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**We Need Your Assistance!**

Given the increase of recent rare bird sightings, we ask our readers for assistance in two particular activities—watch for unfamiliar or unique birds as you walk through our parks, and, participate in the 115th annual Christmas Bird Count of the National Audubon Society.

Over the past three years, Friends of the Allentown Parks has worked diligently removing invasive vegetation and planting trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers native to Allentown or our general area. Our work has been not only in large parks such as Trexler Park and Cedar Creek Parkway, but also in neighborhood pocket parks (eg, 2nd & Hamilton Sts., 6th & Chew Sts).



The Lehigh Valley Audubon Society is now tracking the rare and unusual occurrences as birds migrate through or take residence in the Allentown area, however, the emphasis has been on Cedar Creek Parkway and Trexler Park.

With over 2,000 acres of park land and 35 miles of trails, there is a lot of ground to cover.

**PARKS (Daily):** As you walk through Allentown's parks, please be observant. See an unfamiliar bird? Take a photo (cell phones do come in quite handy) and email it to us with the date, time and location of the sighting.

**BACKYARDS (Dec 14-Jan 5):** Your participation in Audubon's 115th Christmas Bird Count will help generate data to understand what impact our work has had on the local environment. For additional details: <http://birds.audubon.org/about-christmas-bird-count>

Thank-you for your assistance in these projects!

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**Yet Another  
Rare Bird  
Sighting!**

A flock of about ten American Pipits were seen at Lake Muhlenberg over the Thanksgiving weekend. Local bird experts believe this is the first

documented sighting of this bird in the Allentown area.

*Sighting at Lake Muhlenberg.  
Photos courtesy of Scott Burnet*

