

## SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON

### OUR MISSION

To maintain environmental quality for all living things by protecting natural ecosystems through education, advocacy, and habitat conservation.



### OUR SANCTUARIES

Saw Mill River Audubon owns eight separate sanctuaries protecting more than 300 acres of critical wildlife habitat in Westchester County. Seven are open to visitors free of charge, seven days a week, from dawn to dusk: Brinton Brook and Graff Sanctuaries in Croton, and Cameron-Murtfeldt, Choate, Haas, Pinecliff and Pruyun Sanctuaries in the Town of New Castle.

**Group Visits:** With advance notice, we may be able to provide your group with a guided tour. Even if your group wishes to visit without a guide, please contact us; to enhance your experience, we want to ensure that your visit does not coincide with another group's.

**Staff & Volunteers:** Our sanctuaries are maintained by a part-time caretaker assisted by volunteers. We also rely on our sanctuary neighbors to watch over these special habitats. Volunteer Trail Walkers monitor individual sanctuaries and report on their conditions.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help us protect and conserve open space for the enjoyment of all. Join SMRA by filling out the form on the inside of this brochure and mailing it with your tax-deductible contribution to our office.



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### BUTTERFLY AND HUMMINGBIRD GARDEN

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## Welcome to Pruyun Sanctuary's Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden

We hope you enjoy your visit. A few reminders:

- A sanctuary is a place where all life is respected. Please do not remove or injure any plant or animal.
- Dogs are welcome on leashes.
- Pruyun House is the office for Saw Mill River Audubon and does not offer public facilities.
- If you have an emergency, call 911 or the New Castle Police Department: (914) 238-4422.

### ABOUT THE GARDEN

The Butterfly and Hummingbird Garden is located in the Pruyun Arboretum and Meadow (see insert). The garden is designed and maintained as a natural habitat to attract, nourish, and shelter a variety of butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, and bees. It serves as a valuable resource for our pleasure and education as well as an extension of the decreasing habitats required to sustain these creatures. The garden was conceived and created under the leadership of Midge Arnold. It is maintained by a dedicated group of volunteers who meet weekly during the garden season. To join the group, please contact our office.

### Wildlife Needs

All butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, and bees need **food** to survive. Native perennial and annual plants and shrubs provide food in the form of nectar from flowers. Butterflies and moths like flat or clustered flowers such as coneflowers, phlox, zinnias, and butterfly bush. Hummingbirds tend to prefer tube-shaped red and yellow flowers such as bee balm, honeysuckle, and petunias. Butterflies and moths also require "host" plants in order to lay their eggs and provide a food source for developing larvae (caterpillars). The emerging larvae eat only specific plants, so the garden, arboretum, and meadow provide a variety of both nectar and host plants. **Water** is essential for drinking and bathing. Delicate butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds prefer a shallow water source, and the garden provides them with a drip pool. Butterflies and moths "drink" through a proboscis - a long tube that sucks up the liquid. Hummingbirds use their long, thin bills. Trees and shrubs provide protective **shelter** from weather and predators. Butterflies need areas sheltered from wind but exposed to the sun to spread their wings and absorb the sun's heat.

### DIRECTIONS

275 Millwood Road (Route 133) opposite and between Bradley Farm Road and Joan Drive.

1. From the Taconic Parkway, take Route 133 Millwood Exit.
2. Follow Route 133 East (towards Mount Kisco) through the hamlet of Millwood and continue for approximately .9 miles east of Millwood.
3. At the intersection of Route 133-Route 120, bear left, continuing on Route 133 East.
4. Proceed approximately .5 miles after the Route 120-Route 133 split.
5. Look for the "Pruyn Sanctuary" sign on your right.
6. Please park in the gravel lot immediately on your left as you enter.

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