

Mattabeseck Audubon Society is celebrating the 200th anniversary of Henry David Thoreau's birth with a:

# Thoreau High School Essay Contest

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Henry David Thoreau, naturalist, essayist, philosopher, and author of *Walden*.

To mark this event, the Mattabeseck Audubon Society is sponsoring an essay contest for high school students in our chapter area that includes Middletown, Middlefield, Durham, Cromwell, Portland, Haddam, East Haddam, East Hampton, Colchester, and Marlborough.

**Contest parameters:**

- An essay of at least 500 words answering the theme question:  
**“Is Thoreau Relevant Today?”**
- The essay must be the student's own work.
- The essay should be typed and double spaced.
- The essay should be emailed by midnight on October 15, 2017 to: [wjguinness@snet.net](mailto:wjguinness@snet.net)

All entrants will receive Mattabeseck's *Identifying Our Backyard Birds* card.

Three prizes will be awarded:

1st Place: \$250

2nd Place: \$200

3rd Place: \$150

If you would like to participate, contact Alison Guinness at [wjguinness@snet.net](mailto:wjguinness@snet.net)

