



Nature Newsletter

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Conservation & Education

The Sycamore Park District establishes and maintains natural ecosystems that are home to a variety of plants, animals, and fungi. In this seasonal newsletter, we will depict some of the most exciting plant and animals that the District has to offer.

Bringing People Closer to Nature

By understanding and appreciating the nature in our own back yards, we hope to provide both habitat and scenery for animals and people alike.

Connecting Sycamore to Wellness, Nature, And Each Other



Prints of pictured Sycamore wildlife can be purchased to support conservation and education efforts at: Sycparks.org

SPRING

1. Bouncing Baby Birds

The owls have returned! This year, a family of Great Horned Owls raised a group of 2 new offspring which fully matured and left the nest.

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2. First Sounds of Spring

Among some of the first birds to return are the male Red Winged Black Birds where they have taken up residence, along with many other species, in our prairies and wetlands seeking the best nesting sites.

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3. Fungus Among Us

Fungi are a sign of healthy ecosystems, they help break down nutrients for plants to use.

4. Screaming for Attention

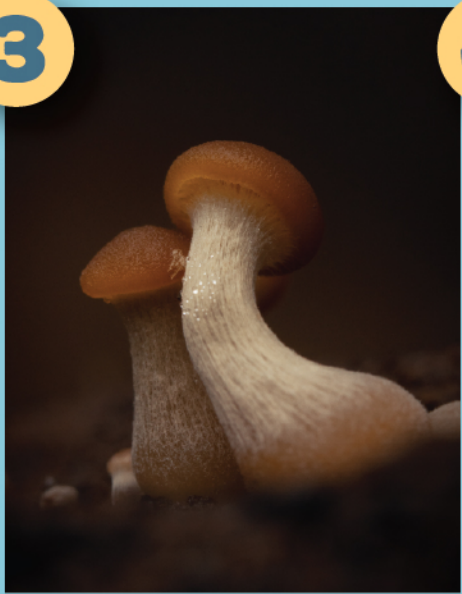
Male Toads filled wetlands with their long trills as they compete with one another to find a mate.



5. Turtally Awesome

Turtle research continues as the Park District collects data for conservation. Turtles help us determine water quality in aquatic habitats.

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