

“2014 Tours of Private Wildlife Gardens” with NJ Audubon’s Nature Center of Cape May

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www.patandclaysutton.com/ (photos of many of the gardens)



Tours of Private BUTTERFLY Gardens

Friday, July 18: SOUTH “Cape Island”– 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 19: MID-COUNTY “North Cape May to Rio Grande” – 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 20: NORTH “Goshen to Dennisville” – 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mid-July is the time of peak butterfly diversity and numbers. Gardens will showcase native nectar plants, key caterpillar plants, diverse design ideas, and a blizzard of butterflies and hummingbirds.

Tours of Private HUMMINGBIRD Gardens

Friday, August 15: NORTH “Goshen to Dennisville” -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 16: SOUTH “Cape Island” -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 17: MID-COUNTY “North Cape May to Rio Grande” -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At the peak of Ruby-throated Hummingbird migration, we’ll savor an array of diverse gardens that have hosted nesting hummingbirds since May and are now drawing in dozens of migrants. Native nectar plants, healthy insect populations, water sources, and adequate cover are key elements of each garden.

Tours of Private MONARCH (butterfly) Gardens

Friday, Sept. 19: MID-COUNTY “North Cape May to Rio Grande” -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20: NORTH “Goshen to Dennisville” -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21: SOUTH “Cape Island” -- 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

At the peak of Cape May County’s world-famous fall Monarch migration, tour diverse gardens that have hosted Monarchs since May. Each features native nectar plants and as many as five different kinds of milkweed (used by Monarchs for egg laying to create the next generation). Expect clouds of Monarchs and other butterflies, Monarch eggs, caterpillars, and maybe even a chrysalis. The complex Monarch migration will be both explained and enjoyed.

TOUR DETAILS AND PRICING

More butterfly and hummingbird gardens are tucked into Cape May County than probably anywhere else in the country. Gardening naturalist and author, Pat Sutton, leads these tours, which include her own garden in Goshen (North tour). A variety of gardens will showcase young and old, sun and shade, large and small, containers, water features, meadows, dragonfly ponds, and more. Gardens look completely different from month to month (so seriously consider all 9 tours). Bring lunch since our group will leisurely eat in one of the gardens. Before the tour, download, print, & bring (for ease of note taking) NJ Audubon’s article, “How to Create a Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden,” and the “Recommended Plantings to Attract Hummingbirds, Butterflies, and Moths,” by Patricia Sutton, available at:

<http://www.njaudubon.org/SectionBackyardHabitat/CreateaGarden.aspx>

<http://www.njaudubon.org/SectionBackyardHabitat/RecommendedNectarPlants.aspx>

Limit: 25 per tour. Nine tours / Cost per tour: \$35 members, \$45 nonmembers.

(Join three tours at a discounted rate of \$90 members, \$115 nonmembers.)

These tours require preregistration with payment. You may register by phone at 609.898.8848 with a credit card or send payment to the Nature Center of Cape May, 1600 Delaware Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204 (noting which tours and full names of registrants). We reserve the right to cancel programs, and refunds are available only if we cancel the event. Walk-ins are welcome on a space-available basis. Become a member of NJAS and receive discounts in the gift shop and on many programs.