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FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

A new chill in the air each night now is the annual reminder that Autumn is on the way. I enjoy all four seasons equally, in part because just as I need a change, it happens. I get “tired” of summer about now, and guess what, the air is changing, and the red maples around the wetlands edges are just hinting at red splashes on the way.

Looking back over the past few months, I have one particular warm memory—the Eclipse. What a great, unifying way to celebrate our celestial ecology, to celebrate science, and to bring people together in amazement. A not-really planned event spontaneously evolved in our courtyard at the McLane Center. Ruth Smith, Phil Brown, and



a few other staff brought out scopes, colanders, and eclipse glasses. Several visitors and multiple staff gathered, shared stories, passed the glasses around, and enjoyed the brief moment when the sun turned into a crescent. It was inspiring, fun and awesome—in the true sense of the word!

Looking ahead, I am excited about



our annual upcoming HawkWatch efforts throughout the fall, NH Audubon’s Annual Meeting (p. 3), our Enchanted Forest (p. 10), and our annual wreath fundraiser at MAC (p. 8).

Finally: Heads-Up! We have launched a strategic planning effort that will guide our work over the coming years and we want to hear from you! We need your opinion on what our most promising and important future priorities will be, so you will soon receive a survey about NH Audubon’s future. This strategic plan will guide our program focus, budgeting and fundraising.

THANK YOU in advance; we look forward to your support *and* opinions.

Doug Bechtel
President

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One of the fall migration spectacles is the gathering of Tree Swallows at the coast in huge numbers. Scott Heron captured this image in Rye on 8/29/15. Join a coastal birding trip (see p. 3 and events insert) as we look for birds of all kinds during the migration season.

ANNUAL MEETING & GATHERING

Join us for a rewarding day together, celebrating the past year’s accomplishments and looking forward to opportunities for continued success.

We are thrilled to be holding our Annual Gathering at Alnoba in Kingston – *a place to reflect, connect and create change*. With 400 acres of conserved land, a working farm, and an art gallery that spills out into the woods and trails, the morning will offer a lovely variety of field trips on the property. Other field trip choices include coastal birding and exploring nearby sanctuaries. The



afternoon includes a farm-to-table luncheon, brief business meeting, keynote speaker, awards ceremony and silent auction.

This year’s keynote speaker will be ecologist and author Tom Wessels, exploring the processes by which natural systems become more complex and stable over time and lead to incredible biodiversity. Many regional examples will be used to illustrate how co-

evolution works. Wessels will conclude by describing how this process is a wonderful model for creating sustainable human systems.

The event is open to members and non-members. Pre-registration is required (\$40/NHA member and \$50/non-member) and includes field trips, lunch and the keynote address. For individuals who are unable to attend the entire gathering, there is a speaker-only ticket available for \$12/NHA member or \$17/non-member, allowing for admission at 1:30pm, in time for Tom Wessels’ presentation.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - SCHEDULE

9-11am	Field Trips and Programs (off site and at Alnoba, see side bar)
11:30am	Gather at Alnoba: Check-in, view exhibits, silent auction items
11:45am	Buffet Lunch, Silent Auction
12:15pm	Welcome by Board Chair David Ries
12:20pm	President’s address by Doug Bechtel
12:40pm	Honoring Donors
1pm	Annual Business Meeting
1:30pm	Break: Refreshments, exhibits, mingle, silent auction time
1:45pm	Keynote address: Tom Wessels
2:45pm	Awards and Appreciations Tudor Richards: John Harrigan Goodhue-Elkins: Dr. Pamela Hunt John Thalheimer Volunteer of the Year: Joanne and Kevin Jones
3:30pm	Last chance at Silent Auction, mingle and book signing
3:45pm	Silent Auction closes
4pm	Silent Auction check out

Reminder! If you want to join us for lunch, register by September 11.

If you are not joining us for lunch, please register by September 18.

Sign up online, or contact Ruth Smith
at rsmith@nhaudubon.org or
603-224-9909 ext. 313.

Event sponsors:



Hope to see you there!

Field Trips

Attendees may join any one of the following trips from 9-11am:

Mindfulness Walk with Helen Dalbeck, Director of Amoskeag Fishways Learning Center. Join Helen for a peaceful walk on the beautiful trails at Alnoba. Conditions: Easy walking.

Coastal Birding with Kyle Wilmarth and Dan Hubbard of NH Audubon’s Seacoast Chapter. Search for migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and off shore species in the harbors and saltmarshes along NH’s coastline. Conditions: Some driving/riding in a car pool.

Inland Birding with Phil Brown, NHA’s Director of Land Management and George Gavutis, Brookside Sanctuary Steward and Alnoba Consulting Naturalist. Visit NHA’s Brookside Wildlife Sanctuary in South Hampton, then explore trails at and near Alnoba. Conditions: Moderate walking.

Paddle on PowWow Pond with Carol Foss, Senior Advisor for Science and Policy and Senior Biologist Laura Deming. Explore this extensive pond/wetland system, which is designated as an Important Bird Area. Bring your own boat.

Interpreting the Landscape with keynote speaker Tom Wessels. Discover clues to past land use, and examples of co-evolved interrelationships along the trails at Alnoba. This trip is limited to 15 so register early. Conditions: Moderate walking.

Solar Energy Tour with ReVision Energy. Learn how ReVision is partnering with Alnoba to build one of New England’s first net-positive communities through solar and complementary clean energy technologies.

Be sure to note your field trip choice when registering for the day.

See more detail for each field trip on the website.

Welcome Our New Wildlife Ambassador!

By Kevin Wall, Program Manager

May 18th will be remembered as an exciting day for those of us who work at NH Audubon. Late in the evening, I arrived at Manchester Regional Airport to welcome the newest

the region. In addition, they have a breeding program which includes Barn Owls. The birds they breed either become a part of their education team or go to facilities such as the McLane Center who are permitted to have them. Adult Barn Owls in the breeding program also act as foster parents for injured juveniles that come in to their center. They believe that building the knowledge base for captive breeding positions them to help if this species continues to decline in the wild and reintroduction becomes necessary.

As many of you know, the heart and soul of our McLane Center programs are our raptors. Prior to the Barn Owl's arrival, we had six live birds living with us in Concord that are the highlight for most visitors to our center. We rely heavily on two of those birds to help with educational programs and outreach events we deliver each year.

Our new arrival allows us to increase our capacity to do more programs and relieve some of the workload for our other birds. In fact, he has been visiting schools since he was ten days old! Significantly, he visited his first school in Hollis, NH, the day after his arrival. Hollis was the last town in NH where a breeding pair was recorded.

Adding a captive bred bird to our program is a step in a new direction for our animal care staff. All of our past residents have been parent-raised, meaning they come from the wild. They can't be released because they have disabilities that would make them unable to survive in the wild.

In contrast, our Barn Owl has been with people since he was 10 days old and is comfortable in large groups—even in a

room full of loud campers! He is well suited for his role and has opened up new training and program possibilities for our future.

We are thrilled to welcome him to NH Audubon, and we think you will be, too!

*Feathers nearly filled in!
Photo by Dyanna Smith.*



Newly arrived, the Barn Owl is already comfortable around people because he was bred and raised in captivity. Photo by Shelby Bernier.

member of our education team. However, this new coworker isn't exactly what you might expect. He is a Barn Owl ready for his new role as an ambassador for NH Audubon.

The Barn Owl comes to us from the Center for Birds of Prey in South Carolina. This organization is a nonprofit with many of the same goals as NH Audubon. Their facility is home to numerous birds they use for educational purposes and serves as a rehabilitation center for injured raptors in

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Barn Owl FAQ

Are Barn Owls native to New Hampshire?

NH Fish and Game lists Barn Owls as one of the 11 species of owls in our state. However, they are best characterized as an occasional visitor. The last account of a breeding pair occurred in the town of Hollis in 1977. Breeding more regularly occurs in Massachusetts and they are occasionally seen in Southeastern New Hampshire. Cold climates and lack of appropriate habitat may contribute

to the lack of a population in New Hampshire. They prefer open habitat which is less prevalent in the heavily wooded state of New Hampshire. It is possible that Barn Owls were more prevalent years ago when the landscape was less forested. However, no data exist to support or refute this claim.

What role will this bird play in our raptor program?

This Barn Owl will become the primary ambassador in our raptor program. Currently, three of our birds serve a dual purpose. They are available for public viewing seven days a week and go off-site as a part of our traveling programs. Most facilities address this issue by having birds that are either on display or participants in programs. The Barn Owl will not be available for public viewing like the other birds. He will become the primary program bird. This allows us to relieve certain birds from their duties as program animals.

Can I meet the Barn Owl?

Yes! As our new program ambassador, he lives behind the scenes at the McLane Center and you won't find him in one of our visible, outside mews. So to meet the Barn Owl, schedule a NH Audubon program or a birthday party. You can also meet him when you sponsor a owl at the \$150 level, or higher, like Quinn did in the photo above!

To book a program, contact Education Coordinator Shelby Bernier at 603-224-9909 x333 or sbernier@nhaudubon.org.

Hawk Watching with a Purpose

By Phil Brown, Raptor Observatory Coordinator

NH Audubon’s raptor observatories blend conservation research and environmental education naturally into one. From September 1 through November 20, seasonal naturalists and teams of volunteers tally thousands of migratory raptors of up to 15 different species at each site. Mid-September to mid-October sees the peak of number and diversity, with days over 1,000 Broad-winged Hawks mid-to late September.

Educational programming at the observatories impacts hundreds of students and thousands of overall visitors annually with a conservation-focused message while sharing the science and spectacle of migration. Dozens of school groups and other programs visit the observatories, leaving with knowledge and awe.

These well-established hawk watch sites are now entering their 13th (Pack Monadnock) and 10th (Carter Hill) seasons of raptor migration data collection. This is a significant benchmark that qualifies both observatories to become part of the Raptor Population Index project of the Hawk Migration Association of North America (HMANA). Conservation biologists use this index to monitor raptor populations across the Western Hemisphere. After this season, both of NH Audubon’s observatories will be contributing count data to this important, international research.

Pack Monadnock’s data (along with that of several other regional hawk watch sites) contributed to the most recent (2015) analysis. Ten years of raptor monitoring at this site has documented significant increases in migratory Bald Eagles, Broad-winged Hawks, and Peregrine Falcons.

On the other hand, the trends indicated that numbers of migratory Ospreys and American Kestrels in our area are on the decline. The ‘why’ is always the question, and there are different answers for different species – as well as many unknowns. Conservation biologists rely on sites like Pack Monadnock and Carter Hill to continue documenting these trends which, in some cases, lead to management responses and policy actions on a state or federal level, in order to conserve raptor populations.

For many, raptors are the ‘gateway bird’ to environmental stewardship.

The Big Sit October 7

Both observatories take part in the annual, international Big Sit, when birders sit inside a 17-foot circle and count as many different species as they can see or hear. This fun event collects data for the Bird Watcher’s Digest.

Carter Hill Observatory

Concord, NH

September 1-October 31: staffed daily from 9am-5pm (weather permitting)

November 1-20: staffed daily from 10am-4pm (weather permitting)

Staff Naturalist: Ken Klapper

Access: The site is owned and operated by Carter Hill Orchard, a conserved working farm with pick-your-own fruits and a country farmstand. More at www.carterhillapples.com

Cost: Free

Group Visits: Please call Carter Hill Orchard ahead of time to schedule; (603) 225-2625.

Raptor Release Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, at 3pm sharp! Please plan to arrive early, and park in the ‘event parking’ lot. International Hawk Migration Week festivities, including a live bird show and raptor workshops for kids and adults will be ongoing throughout the day.

Peak Migration Workshop: September 15, 10am-2pm; cost: \$20/person.

Saturday Live Bird Shows: September 23, 30, October 7, and 14 – from 10am-2pm.

Support comes from Ed Reilly Subaru of Concord, HMANA, and from many private donations and sustaining donors.

Pack Monadnock Observatory

Peterborough, NH

September 1-October 31: staffed daily from 9am-5pm (weather permitting)

November 1-20: staffed daily from 10am-4pm (weather permitting)

Staff Naturalist: Katrina Fenton

Access: Hiking trails and an auto road leads to the summit of Pack Monadnock Mountain in Miller State Park, hosted by the Division of Parks and Recreation of NH Department of Resources and Economic Development. From the summit, a short accessible trail leads to the hawk watch. During Broad-winged Hawk season during mid-September, especially, please try to carpool from the main lot below as parking is limited.

Cost: Free, however, there is a fee for admission into Miller State Park. More at www.nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/miller-state-park.aspx

Group Visits: A new partnership with Massachusetts Audubon’s Camp Wildwood will offer environmental education programming for groups on select days. Wildwood Staff Naturalist, Welch Narron, and others will be providing programming to school groups in September and October. Please call Miller State Park ahead of time to schedule all group visits at (603) 924-3672.

Raptor Release Day: Saturday, September 16, at 1pm sharp! Please plan to arrive early, and park below to hike up to the summit, or take a shuttle between 11:30am-2:30pm. International Hawk Migration Week festivities, including a live bird show, will be ongoing throughout the day.

Support comes from many private donations from sustaining donors, foundations including the Gilbert Verney Foundation, and corporations including Nature’s Green Grocer.

Peak Migration Workshop September 15

Introduction/refresher of raptor identification and life history, followed by sky-watching during the peak of Broad-winged Hawk migration!



Photos: Broad-winged Hawks, by Lillian Stokes (top); school group scanning the sky for raptors on the platform at Carter Hill Observatory, by Dyanna Smith (left); Osprey (above), by Lillian Stokes.

Massabesic Wreath Sale Begins

The Massabesic Center hosts a fundraising project each year during the holiday season to benefit its educational programs. Volunteers gather to individually decorate each fresh balsam wreath with materials from nature.

“They make a beautiful addition to any outdoor space,” says Jean Sweeney, Wreath Coordinator. Jean, a retired school principal, has been organizing this event for the last eleven years. Under Jean’s apt direction, nothing goes out the door unless it is 100% perfect!

Approximately sixty volunteers participate in the wreath decorating project beginning as early in the year as July, collecting a variety of cones, wild flowers and berries to decorate the wreaths.

Volunteers put a lot of thought and creativity into each wreath.

“While it may seem like it’s too early to think about the holidays, order as soon as possible as we always sell out,” Jean encourages. “You can even select your own bow color and know that each was measured to perfection!”

Order forms are available at www.nhaudubon.org.



Jean Sweeney (right) and Judy Meagher (left) show off a hand-decorated a 36 inch wreath.

Fishways: A Focus on Kindness



Programming at Amoskeag Fishways teaches people of all ages to notice the world around them. This world includes nature—the birds, fish, trees and insects that live near or in our rivers—as well as the people we live with in our neighborhoods, schools and workplaces.

Daily, we teach about the conservation and preservation of natural resources such as water, air, and soils, without which we could not live.

Through this learning and caring rises up in each of us a sense of kindness and compassion towards life—all of life. This basic tenet of kindness is where we will begin a focus we are calling *The Kindness Curriculum*. Watch for upcoming programs offered with the bold letters KIND.

Of note, two featured KIND programs this fall are *Bird Migration* on September 29 and *Calling all Crows!* on November 18. Join us in helping the world to be a better place for everyone and all beings.

Find out more at www.amoskeagfishways.org, or call 603-626-FISH(3474).

Kayaking Newfound

This summer, Newfound Center offered a weekly, naturalist-guided paddle along the Northern Newfound Water Trail, created by the Newfound Lake Region Association (NLRA). “The trail gives visitors to the Center a way to experience four pieces of conservation land from the water, including two NH Audubon Wildlife Sanctuaries,” explains Ian Cullison, Director of the Newfound Center:

Heading out from Paradise Point Wildlife Sanctuary, the roughly two mile paddle takes you along 3,000 feet of mature forested shoreline of Paradise Point, through the lazy oxbows of the Cockermouth River Delta, and along the edge of the lush vegetation of the Hebron Marsh Sanctuary. A nesting pair of Bald Eagles is often sighted above the water scanning for fish. The Kingfisher’s raucous call regularly breaks the quiet of the water.

Exploring the Water Trail is a great way to spend a day unplugged and reconnect with nature.



Photos: Touring Newfound lake from the water this summer; stop #4 on the water trail: Paradise Point (inset), by Dyanna Smith.

Enchanted Forest

(now with even more jack-o'-lanterns)

The Enchanted Forest has become a beloved annual event at NH Audubon, with a rich history. "It is magical," Ruth Smith says with a gleam in her eye. Ruth has been involved in Enchanted Forest weekend for 22 years. Part of the magic comes from the longevity of the event itself.

"Volunteers, some of whom were kids going through it in the beginning, are now volunteering and becoming leaders, and bringing their own kids through the forest," she explains. "People *remember* the Enchanted Forest—the learning is hidden but it sticks."

Over 60 volunteers plan and run the event: decorating the McLane Center for Halloween and carving pumpkins to light a path through the Silk Farm Sanctuary trails. The forest becomes an inviting world of exploration that's exciting, not scary.

That's the real magic. "Being outside at night, in the woods, with glow sticks and jack-o'-lanterns; we get to experience the night on night's terms."

Guides lead small groups along the trail with a number of stops along the way for skits designed to unpack the mysteries of the natural world with fun stories.

"Have you ever looked into the mouth of a coyote?" Ruth laughs, "the wildlife dentist will!"



Friday, October 20
Saturday, October 21

Where: The McLane Center
in Concord

Times: Tours last about an hour and
run from 5-8:45pm

Trail: Encounter larger than life
creatures and characters as they present
skits about mysterious activities in
nature (this is a family-friendly event
for ages 4-adult and is not intended to
be scary)

Enjoy indoor activities before or
after your tour: live animals, face
painting, seasonal games, a raffle and
refreshments

Rain or Shine! Skit sites are covered
and indoor options are available for
severe weather

Cost: \$6.50/NHA and AARP
Members, \$9.50/Non-Members. Group
rates are available for scout and youth
groups: \$140/time slot, 15 people
minimum

Preregistration for a specific day and
time slot is required

Find out more, and register online
at www.nhaudubon.org. Call
224-9909 for questions or email:
rsmith@nhaudubon.org.

TRIBUTES AND GIVING

Remembering Terri Donsker

We were saddened to learn of Terri's
passing in May of 2017.

Terri was an award-winning
photographer, and her images have
appeared in NH Audubon publications.
She loved the water and would spend
hours at the ocean or the camp on
Lake Winnepesaukee that she and her
husband, David owned.

We very much appreciate Terri's
support over the years, and her support
of David's birding interests which
led him to his longtime volunteer
involvement with NH Audubon.



Terri Donsker (right) and her husband David (left).

In Memoriam

New Hampshire Audubon is honored to
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10am-5pm

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THE NATURE STORE, 84 SILK FARM RD, CONCORD
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10am-2pm

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NH Audubon Fall Afield 2017 • Calendar of Events

Events are free unless noted with \$. FT = Field Trip. R = Registration Required.



Enter the Wild NH Photo Contest

Until Sept 2 • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Common Nighthawk Migration

Through Sept 4, 5:30-7:45pm • Capital Commons Garage, Concord

Leader: Zeke Cornell, Capital Chapter

Fall Warblers of Webster

Sept 2, 8am-12pm • Capital Chapter FT, Webster

Leader: Bob Quinn, Merlin Wildlife Tours

Pelagic Trip

Sept 5, 7:30am-5pm • \$/R • Seacoast Chapter FT, Rye

Beautiful Butterflies: Family Fun Night

Sept 8, 6:30-8pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Migration North of the Notches

Sept 9, 6am-5pm • Capital Chapter FT, North Country

Leader: Pam Hunt, NHA Senior Biologist

Growing Up WILD: Professional Development Workshop

Sept 9, 8:30am-12:30pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Busy Bears: Saturday Nature Seekers

Sept 9, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Pickering Ponds: Beginning Bird Walk

Sept 10, 8am-12pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Rochester

The Franconia Breeding Bird Survey

Sept 13, 7:30-9pm • Seacoast Chapter Program, Rye

Speaker: Dr. Steve Hale, UNH Leitzel Center

Journey of Discovery: A Botanist on the Trail of Lewis and Clark

Sept 14, 7-8:30pm • \$ • McLane Center, Concord

Speaker: Dr. Janet Sullivan

Peak Migration Workshop

Sept 15, 10am-2pm • \$/R • Carter Hill Raptor Observatory, Concord

Leader: Phil Brown, NHA Raptor Observatory Coordinator

Richmond Conservation Land

Sept 16, 7-9:30am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Orford

Leader: Jeff MacQueen, Chapter Steering Committee Member

Raptor Festival and Release Day at Pack Monadnock

Sept 16, 9am-5pm • Pack Mondanock Raptor Observatory, Peterborough

Raptor Release: 1pm

Incredible Insect Day

Sept 16, 10am-3pm • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Strafford County Farm: Beginning Bird Walk

Sept 17, 8am-12pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Dover

Raptor Festival and Release Day at Carter Hill

Sept 17, 9am-5pm • Carter Hill Raptor Observatory, Concord

Raptor Release: 3pm

Honeybees: Wee Wonders

Sept 20, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Migration - It's Not Just for the Birds: Junior Explorers

Sept 20, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Artist Reception: Mystical Arbors Photography Exhibit

Sept 20, 5-7pm • McLane Center, Concord

Artist/Photographer: Melissa Fraser

Meet the NH Audubon President

Sept 20, 7-8:30pm • Nashaway Chapter Program, Nashua

Speaker: Doug Bechtel

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Becoming Wolf: The Eastern Coyote in New England

Sept 21, 7-8:30pm • Lakes Region Chapter Program, Moultonborough

Speaker: Chris Schadler, Project Coyote

Migratory Birds

Sept 22, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Leader: Kelly Dwyer, NHA Director of Education

Plum Island

Sept 23, 7am-4:30pm • Nashaway Chapter FT, Plum Island, MA

NH Audubon Annual Gathering and Meeting

Sept 23, 9am-4pm • \$/R • Alnoba, Kensington

Keynote Speaker: Tom Wessels, ecologist and author

Bird Migration: Family Fun Night • KIND Program

Sept 29, 6:30-8pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Cardboard Challenge Extravaganza

Sept 30, 10am-12pm • R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

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Hawk Watch: Wee Wonders

Oct 4, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

The Magic of Avian Migration: Junior Explorers

Oct 4, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

You Can Learn a lot from a Bug - What Insects in the River Can Tell Us

Oct 5, 7-8:30pm • \$ • McLane Center, Concord

Speakers: Michele Tremblay and Stephen Landry, Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program

Full Moon Walk

Oct 5, 8-10pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Leader: Jake King, Thrive Outdoors

Bedell Bridge Bird Walk

Oct 7, 7-9am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Haverhill

Leader: Blake Allison and George Clark

Big Sit at Carter Hill

Oct 7, 8am-5pm • Carter Hill Raptor Observatory, Concord

Big Sit at Pack Monadnock

Oct 7, 8am-5pm • Pack Mondanock Raptor Observatory, Peterborough

Coastal Migration

Oct 7, 8am-5pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Odiorne State Park

Leader: Steve Mirick

NH Owls: Saturday Nature Seekers

Oct 7, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Introduction to Pelagic Wildlife

Oct 7, 3-4pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Presenter: John Woolf

Ongoing Events

Mystical Arbors Photography Exhibit

Sept 1 - Oct 31 • McLane Center, Concord

Artist/Photographer: Melissa Fraser

Wild NH Photography Contest and Fundraiser Exhibit

Oct 10 - Nov 25 • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Through Our Eyes: How Nature Journaling Inspires Us

Nov 1 - Dec 31 • McLane Center, Concord

Artists: Kimball Jenkins School of Art Students

Fall Pelagic Trip

Oct 8, 8am-5pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center FT, Rye

Big Sit at Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary

Oct 8, 8am-5pm • R • Sanctuary FT, Sandwich

Speed of Seeds: Wee Wonders

Oct 11, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

The Big Chill: Junior Explorers

Oct 11, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

A Tour of Ghana

Oct 11, 7:30-9pm • Seacoast Chapter Program, Rye

Speakers: Dana and Bob Fox

Steve Schuch in Concert

Oct 12, 7-9pm • \$ • McLane Center • Birds and Beans Coffee House

NH Owls: Saturday Nature Seekers

Oct 14, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Mindfulness and Nature Observation Workshop

Oct 14, 2-4pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Presenter: Molly Schlangen, RN

Wildflower Walk at Beaver Brook

Oct 18, 10am-12pm • Nashaway Chapter FT, Hollis

Snow Leopards

Oct 18, 7-8:30pm • Nashaway Chapter Program, Nashua

Speaker: Jennifer Snell Rullman, Director of the Snow Leopard Trust

Raptor Migration in NH: What the Numbers Tell Us

Oct 19, 7-8:30pm • Lakes Region Chapter Program, Moultonborough

Speaker: Phil Brown, NH Audubon Raptor Observatory Coordinator

Enchanted Forest

Oct 20 and 21, 5-8:45pm • \$/R • McLane Center, Concord

Odiorne Point and the NH Seacoast

Oct 21, 7:30am-3:30pm • Nashaway Chapter FT, Nashua

Hiking the Deering Wildlife Sanctuary

Oct 21, 10:30am-3pm • Sanctuary FT, Deering

NH Owls: Saturday Nature Seekers

Oct 21, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Abe Emerson Wildlife Sanctuary Walk

Oct 22, 1-3pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center FT, Auburn

Rainbow Leaves: Wee Wonders

Oct 25, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Life Under the Ice: Junior Explorers

Oct 25, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Dissect an Owl Pellet

Oct 28, 11am-12:30pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Center Details

McLane Center

603-224-9909

84 Silk Farm Rd, Concord NH 03801

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm

Massabesic Center

603-668-2045

26 Audubon Way, Auburn NH 03032

Tues-Sat 9am-5pm

Amoskeag Fishways

603-626-3474

4 Fletcher St, Manchester NH 03103

Mon-Sat 9am-5pm

Newfound Center (June 3-Sept 4)

603-744-3516

290 N Shore Rd, Hebron NH 03241

Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat-Sun 8am-4pm

NOV

Concord November Challenge

Nov 4-5, 6am-5pm • Capital Chapter FT, Concord

Leader: Pam Hunt, NHA Senior Biologist

Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area

Nov 4, 7am-2pm • Mascoma Chapter FT, Norwich, VT

Eyes on Owls

Nov 4, 11am-12:15pm, 1-2:15pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Presenters: Marcia and Mark Wilson (live owl program)

Animal Harvesters: Wee Wonders

Nov 8, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Ready, Set, Adapt: Junior Explorers

Nov 8, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

A Birder's Trip to Trinidad and Tobago

Nov 8, 7:30-9pm • Seacoast Chapter Program, Rye

Speakers: Bob Quinn, Merlin Tours, and Becky Suomala, NHA Senior Biologist

Artist Reception: Through Our Eyes

Nov 9, 5-7pm • McLane Center, Concord

Ogunquit to York, ME

Nov 11, 7:30am-3:30pm • Nashaway Chapter FT, meet in Nashua

Birding the Coast of Maine

Nov 11, 9am-2pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Perkins Cove, ME

Clever Crows: Saturday Nature Seekers

Nov 11, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Winter Tree Identification

Nov 15, 7-8:30pm • Nashaway Chapter Program, Nashua

Kettle of One: Following the Broad-winged Hawk Migration by Bicycle

Nov 16, 7-8:30pm • \$ • McLane Center, Concord

Speaker: Eric Masterson

History of the International Migratory Bird Treaty Act

Nov 16, 7-8:30pm • Lakes Region Chapter Program, Moultonborough

Speaker: Professor Kurk Dorsey

Winter Tree Identification

Nov 18, 10am-12pm • Nashaway Chapter FT, Hollis

Calling All Crows! • KIND Program

Nov 18, 11am-12:30pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Wild NH Photo Award Ceremony and Reception

Nov 18, 3-5pm • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Songbird Feeder and Seed Tips by Blue Seal

Nov 28, 6:30-8pm • McLane Center Workshop, Concord

Native American Stories: Wee Wonders

Nov 29, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Who's Still Here?: Junior Explorers

Nov 29, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

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