



Meet Your Hosts – Guided Bird Walks

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, March – October
Meet in Artillery Park parking lot on East Inner Line Drive

1.5 mile walk, approx. 1.5 hrs
Bring water if desired

Guided bird walks have returned thanks to **Mary Ellen and Tom Heisey**. Within a few minutes of your walk, you'll immediately recognize their skill, enthusiasm, and passion for birds.

Mary Ellen has been interested in birds since she was a child. By grade school, she was building and painting plastic models of birds from kits and credits Peterson Guide in developing her interests and skills in her twenties. Tom also shared an interest in birds and during their 30 years of marriage their interest has flourished. "All of our vacations in the past 20 years have centered around birding" says Mary



Ellen. "We have gone birding twice in Costa Rica but most of our birding has been done in the United States. Cape May New Jersey is a wonderful place for us to vacation and bird." says Tom. Their favorite Birding Festival is the New River Birding and Nature Festival in West Virginia.

Mary Ellen and Tom are active volunteers for many organizations including Schuylkill Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), Bird Town for Schuylkill Township, Jenkins Arboretum, and the Breeding Bird Monitoring Program in the Mid-Atlantic Network at Valley Forge National Historical Park. They have participated in the Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count and summer Bird Count in June plus the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Backyard Bird Count from November until April and the Great Backyard Bird Count in February.

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