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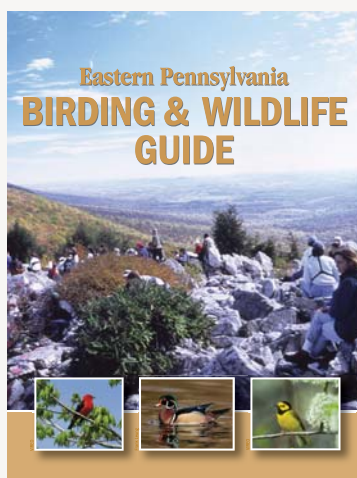
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Get Out and Enjoy!

New Birding and Wildlife Guide Now Available Free



Covering 13 counties, the guide features beautiful, full-color photographs and illustrations and gives a breakdown of important birding sites by county. Readers learn what species of birds and other wildlife may be seen at every site through the seasons. They also get details about the site itself, such as where to park and whether restrooms are available.

The book begins with an introduction by Pulitzer Prize finalist Scott Weidensaul that declares eastern Pennsylvania "a birding paradise." Weidensaul looks at the "giants of ornithology," that once walked the region, including John James Audubon and William Bartram.

"Mile for mile, the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers may be the most important waterways in the history of American bird study," asserts Weidensaul, the author of more than two dozen natural history books.

Guides will be available free of charge at selected parks, nature centers and birding sites while supplies last. They can also be ordered from the SRHA and the D&L at a cost of \$10 to cover shipping and handling. For a list of locations where the guide can be obtained, or to order a copy, visit the SRHA Web site at www.schuylkillriver.org, or the D&L Web site at www.delawareandlehigh.org.

Birders across the region have enthusiastically embraced the new Eastern Pennsylvania Birding and Wildlife Guide, which was released in May through a joint effort of the Schuylkill River Heritage Area, the Delaware and Lehigh National Corridor and the Lehigh Gap Nature Center.

The 130-page spiral-bound, full-color guide is available free upon request while supplies last at select eastern Pennsylvania birding sites and parks.

The book, funded in part through a Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources grant, was created through a partnership of the Schuylkill River Heritage Area (SRHA), Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor (D&L), National Parks Service and Lehigh Gap Nature Center.

"This book was written to answer one question: Where can I go birding?" explained Susan Fordyce, SRHA communications and projects manager who helped develop the guide. "It is intended to be user-friendly and interesting, not just for avid bird watchers, but to anyone wishing to spend some time with nature."



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