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**We're here to
help connect you
to nature and each
other this fall!**



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Fall is approaching and we're gearing up for some adventure, learning, research, and fun.

We virtually welcome you to your own neighborhood nature! **Urban Ecology Center in My Backyard**, our virtual education platform, is filled with amazing FREE programs, self-led adventures, activities, and lessons created by your favorite UEC staff educators and experts!



URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER IN MY BACKYARD

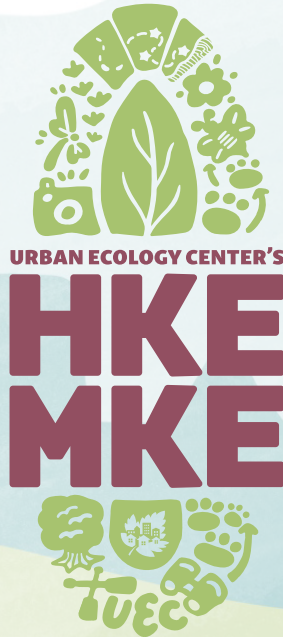
CONNECTING YOU TO NEARBY NATURE!

YOU'LL FIND:

- Nature-based lessons for kids and families!
- Adventures that will get you outside learning and having fun!
- Backyard research to conduct in your own neighborhood!
- ¡En Español también! Some content is available in Spanish too!

[URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG/INMYBACKYARD](https://urbanecologycenter.org/inmybackyard)

**SEPT. 27
- OCT. 3,
2020**



PRESENTING SPONSOR:
Rotary
Club of Milwaukee

Hike YOUR city and support the mission of Urban Ecology Center!

We are thrilled to announce that HKE MKE, presented by Rotary Club of Milwaukee, will return this year as a week-long hiking event from September 27 - October 3! Registration is now OPEN! Hikers can take part in self-led or guided, small group hikes about plants, history, birds, and so much more. Join us for our favorite fundraising event of the year.

**REGISTER TODAY:
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FUN (AND SAFE) FALL PROGRAMMING WITH THE URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

Looking for ways to engage your kids in outdoor-based programming this school year? We have virtual and in-person options to keep you and your family active and having fun this fall, like:

Adventure Days

Onsite at Riverside Park: K – 5th Grade

October Adventure Day | Monday, October 26th

School is out – time to play! Your kids will have an active day outdoors hiking and playing in the park.

November Adventure Day | Monday, November 2nd

School is out – time to play! Your kids will love building forts and playing outdoor games all while learning how animals and plants prepare for our long Wisconsin winters.

Virtual Youth Programs

Online: Kids 5 – 12 years old

Nature Rangers | Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy nature based crafts, animal exploration, and games with an environmental educator!

Young Scientist Club | Thursdays at 4:00 p.m.

Each month we explore a different theme to have fun with Science. Our theme for September is **COLORS!**

Interested in booking a fun and educational after school program or paddling, biking, or other outdoor adventure outing for your group?

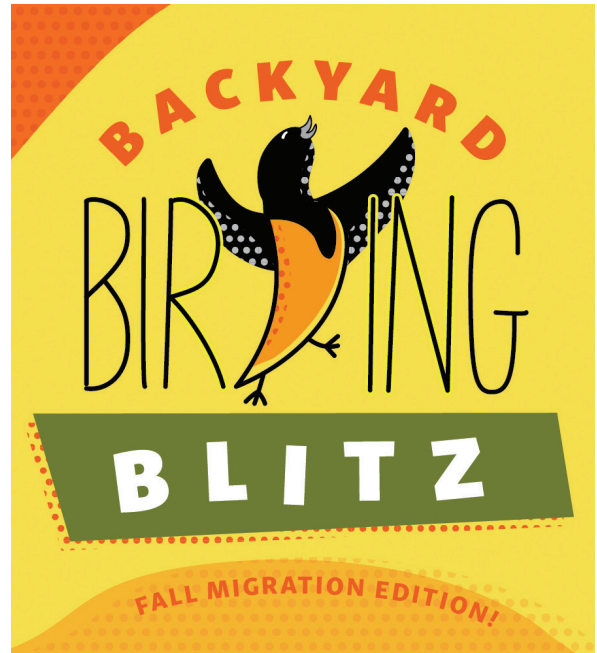
Contact us at programs@urbanecologycenter.org!

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE FIRST-EVER FALL BACKYARD BIRDING BLITZ!

Urban Ecology Center is excited to announce our first ever **Fall Backyard Birding Blitz on Saturday, September 12!** As the birds start their journey back down south to warmer places for the winter, they'll be stopping by in Milwaukee and in other places around the country.

Join us in virtually observing and documenting the beautiful birds as they migrate south. The Fall Backyard Birding Blitz is FREE and great for all ages! We hope to (virtually) see you there.

Be sure to check out our monthly virtual Yardiversity events as we document the biodiversity in our backyards every month!



**MORE PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
ARE ADDED TO OUR CALENDAR EACH WEEK!
VISIT URBANECOLOGYCENTER.ORG & JOIN US ON:**



Hello, from Glenna!

MEMBERSHIP MANAGER



Hello, UEC Community! I am delighted to (re)introduce myself to you as the new Membership Manager for the Urban Ecology Center. Members are at the heart of our mission: YOU make the Urban Ecology Center the special place that it is, and I am so excited that we have created this position to strengthen our commitment to you in return.

In my 10 years at the Urban Ecology Center, I have gotten to work with a diverse range of folks in multiple neighborhoods, and I

have witnessed many beautiful instances of people coming together and building community. And that is exactly what I hope to do in this role: co-create a community of belonging with and for Urban Ecology Center members (that's you!).

Thank you for being the heart of the UEC — I am SO excited to work with you all, and hope to see soon you at an upcoming virtual program or event!

Glenna Hoster