes a higher priority than a piano lesson. But there is more to life than just surviving, as many know well. Art, music, literature, socialization, exercise, education, entertainment, and religion are some of those "extras" that allow people to thrive rather than just survive.

Our offering can fill a couple of those niches – education, socialization, exercise, and even religion – by providing our community with a safe, comfortable, and welcoming natural space. Countless research studies show positive effects of time spent in nature – it reduces stress and anxiety, it lowers blood pressure, boosts energy levels, decreases nearsightedness in children, mitigates pain, increases creativity, and boosts your immune system.

How can you help ACNC right now?

One quarantine side-effect that non-profits, small businesses, the self-employed, and other non-essential business are experiencing is a sudden and severe disappearance of income. Every one of those listed entities thanks you profusely for your support during this unprecedented time and new economy.

Through April 30, Audubon's projected loss of income tips the scales at just over \$15,000. The picture is much more bleak should the quarantines last into May and June. To offset that loss, ACNC has reduced energy overhead, stopped all non-essential purchasing, voluntarily reduced both staff hours and salaries, and has started working on creative offerings that fit within the new "normal" of social distancing. There is a still going to be a significant financial gap, and that's where we need your help.

- **Renew your membership early**, and consider upgrading your membership to a higher level — auduboncnc.org/memberships
- **Buy a gift membership** for a friend — auduboncnc.org/memberships
- **Donate** to the Annual Spring Appeal — auduboncnc.org/donate
- Set up an automatic monthly donation on your credit card — auduboncnc.org/donate
- **Buy gift certificates** for future programs or the Blue Heron Gift Shop — auduboncnc.org/shop
- **Volunteer**: there is a list of tasks that volunteers can do at home that will help ACNC programs in the future — auduboncnc.org/volunteer
- **Participate in one of the creative quarantine** solutions we have come up with.
- **Sponsor an animal** — auduboncnc.org/animaladvocates
- **Buy birdseed or other store merchandise** from our drive-thru store (call with a credit card number from the parking lot and we'll bring your order out to you) — auduboncnc.org/shop
- Visit us often, and **share your love of Audubon Community Nature Center** on social media so more people love us. Find us on Instagram and Facebook @auduboncommunitynaturecenter

Nature is going about it's business as normal. We can all find hope in that. This spring, bulbs will sprout, buds will form, and birds will sing. Nature continues to thrive all around us, and it reminds us that life will go on.

Stay safe, stay sane, and remember to spend time outside for your mental and emotional health.

May Programs

As of print, ACNC is hoping to offer programs again starting May 1. Regulations on social gatherings change regularly. **For the most up-to-date information about ACNC program offerings, please visit auduboncnc.org or call (716) 569-2345.**

Friday 1

First Friday (Adult)

Eastern Hellbenders: Ancient Salamanders

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Saturday 2

Bird Banding Demonstrations (All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

Also on May 9 and 16

7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Free; donations encouraged

No reservations required.

Birdathon (Birders and Donors)

Supporting the Ryan Exline Memorial Fund

Meet at 6:00 a.m.

Free to bird.

Donate at auduboncnc.org/donate

To pledge per species call (716) 569-2345.

Wednesday 6 + Saturday 9

Birding Series: Birds of Audubon

(Adult)

Wednesday, May 6: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 9: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

\$36 Adults

\$27 Nature Center members

Paid reservations required by May 4.

Thursday 7

Walking Meditation (Adult)

Also on June 4

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\$12 Adults; \$9 Nature Center members

Paid reservations requested by May 6.

Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.

Saturday 9

Bird Banding Demonstrations (All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

Also held on May 16

7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Walk on the Wildflower Side

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by May 7.

Program is sponsored by Univera Healthcare.

Wednesday 13 + Saturday 16

Birding Series: Warblers (adult)

Wednesday, May 13: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

\$36 Adults

\$27 Nature Center members

Paid reservations required by May 11.

Saturday 16

Bird Banding Demonstrations (All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Plant Exchange and Sale (All)

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

No reservations required.

Wednesday 20

Celebrate 'Warren Gives' with ACNC, AO, and Bent Run Brewing Co. (All)

*Bent Run Brewing Company
20 Clark St., Suite B, Warren, PA 16365*

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Paddle down the river down with Allegheny Outfitters.

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Celebrate 'Warren Gives' at Bent Run Brewing Company with Audubon. **WarrenGives.org**

Wednesday 20 + Saturday 23

Birding Series: Field Birds (adult)

Wednesday, May 20: 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 23: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

\$36 Adults

\$27 Nature Center members

Paid reservations required by May 18.

Friday 22

Yoga for Climate Grief (Adult+)

Hosted by Kara Bemis and Karen Hansen

Also on June 26

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Free; donations encouraged

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Saturday 23

Lost Words (Adult+)

Newt and Willow

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 9 – 15

Paid reservations required by May 21.

Friday 29 – Sunday 31

Allegheny Nature Pilgrimage (All)

Allegheny State Park, Camp Allegheny

\$35 Adults;

\$25 Nature Center members

\$20 student, \$5 Children 12 – 17

Free for children under 12

For more information, or to register, visit: alleghenynaturepilgrimage.com

Intended Audience Key

Adult = designed for adults

Adult + = designed for adults, mature, and interested children 9 and up when accompanied by an adult.

All = Something for everyone, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Children = designed for kids — drop them off and pick them up later.

June Programs

Thursday 4

Walking Meditation (Adult)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\$12 Adults; \$9 Nature Center members

Paid reservations requested by May 6.

Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.

Friday 5

First Friday (Adult)

Local Treasures

11:00 a.m. – noon

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Saturday 6

Fairy House Make-and-Take (All)

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

\$10 Adults

\$7.50 Nature Center members

\$7.50 Children 3 – 15

Paid reservations required by June 3.

Walk-ins accepted if room, call for availability.

Water Chestnut Pull (Adults)

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. registration

9:00 a.m. – noon Work Party

Volunteers Needed

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Saturday 6 + 13 + 20

MAPS Bird Banding Demonstration

(All)

Nature Center Pavilion at West Entrance

6:00 a.m. – noon

Free; donations encouraged

No reservations required.

If weather is inclement, the nets are not

opened.

Thursday 11

Give Big CHQ

www.givebigchq.org

Friday 12

Jen's Farewell Party (All)

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

No reservations required.

Saturday 13

Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Decomposition Detectives

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by June 11.

Program is sponsored by Univera Healthcare.

Saturday 20

International Day of Yoga (All)

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Free to attend yoga events.

Lost Words (Adult+)

Wren and Dandelion

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 9 – 15

Paid reservations required by June 18.

Summer Solstice Bonfire (All)

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$6 Adults; \$2 Children 3 – 15;

free 2 and under

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Wednesday 24

Summer Fun at Ellicottville Brewing

Company at Chautauqua (All)

57 Lakeside Dr, Bemus Point, NY 14712

4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Reservations not required, all are welcome.

Friday 26

Yoga for Climate Grief (Adult+)

Hosted by Kara Bemis and Karen Hansen

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Free for participants, donations encouraged.

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

Monday 29

International Mud Day (All)

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.



Audubon Exclusives

These special events and services are offered as fundraisers by ACNC staff, volunteers, members, and friends. Please consider supporting Audubon by participating in one of these opportunities, or by purchasing the experience as a gift!

To see what exclusives are currently available and to reserve, visit auduboncnc.org/exclusives or call (716) 569-2345

Program Registration

- Online at auduboncnc.org
- Phone: **(716) 569-2345**
- By mail with credit card information or a check payable to ACNC
Audubon Community Nature Center
1600 Riverside Road,
Jamestown, NY, 14701

Refund Policy

- If ACNC cancels the program, participants receive full refunds.
- If the program is suspended due to forces outside of ACNC's control, registrations may be transferred to a gift certificate, or refunded, less a \$5 processing fee.
- If a participant cancels **before** the deadline, a refund, less a \$5 processing fee, will be made.
- If a participant cancels **after** the deadline, no refund will be made, but ACNC still needs to know of your cancellation.

Note: Programs may be cancelled if there are not enough registered. Register early to ensure the class fills. Some programs have limited enrollment.

Grants

Recorded between September 4, 2019 and February 27, 2020

Carnahan Jackson Foundation

\$20,000 — Operating and Programmatic Support

Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance

\$4,000 — ACNC Rapid Response Water Chestnut Removal within the Chautauqua Lake Watershed

Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Blossom Fund

\$1700 — Discovery Room Lighting Improvements

Community Foundation of Warren County

\$1000 — Updated Computer for Education Coordinator

Hultquist Foundation

\$15000 — Operating and Programmatic Support

Jessie Smith Darrah Fund

\$10000 — Operating and Programmatic Support

Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation

\$15,000 — ACNC Sky Room Improvements



Young visitors to the Nature Center observing Red-eared Slider in the Discovery Room.

Memorials and Honoraria

Recorded between September 4, 2019 and February 27, 2020

In Memory of Terry Ashbaugh

Ken and Susie McKay

In Memory of Merle Caldwell

Patti and Tim Dipenti
Marjorie Neel

In Memory of Eric J. Carlson

Patricia LaMancuso

In Memory of Don Christopherson

Gail and Judy Jessop

In Memory of Anita Cooney

Francis and Nancy Cote
Susan Guenther
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Hot Heads Salon
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Jennifer Schlick
Merle Szydlo
Diana and Michael Zubrzycki

In Memory of Don and Brita Dorn

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Cathie and Charlie MacKenzie
Marjorie Neel
Chase and Mary Putnam
Ann Ziki

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In Memory of David Hatfield

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In Memory of Larry Ingerson

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In Memory of Larry N. Johnson

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In Memory of David Kolassa

Ron and Jan Bouquin

In Memory of Richard Larson

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Sherry Jacobson
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In Memory of John and Nancy Luensman

Judy Luensman and Gail Perales

In Memory of John M. Lundin and in Honor of his Family

George S. Lundin

In Memory of Frank A. Marcello

Joan M. Marcello

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Reg and Louise Boutwell

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In Memory of Steve Taylor

Donna and Mark Hampton

In Memory of Madelyn Wellington

Kay Stahlman

In Memory of William "Bud" Wigley

Linda and Todd Anderson
David and Patricia Howard
Alfred McCray Family
Carolyn Wigley and Family
Craig and Julie Wigley
Mary Lou Wigley

In Memory of Jason M. Williams

Joan M. Marcello

In Honor of Reg "Poppop" Boutwell

Audrey Vinton

In Honor of Jennifer Pierce's Birthday

Carol Miller
Loretta Smith

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Daniel Courtine

In Honor of Ed and Lillian Speakman

Anonymous

In Honor of Rose Stark

Donald and Karen Adams Ray

In Honor of Betsy Anne Vinton and her family

Reg and Louise Boutwell

Annual Fund Donors

Donations made between September 4, 2019 and February 27, 2020

\$2000

Anonymous

\$1000

Brian J. Abbott
Sokolski Family Fund

\$251 – \$500

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\$151 – \$250

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\$10 – \$49

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Day Camp Status

ACNC is hopeful that summer will ease everyone back into a normal routine. Audubon is still planning Day Camps, though the availability of those and how they are held may vary if COVID-19 is still a threat. If you've already signed up for camps, thank you!

If you're thinking of signing up the children in your life for a session, rest assured that we will offer the safest and highest quality camp we are allowed. These camps provide incredible experiences for children, which is more important now than ever before.

Should camps be cancelled, those registered may receive a full refund or may transfer to camps later in the summer. In the meantime, please get outside and experience the natural world with your family.



Day Campers taking a break in the shade on top of Tank, the giant concrete turtle.

Water Chestnut Rapid Removal Assistance for Local Property Owners

ACNC received funding from the Chautauqua Lake and Watershed Management Alliance (CLWMA). These funds support staffing and materials needed to assist property owners within the Chautauqua Lake Watershed with the removal of Water Chestnut, an aquatic invasive species, during the summer of 2020.

ACNC's ability to provide rapid removal assistance is limited based on the availability of staff, in addition to the funding that has been made available through the CLWMA grant. Prioritization for assistance will be based on the level of infestation reported and the availability of ACNC staff.

Water Chestnut plants typically start emerging in May, and they are most prevalent from June through August.

For more information on how to identify Water Chestnut, how to report it, and how to request rapid removal assistance from ACNC, please visit: auduboncn.org/invasive-species-management



ACNC Staff members removing Water Chestnut from a pond.

Check Yourself

An increase in temperature means it is time to keep an eye out for ticks. These eight-legged arachnids have flat teardrop-shaped bodies and are looking for a meal. There are several common ticks in the northeastern United States, including the Deer (or Blacklegged) Tick, Lone Star Tick, and American Dog Tick. They can be in fields, forests, or yards and they use their front legs to attach to clothing as you brush by.



A Lone Star Tick patiently waiting to grab on to a host. Photo by Lisa Zins.

Since ticks can spread bacteria and viruses when they bite, it's important to do a thorough tick check after being outside in warmer weather, even if you were only in your backyard. Ticks are small so look carefully, especially in warm parts of the body and in folds such as the underarms.

Putting permethrin on clothes can kill ticks that crawl onto your clothing; just make sure you read the directions carefully. There are several other insect repellents that have the potential to deter ticks for a short period of time as well. No chemical is guaranteed to keep ticks off of you, your children, or your pets while being outdoors, which is why doing tick checks is so important.

If you do find an embedded tick, safely pull them out as soon as possible. Monitor the bite for any rashes or the classic bullseye that points to Lyme Disease. Ticks transmit other diseases as well, so keep an eye on any other atypical symptoms following a tick bite.

How is ACNC responding to COVID-19 and the restrictions put in place?

First, public safety is our primary concern. Programs and events have been suspended through April 30, 2020 and the restrooms are closed until the threat has largely passed. We continue to update our practices as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. These can be found at auduboncnc.org.

ACNC trails remain open to the public. Time spent outdoors with your family is one of the best things that you can do right now for your mental and emotional health. We have posted guidelines at the trail kiosk and online to help you stay as safe as possible while visiting.



- Visits to ACNC should be solitary or with small family groups. Please do not encourage large gatherings of people to meet.
- Keep at least six feet of distance between you and others at all times.
- Avoid activities where you may come in close contact with other people. This includes the Nature Play Area at this time.
- Please limit your time in the Nature Play Area so that all have a chance to play.
- Use caution when climbing on Tank (the turtle) and Sara (the salamander). The surfaces are only as clean as the last person who climbed on them.
- Stay home if you do not feel well.
- Stay home if you are over 70 and/or from a vulnerable population.

Bird Seed

Conewango Blend is a specially-mixed seed that was created by a team of local birders. It is rich with black oil sunflower seed and also includes canary seed, millet, corn, safflower seed, and sunflower hearts. The goal is to attract many different birds without wasting seed. This mix is available in the Blue Heron Gift Shop at ACNC.



You can also find Conewango Blend year round at the following locations:

- Ashville General Store, *Ashville, NY*
- Chautauqua Book Store, *Chautauqua, NY*
- Howe's True Value, *Warren, PA*
- Lakewood Apothecary, *Lakewood, NY*
- Lighthouse Point Grocery, *Mayville, NY*
- Oneida Lumber, Ace Hardware, *Warren, PA*
- Russell Veterinary Hospital, *Russell, PA*
- Wegmans, *Jamestown, NY*

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Dear, Dear, Deer

Jeff Tome Senior Nature Educator

Deer are one of the largest and most common animals that most people see. They can be found nibbling on garden plants in the city or running through the forest in the country. They are herbivores, eating a diet that almost entirely consists of plant material. In the spring and summer, fresh green growth is preferred. Their diets shift to branches, buds, and bark in the winter months, while they will occasionally dig through shallow snow to access dormant grass.

It is not hard to find someone who has had trouble with deer eating too much in their gardens, but did you know that they can also eat too much in the forest? Trees, shrubs, and wildflowers all suffer when there are too many deer in the forest.

As deer munch through a forest, parts of that forest disappear. Tasty wildflowers become harder to find. Young trees are nibbled off before they can grow. Ferns, which deer do not like to eat, become increasingly common.

A fence can make a big difference, as many gardeners know. While deer can jump over an eight-foot fence, they frequently are held at bay by a five-foot fence. Double fences, one fence

about two feet from a second fence, provides a depth perception barrier that deer usually avoid. Visit Audubon to see where fences were put up to keep the deer out of small sections of the forest. The difference in the forest is noticeable, especially in the spring and early summer.



Top: Deer change the shape of the forest by eating the plants they love. A forest with too many deer becomes filled with plants that the deer do not like to eat. Photo by Jeff Tome.

Bottom: Fawns have spots to help them hide on the sun-dappled forest floor. If you see one, leave it alone. Mom will be back to care for the fawn later. Photo by Jeff Tome.

Fawn Coloring Sheet



Fawns have spots to help them hide on the sun-dappled forest floor. If you see one, leave it alone. Mom will be back to care for the fawn later.

Color the fawn below to help keep it camouflaged on the forest floor.





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Unfurling Fern Photo by Jeff Tome.