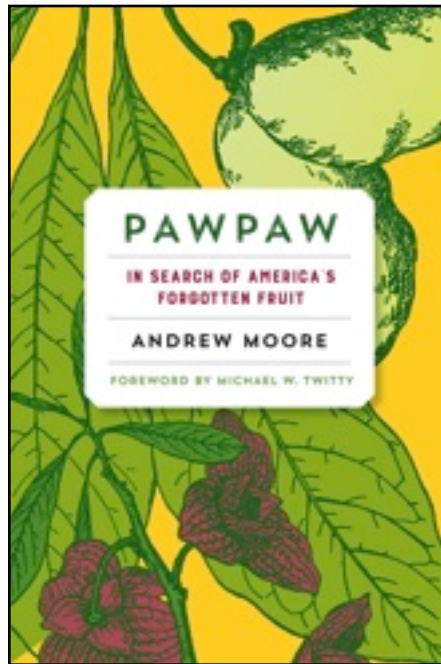


# Wissahickon Nature Club

September 29, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Join Andrew Moore as he explores the past, present, and future of this unique fruit, which is described as a cross between a mango and a banana. Enjoy a lively discussion that will be filled with pawpaw lore and knowledge, not only from the plant breeders and horticulturists working to bring the fruit into the mainstream, but also regular folks Andrew met through his travels and research. In addition, Andrew will dig a little deeper, looking into American foodways and how economic, biologic, and cultural forces combine, leading us to eat what we eat, and sometimes to ignore the incredible, delicious food growing all around us."

## Tonight's Guest Speaker



September is pawpaw season for our area, which means Andrew will be able to bring some fresh fruit for tasting.

## Announcements

Annual Dues for club year September 2016 - August 2017 are being accepted now.  
 Individual \$10.00  
 Family \$15.00

**Make checks payable to:  
 Wissahickon Nature Club**

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 105 Lindley Lane, Pittsburgh, PA  
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Previous balance:	\$1081.01
Dues 2016/2017	320.00
Stamps	(36.99)
Print membership booklet	(140.00)
Picnic	(102.94)
Renew website	(55.73)
Esther's mom documentary	(36.99)
<b>New Balance</b>	<b>\$1028.36</b>

**October 13, Braden Meiter, Lead Supervisory Park Ranger – Allegheny County Parks, will present *Amphibians in Decline: Causes and Solutions for a Global Mass Extinction*.** Amphibians are a key part of our environment, important bio-indicators, and provide countless benefits to our world. In recent years scientists have noticed amphibian populations declining for a variety of reasons but they are taking action to help reverse these processes. There are many factors contributing to amphibian decline but there is hope for saving these amazing species.



## Worth Repeating

*Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty.*

--Albert Einstein, physicist



Amphibian photos by Chuck Tague



Eastern Whip-poor-will,  
by Chuck Tague

**Three Rivers Birding Club**  
**Bob VanNewkirk, President**  
412.366.1694 [www.3rbc.org](http://www.3rbc.org)

**Outings**

**Steve Thomas**, Outings Director  
**October 9**, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. **Pymatuning Area**. Meet **Bob VanNewkirk** at the Wildlife Learning Center (Waterfowl Museum) for this all-day outing. Arrangements will be made for lunch at the Spillway Inn for those who are interested.

**October 30**, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. **Moraine State Park Annual 3RBC Picnic and Bird Walk**. Meet in the Day Use Area (South Shore) in the first parking lot on the right. After the morning outing, we will have the pot-luck picnic at a park pavilion near McDanel's Boat Launch. Please bring a dish that will serve 4-6 people.

**November 5**, Saturday, 8:00 a.m. **Yellow Creek State Park**. This outing will be a joint outing of the 3RBC and the Todd Bird Club. Meet **Margaret Higbee** at the park office located on Route 259 just off Route 422 east of Indiana. Allow an hour and 30 minutes to drive from Pittsburgh.

**November 20**, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. **Moraine State Park**. Meet at the Moraine State Park day use area (south shore) in the first parking lot on the right. This will be a leaderless outing. From I-79, take route 422 east toward Butler and exit at the Moraine State Park exit. When you reach the end of the ramp turn left and travel straight into the park until you see the first major parking area on your right. Water fowl and late fall migrants make this outing a highlight of the season. Allow one hour driving from Pittsburgh.

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**Meeting**

Meetings are held in the Ford-Mateer Classroom of Carnegie Museum.

**Dave Koenig**, Program Chair  
**October 10**, Monday, 7:15 p.m. **Dr. Mason Heberling** will present **Exotic Plants in Our Forests: Where do they come from and why do they succeed?** **Dr. Mason** is a postdoc in the lab of Dr. Susan Kalisz at the University of Tennessee studying the effects of deer and plant invasions on the physiology and demography of forest understory species. He lives in Pittsburgh, where he does the majority of his current fieldwork.

**Kate St. John Outside My**

**Window Outings 412.421.1566**  
[www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/](http://www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/)

**October 16**, Sunday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. **Schenley Park**. Bartlett Shelter. See this link for details on both: <http://www.birdsoutsidemymywindow.org/events/>

**Western Pennsylvania Mushroom Club**

[wpamushroomclub.org](http://wpamushroomclub.org)  
**Cecily Franklin** <[cs4wpmc@gmail.com](mailto:cs4wpmc@gmail.com)>

**Meeting**

**October 18**, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. **Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve**, 614 Dorseyville Road. **Topic: WPMC Photo Contest Winners & Election of Officers.**

**Walks**

**October 1**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. **Townsend Park, Murrysville (Westmoreland County)**. Co-hosted with Friends of Murrysville Parks, meet **Pia van de Venne** and WPMC President **Richard Jacob** in the upper parking lot.

**October 15**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. **Deer Lakes Park**. Meet WPMC member **Jim Wilson** at the parking lot between the first and second lakes.

**October 22**, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. **Hartwood Acres**. Meet WPMC Officer **Barbara DeRiso** at the Mansion parking lot.

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**Special Event**

**October 7**, Friday, 10:00 a.m. **Tribute to Chuck Tague at Raccoon Creek State Park, Wildflower Reserve Nature Center.** **Joan Tague** will be there to present her personal memories of Chuck.



**Brittanie** from the Wildflower Reserve staff will unveil an owl box to be installed in Chuck's honor. Afterwards we will caravan to a picnic area for lunch, then off to the Valley Picnic Trail for a bird walk. Bring a lunch, beverages, field guides and binoculars.

Please RSVP to  
[mywintermoon@verizon.net](mailto:mywintermoon@verizon.net)



Great Horned Owl, "Bubo virginianus"  
by Chuck Tague