

2013 Goodhue-Elkins Award

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The Goodhue-Elkins Award is given annually by New Hampshire Audubon to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the study of New Hampshire birds. This award is named for Charles Goodhue, one of the state's first great birders, and Kimball Elkins, who remains the model for critical observation and insightful record keeping.



The 2013 recipient of the Goodhue-Elkins Award is Susan Fogleman. Susan's longevity as watcher and site leader every fall on Little Round Top for more than 35 years places her as a standout among New Hampshire birders. There are few others who have participated in an organized collection of bird data for that length of time in New Hampshire.

The following, from a tribute celebrating the 40th anniversary of the hawkwatch site on Little Round Top, describes how Susan got started:

"When Susan Fogleman first visited Little Round Top her backpack did not bear data sheets, lunch, a compass, windmeter, thermometer nor any of the other tools she carries today. Instead she bore a 10-month-old and the accoutrements necessary when lugging such a package into the field. A few days later she carried the same, along with some Tonka toys for the 5-year-old who scurried up the trail ahead of her. She had become hooked on hawk watching. The kids grew, Susan absorbed excellent ID tips from her mentors, and eventually became a co-leader with Elizabeth Phinney."

Iain MacLeod wrote this tribute in *New Hampshire Bird Records*:

"The fall of 2009 marked the fortieth season of raptor migration monitoring at Little Round Top in Bristol. This incredible milestone is a testament to the dedication of site leader Susan Fogleman who has led the monitoring efforts for the majority of those forty seasons. Many others have helped with the all-volunteer efforts over the years, but Sue and her husband Wavell have been the inspirational leaders."

Susan went on to become the New Hampshire State Hawkwatch Coordinator and authored a presentation for the Hawk Migration Association of North America on Hawk Identification which is a valuable tool for learning how to identify hawks. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawk Migration Association of North America and the Board of NorthEast Hawk Watch.

Susan is an avid birder who reported her sightings to New Hampshire Audubon and was Spring Season Editor for *New Hampshire Bird Records* for four years. She was also a regional coordinator and field surveyor for 35 Breeding Bird Atlas blocks and was the Lakes Regional Christmas Bird Count Compiler for 10 years. She has led countless field trips on land and sea and taught birding workshops and classes. She has also taught for the College of Lifelong Learning and in the Continuing Education Division at Plymouth State University. As a field ornithologist she has worked for various federal, state and provincial agencies on projects all across New England and north to Hudson's Bay.

Susan joined New Hampshire Audubon in the late 1960s soon after discovering the hottest birding spot in central New Hampshire, a wetlands area in Holderness near Plymouth which she called "The Marsh." She was invited to join the New Hampshire Audubon board after she sent a letter contesting their support of a proposed extension of Rt. 93 through the Baker River valley. As a trustee she advocated for the conservation of birds of prey. She was Charter President of Lakes Region Chapter and later editor of the Pemigewasset Chapter's newsletter.

In recognition of her many contributions and especially her hawkwatching longevity, New Hampshire Audubon takes great pleasure in bestowing the 2013 Goodhue-Elkins Award to Susan Fogleman.