

# Fall and Winter Programs

## Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> Night Hike and Owl Prowl

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

Join Audubon Education Program Manager, Ken Elkins, for an evening hike and learn how nocturnal creatures, especially owls, have adapted to life in the dark. We will also be listening for owls- possibly Great Horned or Barred, which are frequently heard each evening at sundown - and calling for Eastern Screech and Northern Saw-whet Owls using recordings and our own imitations. Please park at the entrance parking lot, be prepared for cold weather, and bring a flashlight for the hike back to your car. Rain or heavy cloud cover cancels. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Please call Ken to register at (203)264-5098.

## Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> All About Bald Eagles

9:00 am to 11:30 am

Join Education Program Manager, Ken Elkins, for a presentation on the life history of Bald Eagles. Learn about their controversial naming as a symbol of America and their recovery from the brink of extinction. After the presentation, we will carpool to Shepaug Dam to view the Bald Eagles wintering on the Housatonic River. Registration is limited so please call soon to get on the list! Cost is \$6 for members and \$10 for non-members.

## Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> Winter Weeds and More

1:00 pm-3:00 pm

What are winter weeds? They are the tough old skeletons of the plants that grew last summer. In many ways, their bare, minimalist winter structure is more elegant than their summer fullness. Plus, they're fun to try to puzzle out. Some, like milkweed, are easy. Others are more challenging. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Please call Ken to register at (203)264-5098.

## Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> All About Owls

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

January is mating season for the Great Horned Owls! Join Education Program Manager, Ken Elkins, for a fascinating look into the secret lives of owls. Ken will discuss the owls that make Connecticut their home and share with you his personal experiences with these amazing creatures. Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Please call Ken to register at (203)264-5098.

## Saturday, February 6, 2010 Bent of the River's Chocolate Dinner Westover School, Middlebury, CT

Come experience a complete dinner in chocolate sponsored by New Morning Natural and Organic! More information will be provided in future newsletters and on our website, [bentoftheriver.audubon.org](http://bentoftheriver.audubon.org).

## Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> All About Bald Eagles

9:00 am to 11:30 am

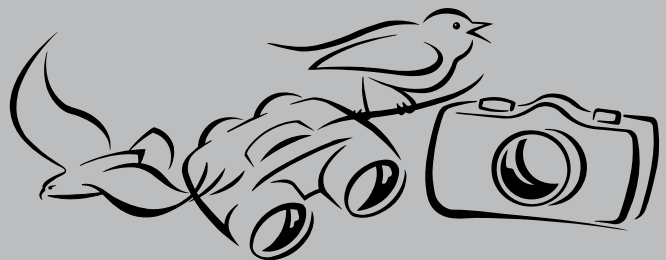
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## February 12-15 Great Backyard Bird Count

[www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)

Anyone can participate, from beginning bird watchers to experts. It takes as little as 15 minutes on one day, or you can count for as long as you like each day of the event. It's free, fun, and easy—and it helps the birds. Simply submit your observations online and see what birds other people have found in their yards in real time! You can also bring us your bird lists, and we'll submit them to the website for you.

Saturday, May 22, 2010



## Bent of the River Festival

This year's festival will include activities for all ages, a boxed picnic dinner and square dance in the Bent's historic barn. Visit our website for more details.

To register for any of the listed classes, please call Ken Elkins at (203)264-5098 ext.308 or e-mail him at [kelkins@audubon.org](mailto:kelkins@audubon.org). Sign up for our e-newsletter by emailing [bentoftheriver@audubon.org](mailto:bentoftheriver@audubon.org). Watch our website [bentoftheriver.audubon.org](http://bentoftheriver.audubon.org) for additions to our schedule!