

2020 Goodhue-Elkins Award

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The Goodhue-Elkins Award is presented annually by NH Audubon to an individual or individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the study of New Hampshire birds. The award is named for Charles Goodhue, one of the state's great pioneer birders, and Kimball Elkins, the model of critical observation and insightful record-keeping.

As a neighbor, friend, and field companion, I am very proud to be the presenter of this award to Betsy Janeway for her decades of selfless service. She has been an energetic and effective volunteer in the areas of bird study and conservation in New Hampshire for over 40 years. She has volunteered for a multitude of projects, including, the State Endangered Species Program (especially during its early years) when she did extensive field work for Northern Harriers, Bald Eagles and Osprey. She was especially noticeable during both the unique Harrier Days and Osprey observation weekends. She also worked on winter Bald Eagle surveys, the statewide wetland surveys, whip-poor-will surveys, and Birdathons. She has participated in local Christmas Counts and other volunteer "bird work."

She has compiled and edited almost 40 years, and counting, of bird data for Webster (a connection to Charles Goodhue as explained below), and she has contributed her data to *New Hampshire Bird Records* for over 30 years. Not only did she work diligently for six years from southern New Hampshire to Lake Umbagog during the New Hampshire Breeding Bird Atlas but she also authored 14 Atlas species accounts. All of these efforts totals hundreds of hours of volunteer work.

After moving to New Hampshire in the 1970s she immediately became involved with NH Audubon and was soon volunteering. In addition to all of her field work already mentioned she had the energy and time to serve on the NH Audubon Board of Trustees, serving as Chair and working tirelessly to support the organization and its policies to protect the birds and other wildlife of New Hampshire. Besides countless hours in meetings she also testified at the State House on key wildlife and conservation bills, often a daunting task.

Less well known are her contributions beyond NH Audubon. For decades she has been a leader in many ways for the venerable Concord Bird and Wildflower Club, which is older than NH Audubon! Also, for decades, Betsy has been the moving force behind wildlife conservation and education in the Town of



Bob Quinn with NH Audubon's 2020 Goodhue-Elkins Award for Betsy Janeway.

Photos by Kelly Wing (top) and Rebecca Suomala (bottom).

Webster, serving for many years as the Chair of the Conservation Commission, a board that she still serves on. She even created a splendid 70-page book on the roadside wetlands of Webster that includes color aerial photos that she took. Furthermore, she has authored a wildlife-themed column in the Town newsletter. Betsy's first choice has always been to be in the field and she has hiked and kayaked and camped from Webster to Lake Umbagog for the birds and NH Audubon projects.

Not only does Betsy epitomize what it means to be a volunteer for NH Audubon and the larger wildlife community, but she also shares a special connection to Charles Goodhue, one of the namesakes of this award. Her many years of service and love of birds has been based in Goodhue's home town of Webster, NH.

Therefore, it is most appropriate and with great honor that we present the 2020 Goodhue-Elkins Award to Betsy Janeway.



Betsy and Harold Janeway.

