



# Audubon Community Nature Center

*The connection begins with you.*

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The bi-monthly newsletter of ACNC,  
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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## Nature Center Hours

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Saturday  
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sunday

Trails are open from dawn to dusk.

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## Executive Director's Desk

Leigh Rovegno

Dear Members and Friends,

Summer has come and gone, but fall is on its way bringing with it the beauty of fall leaves, and the fullness of a grateful heart. Audubon Community Nature Center is grateful for our over 250 volunteers who dedicate their time to making ACNC such an incredibly rich community center. From weeding the gardens, to reading through financial spreadsheets, our volunteers dedicate endless hours to help keep the organization running smoothly. Together, we're "growing" the community by investing in real relationships, from person to person, and person to nature. Thank you.

Historically, ACNC has recognized volunteer hour milestones at our annual dinner in September which also marks the end of our fiscal year. This year, the volunteer recognition ceremony will be moved to the spring to be a part of the Volunteer Breakfast, and in September we will be celebrating New Year's Eve at Audubon!

I hope you can join us to help recognize what we've accomplished together in the 2018–19 fiscal year, and to share our 'resolutions' for the coming year ahead. We have so much to be grateful for, and so much to look forward to.

Thank you as always, for creating real and healthy connections to nature by being a part of the Audubon community.

I look forward to seeing you 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 September – October newsletters.

### 1959

“Henry Raistrick reports seeing two Northern Phalarope on Chautauqua Lake. This is the first time, to our knowledge, that these birds have been seen on the lake.”

**1969** *At this time the newsletter was called “The Chat”*

“The next regular meeting of the Jamestown Audubon Society will be held at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alexander at East Randolph. Plan to attend and bring your friends. As usual, bring a tureen, table, chairs and table service.”

### 1979

“Work has started on the new trail around the Big Pond... resulting in a 1¾ mile walk around the Big Pond. The walkway will be located far enough back from the shore line to prevent disturbance of wildlife on the pond.”

### 1989

“Newcomers and old timers alike turned out in impressive numbers for our Fall Festival and Nature Art Show considering the downpour, which persisted until after lunch! Visitors were met by a sign marking the site of the future addition to our nature interpretive building, and a wallchart inside on the fireplace noted the sizeable sum received to date.”

### 1999

“Our seamstresses will be joined in September by a kindergarten class to celebrate the completion of beautiful new fabric tails for use in our Tails of Tales program for kindergarten classes.”

### 2009

“Little Explorers: To be a Naturalist: A naturalist loves nature. She loves learning about it, seeing it, feeling it, even collecting it. A naturalist is gentle, curious, passionate and aware. Most of all, a naturalist shares that with others. In memory of a naturalist friend, Karen (Balderi), we will learn all about a naturalist’s tools and how to use them.”

## Board Officers (through September 30)

<i>Board Chairman</i> .....	John Beard
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## Board of Directors (through September 30)

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## Nature Center Staff

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<i>Building and Grounds</i> .....	Terry LeBaron

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<i>Photo Club</i> .....	John Brustrom Karen Christy
<i>Publicity</i> .....	Pat Brininger
<i>Roadside Cleanup</i> .....	Denny Anderson
<i>Wild 5K</i> .....	Jeff Rupp
<i>Thanksgiving with the Birds</i> .....	Janet Forbes Alan Brown

## Volunteer Highlight

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.

## Invasive Species at Audubon

Audubon had a great summer staff to pull invasive species under the intrepid leadership of Chloe Petry. The amount of Water Chestnut pulled was at an all time low, which is great news. Unfortunately, there have been reports of Water Chestnut invading other local water bodies.

Phragmites is another invasive plant of concern. It took root at ACNC along the natural gas well a few years ago. Twenty-seven plants were removed this year. It was also found last year in Big Pond, but was not present this year. The NYS Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management reports that it drowns in deeper water. The beaver-induced flooding on Big Pond may have killed the Phragmites in some locations, but Audubon is continuing to monitor that location.

In past years, Audubon has found and pulled small patches of other invasive plants, such as Purple Loosestrife and Yellow Iris. Fewer of these two invasive plants have been seen on the property this year. Volunteers have helped to pull Garlic Mustard and continue pulling honeysuckle.

Audubon's ash trees near the road have succumbed to the invasive Emerald Ash Borer. The ash trees in the Grisez Arboretum are inoculated to protect them from the borers. Those in Audubon's forests, so far, have remained unaffected.



*Water Chestnut.* Photo by Audubon Staff.



*Phragmites.* Photo by Speifensender.

## Hunting Season Safety

The mild weather and changing colors make fall a wonderful time to adventure outside. Fall is also prime hunting season. Below are some precautions hikers can take to continue to enjoy the outdoors safely.

**Know the season.** Hunting seasons vary by area. Check with state conservation agencies for a full listing of dates for your region. The number of hunters increases during regular White-tailed Deer season so be sure to at least know those dates.

**Know the area.** Learn where hunting is allowed and where it is prohibited. If you don't feel comfortable being outdoors where people may be hunting, visit areas that don't allow hunting (such as Audubon).

**Wear bright clothing.** Wearing a bright orange hat, vest, or jacket makes you more visible to hunters. Don't forget to protect your dog too.

**Make noise.** Whistle, sing, or talk to make your presence known. If you do hear shooting, raise your voice to alert hunters of your presence.

# Programs and Events

## September – October 2019



## Enchanted Forest (All)

Friday and Saturday  
October 4 and 5, 2019  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.\*

\$12 Adults  
\$9 Nature Center Members  
\$6 Children 3 – 15  
Free Children 2 and under

*Group rates not available.  
\*Paid reservations required. No tickets sold  
at the door. No refunds. Limited enrollment.*

**Special Information:**  
*Halloween costumes welcome! Dress for the  
weather; program happens rain or shine. Long  
pants, long-sleeved shirts, closed-toe shoes,  
and insect repellent are recommended. These  
precautions help protect you from biting insects  
such as mosquitoes.*

On this enchanted evening, animals have the ability to speak human language and communicate with visitors. You can follow luminary-lit trails to meet them after starting at a backyard campfire.

This magical, non-scary event is designed for children and their adults. Talking animals engage your imagination, maybe make you laugh, and teach you something about wildlife in the region. Stay for crafts and snacks as you explore the Nature Center after your walk. For an additional \$3, you can also get a Fun Patch, perfect for scouts or others looking for a fun way to learn and experience the event.

*Walks start at 6:00 p.m. and go out  
every 10 minutes. Each walk last  
about 45 minutes. The last walk  
starts at 8:00 p.m. (sunset is  
approximately 6:45 p.m.)*

*Audubon members at the Family  
level and higher may reserve  
starting August 1.*

*Registration opens to all  
on September 9.*

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## Friday 6

### First Friday (Adult)

Topic to be Announced

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.

As of newsletter pressing, the speaker was not determined. Look for information in the newspaper, at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org), on Facebook, or Instagram.

**Special Information:** Bring a brown bag lunch to share afterward and enjoy the company of the speaker and fellow participants.

## Tuesday 10

### Volunteer Orientation (Adult+)

Also held on September 14. Select either session.

10:00 a.m. – noon

Free

Reservations required by September 8.

Thinking of volunteering at Audubon? This orientation will help you decide.

ACNC will present general information about volunteering along with current and upcoming volunteer needs. Opportunities exist inside and outside, in all departments, and for tasks of varying skill levels; buildings and grounds, office work, reception desk, working with children, education for adults, outreach, and more.

**Special Information:** Dress for the weather. Tour will include indoor and outdoor spaces. Optional BYO lunch and stay for more conversation.



## Saturday 14

### Volunteer Orientation (Adult+)

Also held on September 10. Select either session.

10:00 a.m. – noon

Free

Reservations required by September 10.

See Tuesday 10 listing for more details.

### Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

Snakes and Turtles

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

\$6 Children 3 – 8

Paid reservations required by September 12.

Autumn is a time when cold-blooded animals are getting ready for hibernation. Learn more about snakes and turtles, what they're doing this time of year, and visit with some live ones.

After a lesson inside, head outside to see how many of these reptiles are hanging around Audubon. This program includes a lesson followed by outdoor exploration, and a snack.

**Special Information:** This program takes place rain or shine, please dress for the weather.

## Monday 23

### ACNC New Year's Eve Party (Adults) Celebration and Annual Business Meeting

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

\$15 per person, water and soft drinks provided. Cash bar for beer/wine

Paid reservations required by September 16.

New Year's Eve in September? Audubon's fiscal year ends on September 30, so staff and volunteers are celebrating the "new" year a little early at a seemingly unconventional time. Join ACNC for a casual evening set to include food and beverages as everyone reflects on the 2018–19 year, shares "resolutions" for the year ahead, and wraps up end-of-the-year elections.

*This event was known as the "Annual Dinner" which included the business meeting, celebration dinner, and the recognition of volunteer hours. Please note that the volunteer recognition will take place at the Volunteer Breakfast in the spring. Keep logging those hours, and the staff hopes you can join them for both events!*

## Program Registration

- Online at [auduboncnc.org](http://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

Keep in mind, a program may be cancelled if there are not enough people registered. Register early to ensure the class fills up. Some programs have limited enrollment.

## Refund Policy

- If Audubon Community Nature Center cancels the program, students receive full refunds.
- If a student cancels **before** the deadline, a refund, with \$5 withheld as a processing fee, will be made.
- If a student cancels **after** the deadline, no refund will be made, but we still need to know of your cancellation.



## Owl Adaptations

Margaret Foley, *Nature Educator*

Owls are amazing aerial hunters. Like other birds of prey, owls have sharp talons and beaks that are perfect for catching small rodents and birds. Unlike other birds of prey, who hunt primarily during the day, most owls are nocturnal, which means they hunt primarily at night.

In order to be successful night hunters, owls have a number of adaptations that help them move silently in the dark. Owl feathers, for example, are designed for stealthy flight. The edge of each flight feather is fringed, which muffles the sound of air and softens the flow of air as it moves over the wings.

Owls also have an excellent sense of hearing. A ring of feathers around their face (called a facial disc) funnels sounds into the owls' ears. Some owls even have asymmetrical ears. With one ear located higher than the ear on the opposite side of the head, owls are able to pinpoint the exact locations of their prey.

Like humans, owls have eyes in the front of their heads instead of on the side of their heads. This helps owls figure out how far away their food is with accurate depth perception. Owls can't move their eyes in their eye sockets, but they are able to turn their head 270 degrees to follow their prey.



**Top-Right:** Eastern Screech Owl. Photo by Audubon Staff; **Middle-Right:** Barred Owl, rotating its head. Photo by Andrea Benedetti; **Bottom:** Barn Owl in silent flight. Photo by Kadellar.

# Owl Coloring Sheet

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Barred Owls fly gracefully through dense woods. They are white in color with dark greyish-brown to yellow-orange striping.



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## Friday 4

### First Friday (Adult)

*The Truth About Beavers*

11:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 Adults

\$6 Nature Center members

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Beavers were nearly extirpated from New York in the early 1800's. Learn about how they've made a comeback. This program will discuss beaver biology and the many benefits that beavers provide. Learn about the history of beaver management in New York State and how landowners can manage beaver on their property.

Jen Pettit is a Wildlife Biologist with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation out of the Region 9, Allegany office. Jen is responsible for managing furbearer and small game mammal populations in the region.

**Special Information:** *Bring a brown bag lunch to share afterward and enjoy the company of the speaker and fellow participants.*



## Friday 4 (continued)

### Enchanted Forest (All)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.\*

\$12 Adults; \$9 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

*Group rates not available.*

*Paid reservations required. No tickets sold at the door. No refunds. Limited enrollment.*

See page 4 for more details.

## Saturday 5

### Roadside Cleanup Volunteer Opportunity (Ages 12+)

8:30 a.m. – noon

Free

*Reservations appreciated, walk-ins welcome.*

Every little piece of trash makes a difference when it comes to keeping nature healthy. You can help nature and Audubon by volunteering to collect trash along Route 62 for the autumn roadside cleanup.

Snacks are provided for breaks and afterward. Volunteers ages 12 – 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Special Information:** *Meet at the Nature Center. If you have your own gloves you can bring them but ACNC has plenty to borrow. Wear closed-toed shoes and dress for the weather.*

*This event takes place rain or shine, cancelled if weather is severe.*

*Please register to stay informed.*

### Enchanted Forest (All)

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.\*

\$12 Adults; \$9 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 15; free 2 and under

*Group rates not available.*

*Paid reservations required. No tickets sold at the door. No refunds. Limited enrollment.*

See page 4 for more details.

## Saturday 12

### Fall Birdseed Sale Pick Up

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

*Orders are due by Thursday, September 19.*

Give your feathered friends a mid-fall treat and stock up on their favorite birdseed at a special price. When you pick up your seed on October 12, volunteers load it into your car. You also receive a 10% discount on all merchandise, including a variety of bird feeders and nest boxes, in the Blue Heron Gift Shop on that day.

**Special Information:** *If you cannot pick up your order on October 12, please call us ahead of time.*

### Little Explorers (Children 3 – 8 with an adult)

#### Falling Leaves

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

\$8 Adults; \$6 Nature Center members  
\$6 Children 3 – 8

*Paid reservations required by October 10.*

Leaves come in so many shapes and sizes and this time of year is the perfect time to collect and study them. You might investigate holes, compare shapes and sizes, and notice which leaves turn colors and which don't.

This month Little Explorers will learn all about leaves and what makes them so important in nature. After a lesson inside, head outside to see how many different leaves are falling around Audubon and collect some to make a craft. This program includes a lesson followed by outdoor exploration, and a snack. If time and weather allow, a craft is included.

**Special Information:** *This program takes place rain or shine, please dress for the weather.*

### 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.

## Deer Survey Update

Visitors to Audubon may have noticed large groups of White-tailed Deer, an abundance of deer trails and few wildflowers. There is a great deal of evidence that Audubon's deer population is high. But what does that really mean?

For the past three years, Audubon has conducted a deer pellet and browse survey to better understand the impact of White-tailed Deer on the property. While deer are a natural part of forest habitats, an overabundance of deer is a threat to the forest. As herbivores, deer eat vegetation including young trees and shrubs, and wildflowers. Too many deer decrease diversity, reduce cover for nesting ground birds, and inhibit the forest's ability to regenerate. A high deer population can also lead to undernourished and unhealthy deer.

Using similar methods as the U.S. Forest Service, the survey uses the number of deer pellets found at predetermined plots to calculate the density of deer (yes, surveyors are counting poop.) In the past three years, the average deer density at Audubon was found to be 36 deer per square mile.

While an exact deer density number for a healthy forest is debatable, two examples help put this number in perspective:

1. In research done in a northern hardwood forest, it was determined that the threshold for deer density before negative effects on the forest occurred was 20 deer per square mile. (Horsley, Stout and deCalesta 2003).
2. The management goal for the Kinzua Quality Deer Cooperative is 10 – 15 deer per square mile.

As stewards of the land, Audubon's Land Use Management Committee continues to have conversations and to investigate how to manage the property to support both healthy deer and healthy habitats.



White-tailed Deer. Photo by Dave Cooney.



## Spatterdock Bridge Repairs

On Saturday, March 31, Audubon held a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in support of raising the deck of Spatterdock Bridge.

Over the years, the bridge has sunk deeper into the marsh, making it prone to flooding in the wet seasons. This made the bridge especially dangerous for hikers in the winter as ice would build up on the path.

The bridge has been raised, rotten boards have been replaced, new tar paper has been added for better traction, and the bench on the platform has been replaced and painted. The project will continue next year to replace the remaining support boards on the second half of the bridge.

Thank you to those who attended the dinner to fund the project. Additional thanks to the volunteers who put in their time and hard work to get the job done.

Terry LeBaron and volunteers working on raising Spatterdock Bridge. Photo by Audubon Staff.

## Audubon Exclusives

These are fundraising events and services offered by staff, board, volunteers, and friends. Don't miss out on these upcoming exclusives:

### Up Close and Personal with Pennsylvania Elk

Three consecutive days to be determined by purchaser and trip coordinator, between late September and late October. \$900 for a group of six. Reserve by September 1.

### Fall Garden Clean Up or Garden Consultation

Date and time to be scheduled at the time of purchase. \$250 per clean up or consultation. Limited availability.

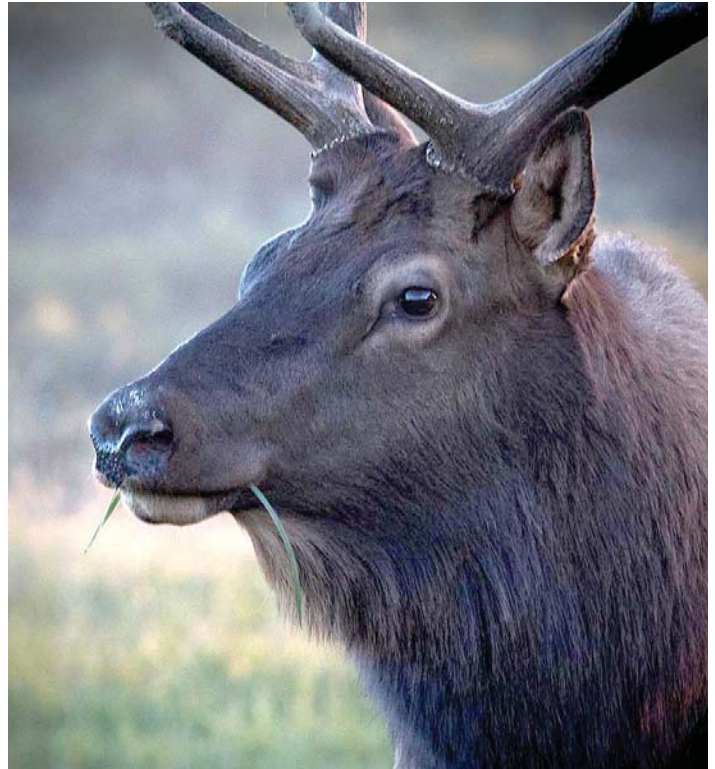
### Kinzua Dam and Allegheny National Fish Hatchery

An early Saturday in October, date to be determined. \$45 Adults; \$45 Children aged 9+. Optional lunch \$10.

### October 23 — A Night on the Town With Audubon

4:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Drafthouse  
707 Pennsylvania Ave. E., Warren, PA  
*Reservations not required.*

Visit [auduboncnc.org/exclusives](http://auduboncnc.org/exclusives) to reserve, for the most up-to-date information, and additional opportunities.



Bull Elk. Photo by Deb Lanni.

## New Offering: Audubon Escape Room for Kids



Escape Rooms Jamestown has teamed up with Audubon Community Nature Center to create a unique Escape Room experience in the Nature Center!

The Audubon Escape Room is designed for children ages 8–12, but all ages are welcome to participate.

Please visit [auduboncnc.org/scheduleaprogram](http://auduboncnc.org/scheduleaprogram) for more information on this exclusive opportunity that will be available starting in late October.

Learn more about Escape Rooms Jamestown at: [escaperoomsjamestown.com](http://escaperoomsjamestown.com)



Search for clues and solve puzzles throughout the Nature Center to rescue the fledgling Screech Owl before time runs out.

### Toboggan Hill Farm CSA Produce Pick Up Reminder

Pick up on Fridays from late May through October, 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information and to purchase your produce share, please contact Mike and Donna at [tobogganhillfarm@gmail.com](mailto:tobogganhillfarm@gmail.com) or (716) 326-2060.

## Why Volunteer?

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give back to the community. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Furthermore, it's a way to meet like-minded people and build relationships.

ACNC volunteers contribute nearly half of all hours worked at the Nature Center. If you already volunteer, thank you. If you are thinking about volunteering, orientation programs are scheduled for September 10 and 14.

### Ongoing Volunteer Positions

These opportunities happen regularly throughout the year. You can choose how often you participate.

- **Buildings and Grounds** — Tuesdays and Thursdays, weekly
- **Mailing Committee** — One Thursday morning every other month for the newsletter, additional dates for other mailings

### Short-term Commitment

These opportunities happen one or two times per year. Here's what's coming up in September and October.

- **Roadside Cleanup** — October 5, clean up Audubon's section of Route 62, ages 12 and up
- **Enchanted Forest** — October 4 and 5, jobs including actors, refreshments, guides, set-up, clean-up, etc.
- **Birdseed Pick-up** — October 12, load birdseed into customer's cars, ability to lift up to 40 pounds (or assist someone with that lift)

### Long-term Commitment

These jobs require people who are willing to invest time in learning and commit to at least six months to the volunteer position.

- **Animal Feeder** — Wednesdays, weekly, feeding usually takes about three hours, ages 16 and up
- **Animal Tank Cleaner** — Weekly schedule is flexible, ages 16 and up
- **Receptionist** — Every other weekend (Saturday 9:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sunday 12:45 – 4:30 p.m.)

## Volunteer Hours

*270 volunteers (including 34 RSVP volunteers) logged 5,805 hours from January through June 2019.*

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### Birdseed Sale

Orders for the Fall Birdseed Sale are due by **Thursday, September 19.**

Order at [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org), use the birdseed sale form and send by mail or call. Pick up your seed at the Nature Center on **Saturday, October 12**

from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Conewango Blend, every bird's favorite birdseed, is always available at ACNC. You can also find Conewango Blend all year long at:

- Anderon's Farm Market
- Ashville General Store, *Ashville, 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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*Black and yellow garden spider. Photo by Jeff Tome.*