

# The Green Way

## KINGSTON GREENWAYS ASSOCIATION

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**Spring is a time of renewal! Please renew your membership now with the enclosed remittance envelope. You may also go directly to our web site to join or renew online: <https://www.kingstongreenways.org/forme.html>**

## COMING EVENTS

### EARTH DAY CLEANUPS

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Celebrate Earth Day with us by tidying up our shared roadsides, neighborhoods, and public lands!



**KGA provides grabbers, gloves, orange vests, and garbage bags. Please wear sturdy clothing and boots!**

**Morning session:** 9 to 11 AM: Cleanup of Laurel Avenue and the vicinity of Rockingham Historic Site, from just north of the village of Kingston up to Route 518. Meet at the Rockingham parking lot, 84 Laurel Avenue.

**Afternoon session:** 2 to 4 PM: Trash collection in the Mapleton Preserve, Cook Natural Area, and in areas adjacent to Mapleton Road, Heathcote Road, Ridge Road, Greenwood Avenue, and Railroad Avenue. Parking for the event is along Railroad Avenue off Ridge Road.

### FRIENDS OF PRINCETON NURSERY LANDS ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 2 to 4 PM (Rain date, Sunday, May 1)

We will honor the trees of the Flemer Arboretum in the Mapleton Preserve with new identification tags, and a walk in the Arboretum with William Flemer IV. There will also be a tree planting and a Maypole! Free and open to all.

## **SUMMER EVENING WILDFLOWER WALK IN HEATHCOTE MEADOWS**

Trustee Karen Linder will lead a leisurely walk through Heathcote Meadows, one of our treasured open spaces. We are planning for early evening (when it is cooler) sometime in July or August. Check our web site in June for date, time, and meeting place.

## **FUTURE EVENT!**

### **LIVE VIRTUAL PROGRAM ON THE NATURE OF OAKS WITH AUTHOR DOUG TALLAMY**



**Doug Tallamy** is the T. A. Baker Professor of Agriculture in the Department of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, where he has authored 106 research publications and has taught insect related courses for 41 years. Chief among his research goals is to better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. His book Bringing Nature Home was published by Timber Press in 2007, The Living Landscape, co-authored with Rick Darke, was published in 2014; Nature's Best Hope, a New York Times Best Seller, was released in February 2020, and his latest book The Nature of Oaks was released by Timber press in March 2021. In 2021 he co-founded Homegrown National Park with Michelle Alfandari: <https://homegrownnationalpark.org/> Please email [tari@kingstongreenways.org](mailto:tari@kingstongreenways.org) to be added to the notification list.

## ***RECENT EVENTS***

### **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT December 19, 2021**

Led by trustee Karen Linder, seven counters helped complete the Kingston segment of the 2021 Audubon Christmas Bird Count. All told, the day was pretty quiet. Our species count of 38 was

normal but our totals were a little on the low side. However, the two pileated woodpeckers and the 54 turkeys seen near Ridge Road the day before the count were definitely highlights. Robins have been very abundant in Kingston this winter, as they are still feasting on holly berries and Callery pears. Below is the official tally.

**2021 Audubon Christmas Bird Count,  
Kingston Segment**

Greater White-fronted Goose		Peregrine Falcon	Eastern Bluebird	<b>8</b>
Snow Goose		American Coot	Hermit Thrush	<b>CW (1)</b>
Canada Goose	<b>284</b>	Killdeer	American Robin	<b>730</b>
Mute Swan		Wilson's Snipe	Gray Catbird	
Wood Duck		American Woodcock	Northern Mockingbird	<b>1</b>
Gadwall		Ring-billed Gull	Brown Thrasher	
American Wigeon		Herring Gull	European Starling	<b>310</b>
American Black Duck		Lesser Black-backed Gull	American Pipit	
Mallard	<b>16</b>	Great Black-backed Gull	Cedar Waxwing	
Northern Shoveler		Rock Pigeon	Yellow-rumped Warbler	<b>1</b>
Northern Pintail		Mourning Dove	Pine Warbler	<b>43</b>
Green-winged Teal		Eastern Screech-Owl	Eastern Towhee	
Ring-necked Duck		Great Horned Owl	American Tree Sparrow	
Lesser Scaup		Barred Owl	Field Sparrow	
Bufflehead		Long-eared Owl	Savannah Sparrow	<b>1</b>
Common Goldeneye		Belted Kingfisher	Fox Sparrow	
Hooded Merganser		Red-bellied Woodpecker	Song Sparrow	<b>11</b>
Common Merganser		Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Swamp Sparrow	
Ruddy Duck		Downy Woodpecker	White-throated Sparrow	<b>12</b>
Ring-necked Pheasant		Hairy Woodpecker	White-crowned Sparrow	<b>2</b>
Ruffed Grouse		Northern Flicker	Dark-eyed Junco	<b>8</b>
Wild Turkey	<b>CW (54)</b>	Pileated Woodpecker	Northern Cardinal	<b>2</b>
Pied-billed Grebe		Eastern Phoebe	Red-winged Blackbird	
Double-crested Cormorant		Blue Jay	Eastern Meadowlark	<b>13</b>
Great Blue Heron	<b>1</b>	American Crow	Rusty Blackbird	<b>4</b>
Black Vulture	<b>12</b>	Fish Crow	Common Grackle	
Turkey Vulture	<b>70</b>	Horned Lark	Brown-headed Cowbird	
Bald Eagle (Adult or Immature?)	<b>CW (1 adult)</b>	Carolina Chickadee	Purple Finch	
Northern Harrier	<b>1</b>	Black-capped Chickadee	House Finch	<b>4</b>
Sharp-shinned Hawk		Chickadee SP	Pine Siskin	<b>3</b>
Cooper's Hawk	<b>2</b>	Tufted Titmouse	American Goldfinch	<b>7</b>
Northern Goshawk		Red-breasted Nuthatch	House Sparrow	<b>27</b>
Accipiter SP		White-breasted Nuthatch		<b>4</b>
Red-shouldered Hawk		Brown Creeper	<b>Notes</b>	
Red-tailed Hawk	<b>4</b>	Carolina Wren	CW -= count week	
Rough-legged Hawk		Winter Wren	CW Turkeys = 54 on 12/18/21 off Ridge Rd.	
American Kestrel		Golden-crowned Kinglet	CW Eagle = 12/17 one adult at nest on Mapleton Rd.	
Merlin		Ruby-crowned Kinglet	CW Hermit thrush =12/22/21 off Ridge Road	
<b>Total = 38 species</b>	<b>2238 birds</b>			

