

# Connecticut Audubon Society Coastal Center at Milford Point

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## Autumn Owl Prowl

Fri., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m.

When the sun retreats, owls awaken with the night to go in search of prey. Some say that owls are wise, others that they sparked legends of ghosts. Whatever the truth, a night near All

Hallows Eve is a fine time to uncover the mysteries of these amazing nocturnal hunters. We'll learn about a few of the species that co-exist in our area, even carpool to a local park to try to call one in. It's a hoot! Fee: \$7 CAS Members (family max. \$21); \$14 Non-members (family max. \$42).

## SAVE THE DATES! SOLO Wilderness First Aid

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 10-11, 2009,  
9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
(Adult CPR possible.)

SOLO's 16-hour comprehensive introductory Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course is a must for outdoor enthusiasts. Using mock rescue scenarios, skilled instructors give participants hands-on experience with first aid and long-term patient care in the backcountry. WFA is recognized by the American Camping

Association, U.S. Coast Guard, various Guide and Connecticut Summer Camp Licensing Boards as meeting their first aid requirement, and is accepted as a recertification course for WFR (80-hour First Responder, for a nominal additional

fee). Payment in full is due upon registration; please register early. Fee: \$189, includes lunch and snacks (\$100 is non-refundable). There is an additional fee for Adult CPR training; please inquire if interested.



Take a guided tour of the Wheeler Salt Marsh (see p. 7).

# Connecticut Audubon Society Birdcraft Museum

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## Youth Programs

### Nature Nursery: Fabulous Fall

For children 2-3 years old accompanied by an actively participating adult. Wednesdays, 10-10:45 a.m.

Discover what's happening in, under and around the pond during fall. Many animals rely on our pond for food, shelter and a drink. Discover different ways animals and plants change with the seasons. Enjoy an outdoor exploration, museum visit or live animal presentation, stories and a craft to do together. Please wear appropriate outdoor attire and footwear. Advance registration required. Minimum enrollment required for program to run.

#### SCHEDULE

Sept. 24	Oct. 22
Oct. 1	Oct. 29
Oct. 8	Nov. 5
Oct. 15	Nov. 12

Single program fee (includes 1 child and 1 adult): CAS Members \$12, Non-members \$16. 8-program fee: CAS Members \$88, Non-members \$120.



Photo by Cameron Swallen

### Pre-School: Fall Frolics

For children 3-5 years old who are toilet-trained and can attend without an adult. Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Autumn wildflowers are blooming, leaves are turning colors and animals are on the move! We'll explore what animals and plants are doing as the seasons change. Each class includes an outdoor exploration, museum visit or live animal presentation, stories and a craft. Please wear appropriate outdoor attire and

footwear. Advance registration required. Minimum enrollment required for program to run.

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### Wild About Weather

For children enrolled in Grades K-2.

Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m.

Explore the ins and outs of weather. Can animals help predict the weather? Does it really "rain cats and dogs?" What do animals do when the weather changes? We'll uncover the answers to these questions through experiments, observations and hands-on activities as we discover the inner workings of cloud formation, raindrops, rainbows, tornados and more. Advance registration required. Minimum enrollment required for program to run.

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## Birdcraft Museum and Sanctuary's "Open House in Celebration of 110"

Sun., Sept. 7, 1-4 p.m.

Our celebration in Fairfield will pay tribute to Connecticut Audubon Society's history and its founder, Mabel Osgood Wright. Birdcraft was founded in 1914 by Mrs. Wright, it served as the original headquarters of Connecticut Audubon Society and it is the first (and oldest) private bird sanctuary in the U.S. Our Open House will be hosted by CAS staff and volunteers who will conduct guided tours of our 6-acre Birdcraft Sanctuary. You will also enjoy live bird demonstrations, lectures and games for children. Tea and cookies will be served. Free, but donations are always appreciated.

## Family & Adult Programs



A Black-throated Blue Warbler is held by a trained volunteer bird bander.

Wildlife Sanctuary. If it rains, we'll play some games inside. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an actively participating adult. Free, but donations are always welcome.

### Bird Carving

10 Mondays starting Oct. 6, 1-4 p.m. Learn the art of bird carving from Dave Farrington of Fairfield, an award-winning carver and teacher. You'll learn the basic techniques starting from the raw block of wood through feathering and painting. Tools and wood will be provided. There will be a small materials charge announced at the first class. Ten-program fee: CAS members \$100, Non-members \$160.

### Letterboxing 101

Sat., Oct. 11, 2-3 p.m. Learn the basics of letterboxing. Starting with a set of clues and using map-reading skills, we'll search for the letterbox that CAS staff has hidden that morning in the Birdcraft Sanctuary. Advance registration required. Fee: CAS Members \$9/person (family max. \$27), Non-members \$13/person (family max. \$39).

### Afternoon Adventures: Turkey Talk

Tues., Nov. 18, 4-4:30 p.m. This "Afternoon Adventures" drop-in program starts with a silly animal story. After our story we'll go on an exploration in search of animals in our 6-acre Wildlife Sanctuary. If it rains, we'll play some games inside. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an actively participating adult. Free, but donations are always welcome.

### Afternoon Adventures: Autumn Arrives

Tues., Sept. 23, 4-4:30 p.m. This "Afternoon Adventures" drop-in program starts with a silly animal story. After our story we'll go on an exploration in search of animals in our 6-acre