

## RIVERSIDE WILD – IN POSTERS!

The Landscape Advisory Commission (LAC) is thrilled to announce the release of a special edition of posters featuring Riverside wildlife. A limited edition of the trio of posters, “Birds of Riverside,” “Trees of Riverside,” and “Wildflowers of Riverside” will be offered throughout the year as additional incentives to explore the outdoors. PDFs of the posters will be on the LAC web page, and high-quality printed versions will be offered as prizes throughout the year.

All photographs were taken by Riversiders, and taken in Riverside. Special thanks to our photographers: **Mike Collins, John Farneda, Cathy Maloney, Jill Mateo, Laurie Risley, David Rubin, Julie Schaff, Ben Sells, and Bethany Smolarek.** Special thanks to **Gail McKernin** who designed all of the posters.



## RIVERSIDE SUMMER iNATURALIST CHALLENGE

Win a trio of posters and have Fun! The Landscape Advisory Commission invites all Riverside residents to serve as citizen-scientists and join our ongoing effort to document Riverside’s natural life on iNaturalist.org. As we walk and hike our village this year, please consider having the **iNaturalist** app on your phone. You never know what you may see, and there is a community that wants to learn about your findings.

It's as simple as: 1) Download iNaturalist (to your computer or iphone). 2) Take a picture of a plant, bird, animal, anything natural. 3) Upload to iNaturalist either through your iphone or on your computer.

The iNaturalist app is handy for identifying plants and animals, too. So, if you’ve been wondering about that plant in your garden, or on your hike, snap a picture and you’ll get advice from people around the world.

We'll make periodic awards of posters to individuals with the most observations on iNaturalist, or most interesting, or first bloom of the season, etc.

We'll see you outside, from a safe distance of course!

#### **OTHER FUN NATURE EVENTS IN THE AREA:**

**The Morton Arboretum** ([mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org)) will open to members on June 1, with restrictions. Meanwhile, watch their regular bloom report and compare to your own garden! <https://www.mortonarb.org/news-publication/bloom-and-color-report>. The Arboretum also produces a regular Plant Health Care report, noting bugs and pathogens which might be currently present. See the latest here: <https://www.mortonarb.org/news-publication/plant-healthcare-report>.

**Garfield Park Conservatory:** [garfieldconservatory.org](http://garfieldconservatory.org) may still have seedlings for sale in its online plant sale through May 19. Contact-less pickup.

**The Conservation Foundation:** [theconservationfoundation.org](http://theconservationfoundation.org) is sponsoring webinars: "Nature Based Play" on May 25 and Fixing Common Landscape Problems with a Rain Garden.