

**Stewardship Network  
Huron Arbor Cluster  
Stewards' Circle Notes  
January 12, 2010  
Birds and Restoration**

**Most critical things to consider when doing restoration to promote birds:**

- use native plants (best trees are Linden and Oaks)
- preserve large tracts of land
- promote insects
- create and foster native habitats
- know what you have – a good inventory is key!

**Good resources:**

- “Birdscaping in the Midwest” by Mariette Nowak
- “Bringing Nature Home” by Douglas Tallamy
- “Birding by Ear” Peterson Field Guide (Audio)
- <http://washtenawaudubon.org/>

**AVOID:**

- working in areas during nesting

**Upcoming events we might be interested in:**

<http://washtenawaudubon.org/fieldtrips.php>

**Bird House Workshop**

February 13, Saturday

Leslie House, Leslie Science & Nature Center – 1831 Traver Rd

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Are you thinking about putting up a birdhouse in your yard? Do you have a bird house already and wonder whether you need to do anything to prepare it for spring nesting? Natural Area Preservation and the Washtenaw Audubon Society are teaming up to cosponsor a seminar on birdhouse basics. Participants will learn about what types of birds might be interested in different types of nest boxes, how to build or purchase nest boxes, and how to place and care for them. Free. Call 734-794-6627 or email [nap@a2gov.org](mailto:nap@a2gov.org) for more information.

<http://www.macombaudubon.org/>

March 6, 2010

Birds, Bees and Blooms Symposium

An Elderwise Winter Program

At Cleary University, 3601 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Mi 48105

Phone: 734-332-4477; Email: [elderwise@cleary.edu](mailto:elderwise@cleary.edu) ; Online : [www.elderwise-semich.org](http://www.elderwise-semich.org) Open to the public, pre-registration required.

Getting to Know the Birds of Southeastern Michigan

Presenter: Dea Armstrong

Date: Wednesday, March 10

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Fee: Members \$5; Non-members \$10

Description: Dea Armstrong's presentation could as easily be titled  
How Bird Watching Can Improve Your Life and Help the Birds As Well.

This multi-media program will cover the ins and outs of how to move from simply liking birds to really taking time to get to know them. As a kind of Bird Watching 101 the class also will discuss how being part of a bird watching group can help conservation efforts. The Audubon Safe Passage Program will be a featured example. Dea Armstrong received her master's degree from the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan in 1998. That same year she began working with the Natural Area Preservation (NAP) group for the City of Ann Arbor and is still there today. Dea is passionate about birds and about opportunities for ecological conservation. In addition to her work with NAP, Dea is a continuing member of the board of the Washtenaw Audubon Society and she also serves as the Vice-president of the Scio Township Land Preservation Commission.

### [Breeding Bird Survey Kick-Off](#)

April 20, Tuesday

Leslie House, Leslie Science & Nature Center - 1831 Traver Rd.

7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

This is the night to sign up for your favorite park and pick up materials for our annual survey. Some experience in bird identification necessary. City Ornithologist Dea Armstrong will also report on the 2009 data and survey highlights. For more information about joining our Breeding Bird Survey or to register call our office by April 17th at 734.794.6627, or send us an email at [nap@a2gov.org](mailto:nap@a2gov.org).