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## **CFC plant sale set for May 6-7**

BARRINGTON, IL - *May 1, 2017* - Started your plant list yet?

Citizens for Conservation will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> annual Native Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale on Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The sale will be held in the Good Shepherd Hospital barn area, east of the hospital, at 450 W. Highway 22, in Lake Barrington, across from CFC headquarters.

Buyers will be able to choose from a huge selection of robust, hardy native plants, including perennials, ferns, sedges, grasses, shrubs and trees. As part of CFC's Milkweed for Monarchs campaign to encourage monarch populations, numerous varieties of native milkweed will be available at discounted prices. Knowledgeable volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about plants and native gardening. Shoppers are also encouraged to bring their own wagons to help transport their purchases.

Native plants provide many advantages for both gardeners and the environment. They do not require fertilizers or pesticides, which saves gardeners both time and money. In addition, their deep, fibrous root systems firmly anchor soil to help conserve water and prevent erosion. They require little watering and provide food and shelter for birds, butterflies, frogs, toads, salamanders and other wildlife.

For more information, visit CFC's website at [www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org) or call (847) 382-SAVE (7283).

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*Caption for PlantSale1Blozman: Gardeners will be able to choose from a large selection of native plants and shrubs at Citizens for Conservation's 21<sup>st</sup> annual Native Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale on Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Photo by Donna Bolzman)*

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## **Skies, creeks and camps: CFC offers programs for youth and young adults**

BARRINGTON, IL - *May 1, 2017* - Citizens for Conservation (CFC) is offering a variety of learning experiences for youth and young adults in May and June. These include:

**Astronomy Class, Friday, May 5; 7-9 p.m.** The Northwest Suburban Astronomy Club will provide telescopes to view the night skies through telescopes. This class is open to middle and high school students. Class is free for CFC members; \$5 for nonmembers.

**Seining Illinois Creeks, Saturday, May 13 – 1-4 p.m.** High school students will have a chance to conduct a hands-on survey of aquatic life, including fish, insects, amphibians and other creatures. Participants will learn about the biodiversity of area streams and rivers by wading and using nets to collect and identify. Class is free for CFC members; \$5 for nonmembers.

**Beginning Naturalists Camp, June 12-16; 9-11:30 a.m.** This camp, for ages 4 to 6, will introduce young scientists to local plants, animals and habitats. Campers will take daily hikes, observe nature, learn about habitats and make nature crafts. Camp fee is \$100 for CFC members; \$150 for nonmembers.

**Junior Naturalists Camp, June 19-23; 9-11:30 a.m.** This camp, for ages 7-10, focuses on nature, conservation and ecosystems through daily experiences in different habitats. Campers take nature hikes, collect and observe various specimens, use scientific tools, and create crafts and journals to reflect daily learning. Camp fee is \$100 for CFC members; \$150 for nonmembers.

**All classes meet at Citizens for Conservation, 459 W. Hwy. 22, Barrington.** For more information, call CFC at (847) 382-7283 or visit [www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org).

*Caption for SeiningJBodkin: High school students can learn about the biodiversity of area streams and rivers at Citizens for Conservation's "Seining Illinois Creeks" class, Saturday, May 13, from 1-4 p.m. (Photo by Jim Bodkin)*

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## **Wendy Paulson bird walks welcome spring and summer**

BARRINGTON, IL - *May 1, 2017* - Spring bird walks with naturalist Wendy Paulson have begun. Walks are sponsored by Citizens for Conservation and Audubon Great Lakes.

Dates for the walks, which will run through June, are:

May 5, 7:30 a.m. — Baker's Lake (meet at the parking lot on Highland Ave. south of Hillside Ave.)

May 12, 7:30 a.m. — Camp Reinberg (entrance on east side of Quentin between Dundee and Lake Cook Road.)

May 19, 7:30 a.m.—Beverly Lake (parking lot on the north side of Higgins Road/Rt. 72, east of Rt. 25, west of Beverly Road)

May 24, 7:30 a.m. — Penny Road South (meet at Penny Road Pond parking lot, less than a mile west of Old Sutton/Penny Road intersection)

June 2, 7 a.m.—Headwaters (parking lot on Wichman Road off north side of Rt. 72; a half mile west of Rt. 59)

June 9, 7 a.m.—Gallop Hill (meet at Penny Road Pond parking lot, less than a mile west of Old Sutton/Penny Road intersection)

June 18, 5:00 p.m. — Gallop Hill (as above)

The hikes on May 19, May 24, June 10, June 2, June 9 and June 18 will be more strenuous.

The walks are free and open to the public although spaces are limited, and RSVPs are required. Waterproof boots are strongly recommended, and participants should bring binoculars. Please RSVP and provide contact information to Daniel Jacobson (312) 453-0230, ext. 2002 or [djacobson@audubon.org](mailto:djacobson@audubon.org). Participants should check the CFC website ([www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org)) for last-minute changes.

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## **Habitat Corridors volunteers help homeowners create Earth-friendly landscapes**

BARRINGTON, IL - *May 1, 2017* - Is your backyard a healthy habitat?

Citizens for Conservation's Habitat Corridors project encourages and assists local property owners in becoming more earth friendly in landscaping choices and maintenance practices.

CFC volunteers visit home properties free of charge, identify existing native plants, and make recommendations for changes that are beneficial for wildlife, children and homeowners. Suggestions can range from adding specific native plants to rainwater solutions to invasive species identification.

Last year, Habitat Corridors volunteers conducted more than 50 visits; home visits for 2017 will begin in April. Interested homeowners should contact the group at [info@habitatcorridors.org](mailto:info@habitatcorridors.org) to arrange a site visit.

Properties which meet verified criteria receive a sign to display that recognizes the property's earth-friendly practices to improve habitat and air and water quality.

For more information, visit the Habitat Corridors website at <http://habitatcorridors.org/>.

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