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**Seeking creatures in the water and sky:
CFC July programs for
youth and young adults**

BARRINGTON, IL - *June 25, 2017* - Upcoming Citizens for Conservation programs will give youth and young adults an closeup look at the diversity of local wildlife.

Seining Illinois Creeks, Saturday, July 8 – 1-4 p.m. Elementary and high school students will wade and use nets to collect and identify aquatic life, including fish, insects, amphibians and other creatures. The class, led by CFC's Tom Vanderpoel, is an exciting way to discover the amazing creatures living in local water systems. In 2016, participants netted 21 different fish species. The class is open to children ages 6 and above. Parents are required to attend for elementary-age children. Class is free for CFC members; \$5 for nonmembers.

Night Creatures, Saturday, July 22; 8-10 p.m. Enjoy nature after dark and celebrate National Moth Week! This program for students in middle school and high school will focus on moths, bats, owls and other nocturnal animals. Local entomologist Rich Teper will use special lights to attract moths so that participants can view them up closely and identify them. Class is free for CFC members; \$5 for nonmembers; parents are welcome to attend.

Both classes meet at Citizens for Conservation, 459 W. Hwy. 22, Barrington. Registration forms can be found at www.citizensforconservation.org; for additional information, call CFC at (847) 382-7283.

Caption: Elementary and high school students will use nets to collect and identify local aquatic life during Citizens for Conservation's "Seining Illinois Creeks" class on Saturday, July 8, from 1-4 p.m. (Photo by Diane Bodkin)

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CFC's Fall Tree and Shrub Sale starts August 1

BARRINGTON, IL - *June 25, 2017* - Online ordering for Citizens for Conservation's annual Fall Native Tree and Shrub Sale begins Tuesday, August 1.

Fall is a good time to plant trees and shrubs, when roots can get established before winter's cold weather. Native trees and shrubs provide the best choices of woody plants because they absorb storm water, can survive our extreme temperatures, don't need fertilizer or insecticides and need watering only during the first year or two to get established.

To order, go to www.CitizensForConservation.org where there are plant descriptions, growing conditions and habitat benefits. Those who prefer a paper order form can download one from the website, request one by email at cfc@citizensforconservation.org or phone 847-382-7283.

Order deadline is September 1, and plant pickup is Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at CFC. The sale is preorder only; there will be no extra plants for sale on the pickup date.

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**Habitat Corridors volunteers
help homeowners create
earth-friendly landscapes**

BARRINGTON, IL - *June 25, 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.

Interested homeowners should contact the group at 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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Volunteers needed for CFC summer workdays

BARRINGTON, IL - *June 25, 2017* - Experienced and new volunteers of all ages are always welcome at Citizens for Conservation's volunteer workdays. Volunteers work on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. Summer activities include cutting, digging or pulling non-native plants.

Meet at CFC's office, 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington, across from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. Bring work gloves, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and dress for the weather.

For more information, call CFC at 847-382-SAVE (7283) or visit its website at www.citizensforconservation.org.

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