

# **Wissahickon Nature Club 75th Anniversary Picnic, June 11, 2016**

## **Mingo Creek County Park, Washington County, PA**

After a watchful week of dire weather forecasts for our Wissahickon Nature Club 75th Anniversary Picnic, when Picnic Day arrived the weather was gorgeous! The only rain was seemingly millions of cicadas flying hither and yon and serenading us throughout. Twenty-five club members and friends gathered at the newly-replaced Shelter 4 in Mingo Creek County Park for a pleasant day of conversation and a nature meander in the morning before it got too hot (90 degrees by afternoon). We were not diligent in listing species observed on our walk, but there were some good sightings around the shelter and along the trail to the pond. A good time was had by all! A special thank you to all who helped make our 75th anniversary a success! See you all in September when meetings start up again!

(Also thanks to all those who submitted pictures for the report: Donna Foyle, Monica Miller, Joanne Schreiber, Judy Stark, Suzanne Varley and Don Weiss. If anyone's photos were inadvertently omitted or wants to send photos for consideration to add, please let us know.)

## **Some Sightings of Note**

### **1) Birds**

- a) Cedar Waxwing flock
- b) Yellow-throated Warbler
- c) Louisiana Waterthrush
- d) Chestnut-sided Warbler
- e) Tufted Titmouse
- f) Catbird
- g) Wood Peewee
- h) Red-wing Blackbirds (including watching a female bathing in the creek)

### **2) Butterflies**

- a) Spicebush Swallowtail
- b) Tiger Swallowtail
- c) Cabbage White
- d) Summer Azure
- e) Little Wood Satyr
- f) Hackberry Emperor

- g) Silvery Checkerspot
- h) Red Admiral
- i) Meadow Fritillary
- j) Great Spangled Fritillary
- k) Silver-spotted Skipper
- l) Eastern Comma
- m) European Skipper
- n) Hobomok Skipper

### **3) Amphibians**

- a) American Toad

### **4) Mammals**

- a) Mole species (one alive, one dead)

### **5) Flowers/Plants**

- a) Meadow Salsify / Goatsbeard
- b) Cinnamon Fern
- c) Dames Rocket
- d) Oxeye Daisy
- e) Blue Vetch
- f) Poison Hemlock
- g) Yarrow
- h) Hop Clover
- i) Chicory
- j) Rough-fruited Cinquefoil

### **6) Insects**

- a) "Carl Sagan variety" 17-year Magicicada species ("Billions and billions..."); at least two species
- b) Gold-and-Brown Rove Beetle (on mole carcass)
- c) Margined Carrion Beetle (on mole carcass)