

## **Available Programs**

**Magnificent Monarchs:** The life and migration of the Monarch butterfly are an incredible natural spectacle. Explore their life cycle from egg to adult, learn how Monarchs differ from other butterflies, and learn amazing facts about their annual migration with a multimedia presentation.

**Amazing Adaptations:** How do animals avoid predators, attract the best mates, and survive the winter cold? Learn about the amazing and unusual physical and behavioral adaptations that help NJ wildlife survive with an interactive PowerPoint presentation and a close-up look at taxidermy specimens.



**Owls of NJ:** Discover the amazing adaptations of New Jersey's owls using feathers, taxidermy mounts, and other artifacts. Learn which species call NJ home and what makes them unique. Test your owl knowledge with an interactive quiz during the engaging PowerPoint presentation.

**Surviving the Winter World:** Sleep, Stay, or Fly Away? New Jersey's animals all select one of these behavioral adaptations to survive the winter. You will be surprised to discover what different NJ animals' survival methods are.

**Nature Fact or Fiction:** Can you tell a ladybug's age by its spots? If you cut a worm in half, do you get two worms? Is the Daddy Long Legs the most venomous spider? You'll be amazed at the things you thought were true and true facts that are hard to believe about New Jersey animals!

**Artifacts of the Lenape:** Explore the culture of the Lenape Indians of New Jersey with an empha-

sis placed on the importance of the natural world in their daily existence. In this program, take a virtual tour of a model wigwam, decorated to look lived in, and examine real Lenape artifacts that are thousands of years old.



**Maple Sugaring:** (Dec. - March) How is sweet maple syrup made from tree sap? See the process from start to finish with an interactive PowerPoint presentation and touchable artifacts.

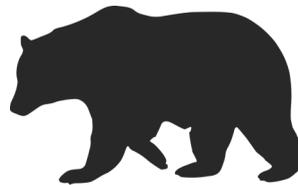
*Want to tap trees at your location? For an additional fee of \$50, we will tap up to 5 maple trees on your property in front of your group! Spiles are also available for purchase.*

**Be Bear Aware:** Black bears are an important part of our natural world, and all New Jersey residents should know how to react if they encounter one of these amazing mammals. An interactive multimedia presentation and touchable artifacts help participants gain a better understanding of black bear history, adaptations, life cycle, diet, and needs.

**Wild in NJ!** Discover some little-known facts about the wildlife that call New Jersey home!

Did you know that there is a venomous mammal found here, for example? This multimedia presentation features audience participation, a PowerPoint slideshow, wildlife artifacts, and a visit from a LIVE NJ animal.

**Endangered in NJ!** Some of NJ's fantastic wildlife is disappearing! Learn the reasons for this phenomena and ways to help bring these species



back from the brink. This program features a multimedia presentation, touchable artifacts, audience participation, and a visit from a LIVE NJ endangered species.

**Dealing with WILD Neighbors:** Squirrels in the attic! Raccoons in the garbage! Bears in the backyard! What's a homeowner to do when wildlife gets too close for comfort? Discover the reasons for wild animals' behavior and simple solutions for peacefully living side by side.

**Coyotes in the Neighborhood:** Whether you've seen them or not, wild coyotes are living among us. In this program learn how they survive in our neighborhoods, amazing facts about their lives and history, and what to do if you see one.

**Alien Invaders:** NJ's habitats are being overrun by wildlife that doesn't belong here, better known as "invasive species." Find out why this is a problem for the natural world, the strange stories of how these plants and animals got here in the first place, and what you can do to help.

**The Truth About Ticks:** Despite their blood-sucking behavior, ticks are an important part of nature with complex lifecycles. This program explains how and why ticks do what they do, debunks the myths about ticks and Lyme's Disease, and teaches participants how to protect themselves and their property from being havens for ticks.

**Not So Creepy!:** Despite their fearsome reputations, many of the creatures that we consider "creepy" are actually crucial to the natural world and feature unique adaptations for survival. Discover the truth about a variety of



unloved NJ species with an interactive multimedia presentation. Perfect around Halloween!

**Oh Deer!:** You may think you know it all when it comes to this nuisance mammal, but there's so much more to learn. Deer have amazing adaptations that have helped them be so successful in our state, and their history in NJ will surprise you! We will also discuss ways to minimize the damage they can do around your home.

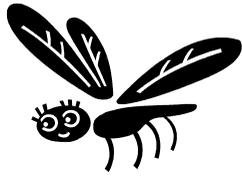
**Feeding Feathered Friends:** Feeding and watching birds is a popular backyard hobby, but there are many challenges to being successful. Learn when, where, and how to feed the birds with the most success, interesting facts about common feeder visitors, and ways to be part of important "citizen science" projects while you enjoy your feathered friends.

**Birds on the Nest:** Birds' nests are marvels of the natural world. How do birds construct them using only their beaks and feet? Examine real nests up-close to discover what they are made of, where they are found, and why. Learn the birds' secrets as you find out how challenging it really is to build a nest during a multimedia presentation.

**Gardening is For the Birds:** Putting up feeders is not the only way to attract feathered friends to your yard. Discover the simple secrets to creating a bird paradise around your home, and which birds you can attract with each method.



# Information and Fees:



**Live Outreach Programs** are 45 minutes to 1 hour long and designed for a maximum of 30 participants.

Initial program costs \$150. Additional presentations of the same program, on the same day, and at the same location are discounted to \$125 per program. A projection screen, table, and AV cart (or similar) for laptop and projector are required.

*\*\*\* Sites outside of Morris County \*\*\*  
add \$25 per program.*

**Virtual Outreach Programs** are 30 minutes long and are charged \$60 for every 30 participants. We recommend projecting program onto a screen or large TV for best experience.

	Live Up to 30 participants	Live Up to 60 participants	Virtual 30 to 90 participants
1st program	\$150	\$250	\$60 for every 30 people
Each additional program (same day, program, and site)	\$125	\$210	\$60 for every 30 people

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**Outreach programs are conveniently presented at your location. These programs are individually tailored to the interests and needs of your audience.**

- Senior Citizens
  - Libraries
  - Churches
  - Clubs
- . . . And others!

**To reserve a program or for additional information, please contact:**

Great Swamp Outdoor  
Education Center  
247 Southern Blvd.  
Chatham, NJ 07928  
973.635.6629

All outreach programs are taught by seasoned naturalists with deep knowledge of the natural history of NJ. Programs feature engaging audience participation, multimedia presentations, touchable artifacts, and sometimes taxidermy or live animals.

If you don't see a topic here that you'd like to have a program on, please contact us, and we'd be happy to work with you to create a program that fits your needs.

For more information about the Morris County Park Commission and its programs, please visit [morrisparks.net](http://morrisparks.net)



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