



Gloucester County Nature Club Monthly Newsletter

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January 2022

Program: Edible Wild Plants

Presented by: Lee Allen Peterson, Author of the Peterson Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants of Eastern and Central North America

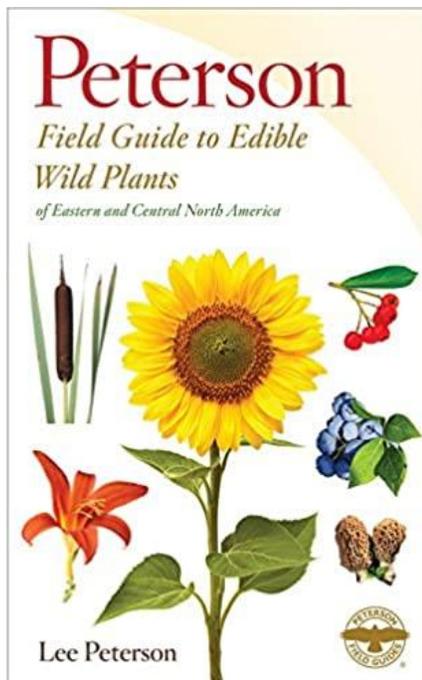
A special online live presentation of the Gloucester County Nature Club

Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Program Coordinator: Rich Dilks 856-468-6342

Web link: <https://meet.jit.si/GCNCMeeting>

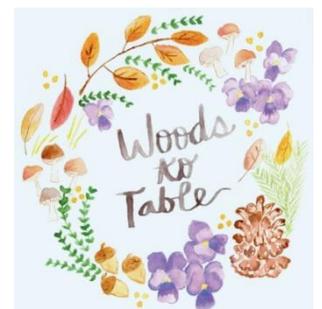
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Foraging and gathering wild plants is a human activity that goes back beyond the mists of time. Many of the wild plants we encounter today are flavorful and nutritious. Others are deadly poisonous. "Gathering wild edible plants requires a variety of skills beyond simple species recognition. Not only must one know how to identify a plant, but also when and how to find it and what to do with it once it is found.", Lee Peterson tells us. Join Lee Peterson and discover not only what wild plants in our region are edible and where to find them, but also learn the many culinary techniques that can be applied to transform them into elements of delicious and nutritious meals.

Lee Peterson is the younger son of famed naturalist, Roger Tory Peterson. A naturalist himself, Lee has traveled extensively throughout North America lecturing on his father and his own area of expertise- edible wild plants. He is the author of "A Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants" in the Peterson Field Guide Series.

Lee, and his wife Courtney, currently reside in southeastern Pennsylvania and design and make an award-winning line of Natural History themed jewelry under the name- Courtney Design.



NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL: We have begun posting full recordings of recent club programs for the convenience of members and the public. To find the club's channel, use [this link](#) or search for the club's full name within YouTube. Four videos are now available:



1. [Roger Tory Peterson and the Origins of the Modern Field Guide](#) (April)
2. [Native Plants of South Jersey](#) (May)
3. [Birding in Argentina](#) (September)
4. [We Can't See The Forest For The Trees - Young Forests and Biodiversity](#) (November)

As you often hear on YouTube, be sure to subscribe to the club's channel and "like" the videos so they will get recommended to more people! We will continue recording all online programs, and hopefully in-person ones as well, during this club year.

Nature Notes

Natural Events for the month of January

- Earthworms burrow below frost line and become dormant.
- Newly fallen snow makes it easy to find and study animal tracks.
- First mating season for gray squirrels.
- Look for flocks of robins eating holly berries in your backyard.
- Great horned owls, America's earliest nesting owl, may be on eggs by the end of the month.
- As days lengthen, tufted titmice and cardinals start singing.

Club Notes:

- If you'd like to receive the newsletter electronically or receive more info about the club please email Karen Kravchuck at blackbirdssinging@hotmail.com or call 609-617-6693 (cell).
- The Nature Club is always looking for ideas for future programs and field trips. Please contact the program or trip coordinator if you have ideas or would like to help.
- Information for the next newsletter should be sent to Barry Bengel at sharkeyes@comcast.net or GCNC Newsletter, PO Box 563, Sewell, NJ 08080 by the 15th of the preceding month.
- **Important Note:** Beginning next month, future newsletters will have a From address of newsletter@gcnatureclub.org, instead of the personal email address. You may want to add newsletter@gcnatureclub.org to your address book just in case your email thinks it is Spam.

Natural Places of Gloucester County NJ – 2nd Edition

Our wildly popular ***Natural Places of Gloucester County NJ*** book is back as a 2nd Edition with a new fresh look, updated copy and new locations outdoors for you to get-out-and-go-to while staying distanced and safe. Just what you need to stuff stockings and help find places full of natural beauty tucked away in our county.

The Natural Places Guide is one of the many ways the Nature Club provides valuable detailed information, not available elsewhere, about the plants, trees, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians at over 35 local Natural Places. Each site description includes directions, address and parking information plus a map of the site to make visiting easy and enjoyable. For the Second Edition, information for existing sites has been brought up-to-date. Several new sites have also been added, including: Tall Pines State Preserve, Andoloro WMA, and Tranquility Trails.

These books are not stuck on a container ship anchored somewhere off the California coast; they are available for immediate purchase via the [GCNC website](#) or at local retailers including:

- Antiques on Evergreen – 429 S Evergreen Ave, Woodbury, NJ 08096
- Dambly's Garden Center – 51 West Factory Rd, Berlin, NJ 08009
- Daminger's Natural Pet Foods - 641 Main St, Sewell (Mantua Township), NJ 08080
- Rook's Farm Supply – 163 NJ-77, Elmer, NJ 08318
- Triple Oaks Nursery & Herb Garden – 2359 Delsea Drive, Franklinville NJ 08322
- Wild Birds Unlimited Cherry Hill - 1619 N Kings Hwy, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034
- Words Matter - 52 S. Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071
- The Yellow Garage Antiques – 66 S Main St, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

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