

Thursday, March 14, 2019. 1:30 p.m.

“Interactive Lecture with Live Birds ”

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Waterfowl Conservancy

Avian Ambassadors and Adaptations provides participants with a broad look at the waterfowl world. Starting with a brief overview of The Conservancy, we will discuss what it means to be a waterfowl, what and why species are listed as threatened or endangered, and unique adaptations that enable waterfowl to survive in their aquatic habitats. Lastly, meet our Avian Ambassadors and learn about what makes each species unique. Program participants will get to meet Poppy, a North American Barn Owl; Lowry, a Cape Barren goose; and Dory and Nemo, Indian Runner ducks.

Dr. Colleen Peters is an Environmental Scientist and the Manager of Education at Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservancy. She received her Doctorate in Environmental Science from Baylor University for her research examining microplastic ingestion within freshwater and marine fish from Texas waters. Her previous work includes investigation of the impacts of climate change on arctic environments and the utilization of man-made wetlands for water quality improvement of storm water runoff .