

Wissahickon Nature Club

September 12, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Poisonous Plants, by Dianne Machesney. Vegetation helps sustain life. We eat a variety of plants every day. Some plants, however, are toxic to people. Dianne will teach us how to identify plants that are far from beneficial to humans. Learn about the plants that are toxic when ingested and those that cause dermatitis to sensitive humans merely by touch.



Water Hemlock by Dianne Machesney

Don't miss our next meeting. September 26, Wildbird Recovery, by Stacey Widenhofer. Rehabilitation centers are a vital link between wild animals and their habitat and the public. Veterinarians are permitted to provide supportive care to injured wild animals. Licensed rehabilitators give care and release animals back to the wild. Stacey will enlighten us about the world of a wildlife rehabilitation center.

Announcements

Treasurer's Report

According to Treasurer **Dianne**

Machesney:

Deposit dues	\$61.00
Disbursements:	
Mingo Picnic	\$86.04
Stamps	46.20
Printing	120.00
New Web site	123.77
Anti spam	18.00
Current Balance:	\$928.77

Annual Dues are Due in September

Individual \$7.00 Family \$10.00

Make checks payable to:
Wissahickon Nature Club

Mail to:

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105 Lindley Lane, Pittsburgh,
PA 15237-1805

Special Donations

For our next meeting, please donate an item from Wildbird Recovery's Wish List. <http://www.wildbirdrecovery.org>

Worth Repeating

If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men.

— [St. Francis of Assisi](#)

Bloggers

Chuck Tague Read the Nature Observer blog at <http://web.me.com/kingrail/Natureobserver/Welcome.html>

Kate St. John <http://www.wqed.org/birdblog/>

Tom Pawlesh www.blurb.com/bookstore/search?search=pawlesh&commit=Search

Steve Gosser <http://home.comcast.net/~sgosser/>

Cool Video; Hummingbird's Tongue

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/68897592>

Special Blast From The Past
from Nature Observer News, September 2001

Esther Allen's Wildflower Report: Bottle Gentians are early September bloomers. Fringed Gentians will come out a little later this month. Watch for a second surge in some summer wildflowers from now through early October. An interesting flower to look for is the Monkey Flower. This pale lilac flower has a shape and markings that suggest the face of a monkey. Some imagination is required. A good place to find Monkey Flowers is along the larger creeks at Raccoon State Creek Park. In general keep an eye open for Jerusalem Artichoke, Green-headed Coneflower, ironweed and Wingstem. Boneset blooms for a long time and will still be around. In fall it will be pinkish rather than white. Bouncing Bet will be bouncing for a while yet. Groundnut and Arrowhead will still be around.

Dont forget look for Swamp Rose Mallow at Moraine State Park. Canadian Burnet and Pinesap should be there also. Moraine is a good location for Ladies-tresses during September.

Some of the early asters such as White Wood Asters and Flat Top Asters are starting to come out as well as Sneezeweed, Turtlehead and Lance-leaved Goldenrod.

Wildbird Recovery

Special Event

September 22, Sunday, 2nd Annual
Fall Migration Festival
<http://www.wildbirdrecovery.org/fall-migration-festival>

Wildbird Recovery

Wish List

Here are a list of some other items that are always needed (the items marked with an * are specific brands/sizes that work best for us):

Cleaning Supplies

We have chosen these particular supplies because of the company's commitment to environmentally friendly practices as well as no testing on animals. It is a small request to make a huge difference.

- * Marcal small steps U-Size-It Paper towels
- * WISK laundry detergent
- * Blue Dawn dish detergent
- * Disinfecting wipes
- * White Vinegar
- Unscented facial tissue

Office Supplies

- printer paper
- envelopes
- stamps

Care Supplies

Thick Bath Towels (used ones are fine, with no holes or tears. The birds could get caught in those imperfections, potentially causing more damage)

- * Ceramic Bowls

Food

- * White Millet
- * ProPlan dry Kitten food
- * Whole Corn
- * Game Bird Maintenance
- * fresh and frozen berries (We love the frozen blueberries from Costco - they are tiny, which means we do not have to spend the time chopping them! We will accept any small victory!)
- * frozen corn
- * sunflower hearts
- * earthworms
- * waxworms
- * crickets
- * mealworms (In the summer we go thru tens of thousands per month!)
- Pedialyte (plain)
- mixed wild bird seed

**Medical/Veterinary
Supplies**

- Microscope
- otoscope/optholmascope
- sterile gauze pads 4x4 paper tape



Yew by Dianne Machesney