



Rancocas Nature Center

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HOURS: Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. / Sunday, noon to 4:00 P.M. / Closed Mondays
CLOSINGS: Center closed for Christmas on Saturday, December 24, and Sunday, December 25,
and for New Year's on Saturday, December 31, and Sunday, January 1.

Staff:

Susan Buffalino, Sanctuary Director
Becky Laboy, Teacher-Naturalist
Kerri Sellers, Teacher-Naturalist
Diane Rothschild, Environmental Educator

Associate Naturalists:

Karl Anderson, Tom Bailey,
John Courtney, Sandra Keller,
Gary and Margie Lizzi, Steve Mattan,
and Lloyd Shaw.

Winter 2011-12 Programs

December through February

NJ AUDUBON BIRDSEED SALES

Orders due by November 26

**Pick up birdseed order on:
Saturday, December 10**

9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Orders due by February 25

**Pick up birdseed order on:
Saturday, March 10**

9:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Register in advance for all programs

SATURDAY NATURE EXPLORERS

**Saturdays, December 3,
January 7, and February 4**

1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

If it's the first Saturday of the month, you know it's time to head to the Rancocas Nature Center for an afternoon of exploration and surprises. Each monthly program explores a different theme that includes an informative introduction, a hands-on discovery hike, and an interactive activity. The excitement can be shared with your children or grandchildren, or you can drop off children (ages 6 and over) to participate on their own. Encourage an appreciation for the natural world and ensure that your

CONNECT WITH NATURE SERIES

RENDEZVOUS WITH RAPTORS Sunday, January 15

1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

Birds of prey (raptors) are an intriguing group of animals. Join the Rancocas staff and learn about the raptor species that are found in our area, their mating and nesting habits, and their food preferences. The afternoon will include indoor hands-on activities and a hike on the Rancocas State Park trails to search the forested habitats for a glimpse of a roosting raptor. Winter hikes offer a unique perspective on the natural world and unobstructed views of the meandering Rancocas Creek. Dress for the weather.

Cost: members, \$7 per person, \$15 per family; nonmembers, \$10 per person, \$21 per family.

children "grow up green."

Cost: members, \$7 per person for each session; nonmembers, \$10 per person for each session.

Become a New Jersey Audubon member and enjoy discounts on tours, events, and field trips at all NJ Audubon centers. Members also get a 10% discount at our Nature Stores (greater discount on optics).

MAPLE SUGARING Sunday, February 19

1:30 to 3:30 P.M.

What a tasty way to spend a winter afternoon! Bring the whole family and enjoy a program about maple sugaring, the oldest continuous industry in North America. Learn about the sugar maple tree and the history of maple sugaring, observe a tapping demonstration, and enjoy a maple syrup tasting. To ward off the chills, we'll have an old-fashioned campfire burning. Cost: members, \$7 per person, \$15 per family; nonmembers, \$10 per person, \$21 per family.

INTERPRETIVE TRAIL HIKE AT RANCOCAS

**Sundays, December 4,
January 8, and February 5**

1:00 to 2:00 P.M.

Join an NJ Audubon staff person or an associate naturalist for an interpretive hike through our varied habitats. It's a great way to become familiar with our well-maintained trails. Bring

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Center Focus *Seasons* offers a venue to extend our thanks. The nature center would not be the vibrant place it is without their help. Thank you to Joey Baran, Hedy Bauer, John and Marilyn Courtney, Katie Dole, Laura Edwards, Blake Elkins, Peggy Esposito, Bob Hall, Bill Holloway, Jean Jordan, Dave and John Lestino, Bob Lord, Steve Mattan, Mary and Bob Metrione, Ken Mitchell, Candy Myers, Abe Reuther, Diane Rothschild, Arline Spangler, Murray Stern, Laura Tanedo, Louise Tompkins, Mami Umemura, David White, Barbara Wiley, Bill Wiley, Al Wiley, and the Work Group.

This season, Rancocas would like to extend a special thank you to Bill and Al Wiley. With their very generous donation of their time and expertise, the Rancocas Utility Room is now a very workable space that can be used by staff, volunteers, and program participants. Thank you, Bill and Al! 