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Union Congregational Church
161 Buckingham Street
Oakville, CT

Peter Picone, Wildlife Biologist,

“Native Plantings: You Can Make a Difference for Wildlife”

- Have you ever wondered where the Northern Cardinal or the Downy Woodpecker rests at night?
- What does the American Goldfinch really eat in the wild: does it only eat thistle from a feeder?
- What do songbirds like the Scarlet Tanager or Wood Thrush feed on in the fall when the frost hits and there are no more insects to eat?
- What variety of foods does the Wild Turkey feed on in your neighborhood?
- Is the wild Turkey dependent on food from your feeder?
- In the dead of the winter, what do our resident songbirds feed on?
- What plants provide winter food sources at a time of food scarcity?



Peter Picone, CT DEEP wildlife biologist and lifetime Connecticut native, has been working for over 25 years. He will share his insights on creating seasonal habitat for wildlife using native plants from his professional work and from his experiences improving the ecological diversity of his own property: Charter Oak Tree Farm.

When you choose a plant for your property are you considering its “ecological function” and how it enhances wildlife habitat?