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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Have you heard the word? It's The Year of the Bird. As you might guess, everyone here at NH Audubon is excited about celebrating 2018 as The Year of the Bird:

WHY? Like many environmental regulations, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) is under threat. The Act stands as one of the pioneer treaties ensuring that large scale development does not impact migratory birds; loosening this requirement would result in unnecessary mortality of thousands, if not millions, of birds. It's unfortunate that this challenge to the Treaty comes as we all celebrate the 100th anniversary of this milestone environmental law.

HOW? Look at our calendar of events. We are offering many opportunities to get outside and go birding. Along with the many NH Audubon Chapter birding trips, we are focusing on May as a great month

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natural environment
for wildlife
and for people.*

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get outside, join up with new and old friends, and witness the return of Migratory Birds to New Hampshire. A special day in particular is International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) on May 12th. We will be hosting birding trips all over the state on that day, focusing on our Sanctuaries and other amazing birding locations across New Hampshire.

I can't wait to hear the first notes of the returning songbirds and see the flight of waterfowl as they come back from their southern winter grounds. While to many of us, every year is The Year of the Bird, let's make this one extra special. Please join us in celebrating birds and birding this year by coming to one of our many birding outings.

We'll see you out there!

Doug Bechtel
President

Cover Photo:

This male Blackpoll Warbler was caught near Whitehorse, in Canada's Yukon Territory, and fitted with a tracking device. When the bird was recaptured a year later, the attachment provided valuable data on its spring and fall migration routes. Photograph by Hilary Cooke.

See pages 6-7 for details on their amazing migration.

Bee Empowered



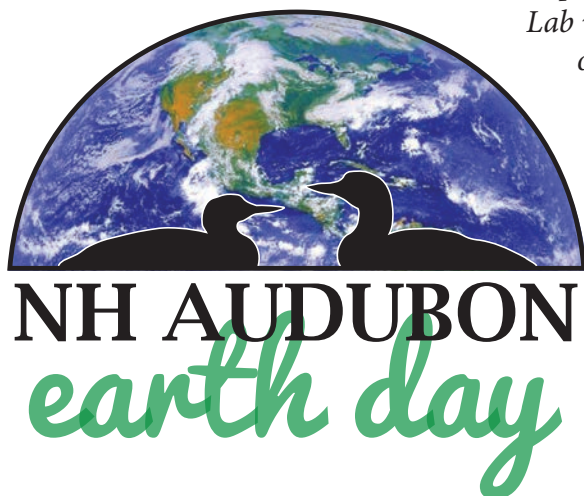
Celebrate Pollinators!

Angie Krysiak, Program Director for the center, talks about plans for the big day:

“We want to get people outside appreciating and connecting with nature. It’s an educational day, but it goes deeper than just providing information. We ask the question, ‘How can we live in ways that are as beneficial to the environment as possible?’ Then we provide some answers to that question with fun activities and suggestions that people can try easily at home.”

Habitat for pollinators is disappearing.

“They are so critical to our own survival. On Earth Day, we’ll focus on things people can do in their own yards and spaces to protect and attract pollinators of all sorts. There is a lot we can do!”



For example, the Caterpillar Lab will bring a variety of live caterpillars so people can learn about native and beneficial species, and how to encourage them in our landscapes.

“The real goal of Earth Day at Massabesic is for people to say, ‘That was really fun and I learned a lot so many easy ways to help pollinators!’ The take-home message is that your changes matter—they are achievable and exciting. And maybe you go home and share that new gardening tip or trick to attract pollinators with your neighbors and friends. It’s this ripple effect that has the true impact. That’s how we change things for pollinators and for us.”

Saturday, April 14

10am-3pm

Massabesic Center, Auburn

\$7 Individuals, \$20 Families



- Rehabilitated raptor release
- Caterpillar Lab
- Nature walks
- Live animal presentations
- Games & crafts
- Pawtuckaway Beekeepers
- UNH Bee Lab
- Live music
- Earth-friendly businesses & organization booths



International Migratory Bird Day

By Ruth Smith, Development and Community Engagement Manager

We are celebrating The Year of the Bird and 100 years since the passage of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act by reviving a wonderful tradition.

For the decade from 1960-70, an effort was made to lead statewide birding trips throughout the month of May. Later in the decade the trips were focused on just one weekend, as we are doing this year. According to Kimball Elkins, Field Trip Chairman at the time, the goal was “to furnish pleasant outings for our members and friends and to offer an introduction to the Audubon Society and to one of the most fascinating branches of nature study.” (1962)

That goal was met as first dozens and then hundreds of people participated. At the peak there were 24 trips and 170 species seen across the state. In addition, the records of those trips provide an interesting window into the regional changes in populations of many bird species. For example bluebird sightings were uncommon and provided “striking evidence of the disaster that has overtaken these attractive birds, so common just a few years ago.” Kimball Elkins 1960. Cardinals, Tufted Titmouse and Mockingbirds were noted as unusual sightings. The first record of a Turkey Vulture (in Keene) on one of these May trips made it into the notes in 1968. An average of 23 species of warblers was seen each year.

From the North Country to our southern border and the Connecticut River to the seacoast, we will be following in the footsteps of some of our leaders from decades ago. What will we observe; how will our records inform future generations? Who will join us as new or expert birders? You can help answer those questions. And as Kimball Elkins said in 1969, “some may think these May field trips are intended primarily as a competition for the longest list or

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the greatest rarity. . . some parties try to see as many bird species as they can, others concentrate on the birds of special interest . . . other prefer to go slowly, expecting to see fewer birds, but hoping to study and enjoy them more.” So, there’s something for everyone, and we hope you’ll join us as we revive this tradition and celebrate birds.

IMBD
NEW HAMPSHIRE STYLE
MAY 12

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Birding Brookside Sanctuary, by Dyanna Smith.

If you are unable to join one of the organized trips, feel free to go out birding on your own and send us your list. Visit the page: www.nh Audubon.org/events-and-news/imbd-new-hampshire-style/ for more information.

BIRDING TRIPS

2. IMBD at Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge

Whitefield & Jefferson, 6am-3pm

Explore Airport Marsh in Whitefield (for grassland and marsh birds), then move to Cherry and Little Cherry Ponds in Jefferson (warblers and other songbirds) with David Govatski from Friends of Pondicherry, NHA's Director of Land Management Phil Brown and Senior Biologist Chris Martin.

4. Newfound Audubon Properties*

Hebron, 7-11am

Search for water birds and woodland species with Suzanne Smith and Dick Beyer at the Hebron Marsh and Newfound Sanctuary.

5. Connecticut River Flyway

Hanover, time TBA

Explore the Connecticut River Flyway with Mascoma Chapter's Blake Allison.

7. McDaniels Marsh Wildlife Management Area*

Springfield, 7-10am

Join a paddling trip on this 300-acre marsh in search of waterfowl, herons, and secretive marsh birds like Virginia Rail and American Bittern with Conservation Biologist Laura Deming and Cynthia Nichols.

9. Ashuelot Rail Trail

Keene, 6:30 or 8-10am

Discover the bird life along the Ashuelot River Rail Trail in Keene with veteran birder Wendy Ward.

10. Deering Wildlife Sanctuary*

Deering, 7-11am

Seek out avian residents of the magical Deering Sanctuary with Senior Biologist Diane DeLuca and also learn about the on-going Phenology Project and the data that it is providing about our changing climate.

11. Miller State Park

Peterborough/Temple, 8am-12pm

Hike up the Marion Davis Trail and down the Pack Monadnock summit road at a leisurely birdwatching pace, and visit NH Audubon's raptor observatory site with Francie VonMertens and Meade Cadot.

12. Ponemah Bog*

Amherst, 7-10am

Explore a three-acre kettle pond surrounded by a floating sphagnum mat and encircled by upland oak-pine woods with Birder and Grant Writer, Gail Coffey.

1. Rusty Blackbird Research Project*

Wentworth's Location, 8-11am

Experience an on-going avian research project searching for Rusty Blackbirds and other northern species with Senior Advisor for Policy and Science Carol Foss.

3. Thompson Sanctuary*

Sandwich, 7-10am

Explore the marsh, forested wetlands, river edges, and meadows in search of a wide variety of birds with Ornithologist and Sanctuary Steward Bob Ridgely.

6. Lakes and Lookouts*

Meredith and Laconia, 6 or 8-11am

Visit hot spots around the lakes in Meredith and Laconia with award winning trip leader Bob Quinn.

8. McLane Center and Silk Farm Sanctuary*

Concord, 8:30-11am

Join a beginning bird walk with Education Specialist Hilary Chapman at the McLane Center in Concord. Great for families.

13. Massabesic Center and Lake*

Auburn, 7-10am

Learn the basics of bird watching around Lake Massabesic with naturalist and Community Engagement Manager Ruth Smith. Great for families.

14. Habitats of Fremont*

Freemont, 4:30 or 6-11am

Tally as many birds as you can in one town with Senior Biologist for Avian Conservation Pam Hunt as you explore the spruce swamp, hay fields and forests of Fremont.

15. Odiorne State Park*

Rye, 6-10am

Enjoy the diversity of species along the coastline with Senior Biologist Becky Suomala and search for migrating songbirds as well as shorebirds and waterfowl.

More field trips are being added - check the website for details!

**Registration required. Fee: \$5/person*

Celebrating Migratory Birds: The Journey of the

By Pam Hunt, Senior Biologist, Avian Conservation

As you read this there are birds moving north. Some may be along a river valley nearby, some along the coast or ridgelines of the Carolinas, and some deep in the forests of Latin America. They are returning to the woods and fields where they were hatched and raised, just as they've been doing for millennia, before there were even people here to observe them. Think about it. Some of them – the ones hatched last year – have never even made the journey before. And yet they find their way. Without a smart phone.

We are fascinated by birds, by flight, by migration. We can study it, understand it even, but in the end we still stand in awe as warblers appear like magic in the spring, or thrushes peep overhead in the autumn darkness. I write this as an homage to our sense of wonder, a celebration of feathered flyways that crisscross a continent, that span a hemisphere.

From hummingbirds weighing barely more than a penny, to eagles and geese topping ten pounds, almost all the birds of New Hampshire undertake an annual journey of one sort or another. Each has a story to tell, but there is no time for all of them, and one will have to do. You may have never seen the subject of this tale, but the stories of more familiar birds are no less inspiring. Follow along and share the wonder...

"So south and east they go, now green and gray again, a wave perhaps 100 million strong. This feathered tide eventually crashes against the North Atlantic, and here they linger..."

Somewhere in the Amazon Basin a Blackpoll Warbler has molted out of his drab fall plumage. Now boldly black and white, he senses the shifting seasons and becomes restless. Thousands of miles away the snow still lies deep in the firs and spruces of the northern forest, but the forest is calling. Sometime in April our warbler starts to move, and by the end of the month he'll have crossed the Caribbean to Florida, but he is not done flying. If our particular Blackpoll Warbler is destined to nest in the White Mountains, he has only 1300 more miles to go, but others of his kind go much farther. Some breed in Alaska, within sight of the Bering Sea. By the time they get there, they may have flown over 6500 miles from where they spent the winter.

No matter where they nest, Blackpoll Warblers must eventually return to South America – the northern winter holds no promise for a half-ounce insect eater. So south and east they go, now green and gray again, a wave perhaps 100 million strong. This feathered tide eventually

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crashes against the North Atlantic, and here they linger, waiting. They almost double their weight, they wait for a tailwind, and when the time is right they launch themselves over the ocean. They will fly nonstop for almost three days, for this leg of their migration takes them over 1500 miles of open water. If they survive – and perhaps half of them don't – they make landfall in the eastern Caribbean. After one more rest they continue

south, to disappear into the tropical forest until spring calls them north again.

This, I would argue, is one reason we are enthralled by migration. It is barely conceivable to us that a bird like a Blackpoll Warbler can do this at all, and yet it does. A bird that weighs as much as two quarters flies 7-14 thousand miles a year, perhaps for five or more years, and always returns to the same place each summer.

But there is a sobering end to this tale: there are perhaps only a tenth as many Blackpoll Warblers as fifty years ago. They have lost habitat (north, south, and in between), collided with windows and towers, and been eaten by domestic cats. They face unknown threats associated with a warming planet. None of these risks were present when they evolved, when one wayward warbler first flew over the ocean on a September tailwind and survived. Yet still they fly, and as long as they do we will marvel at them, and this year, on the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, perhaps think a little more than usual about our obligation to them.

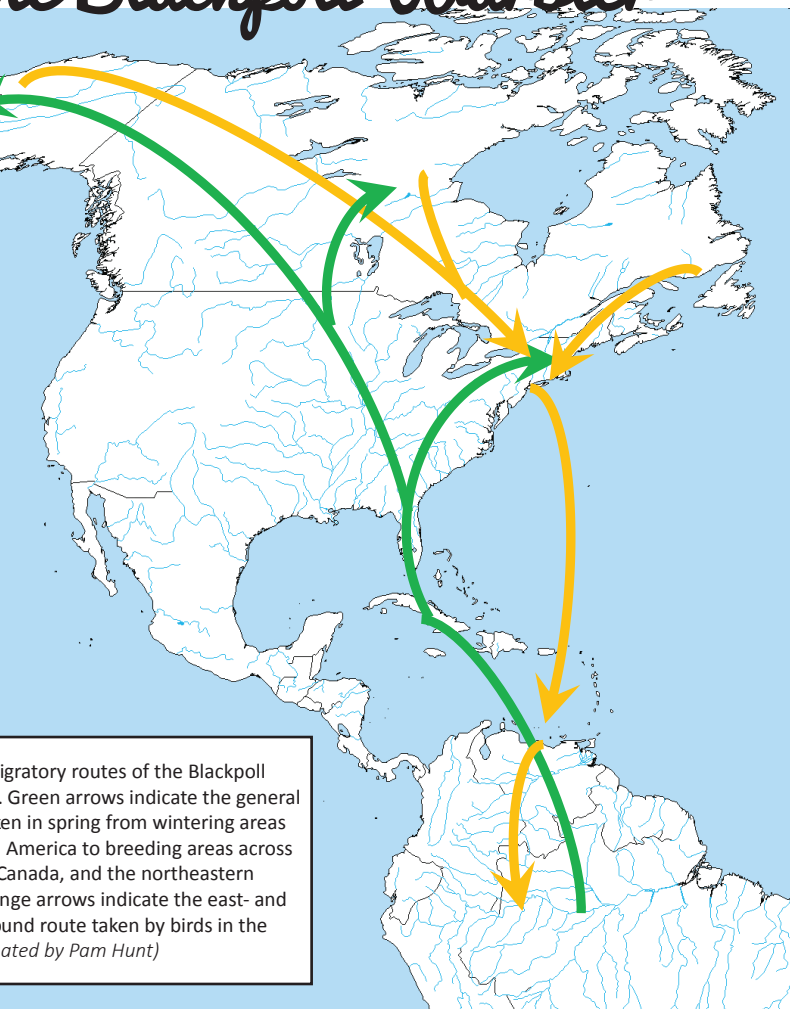


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*Blackpoll Warbler photos: V
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The Blackpoll Warbler



Wing close up by Darlene Moore (right); fall plumage by Jim Sparrell (below);
 image, by Len Medlock (below, left).





Fall 2017 Raptor Observatories Summary

By Phil Brown, Raptor Observatory Coordinator

March marks the beginning of the spring raptor migration season. The northbound migration is less conspicuous through much of New England than the fall migration, not often concentrating along our ridgelines or hilltops. Raptor numbers are somewhat reduced as many immature birds don't survive their first perilous migration and winter season. Still, opportunities exist to see them in numbers, particularly following a spell of north winds and along the NH coastline (a geographical feature which concentrates migration). If you'd like to learn more about spring raptor migration in New England, attend the Seacoast Chapter's meeting on April 11 in Rye where I'll be delving into that very topic.

But now is the time to reflect back on the Fall 2017 migration season at NH Audubon's raptor observatories on Pack Monadnock (Peterborough) and Carter Hill (Concord). Here, our staff Naturalists Katrina Fenton and Ken Klapper along, with a team of volunteers and educators, connected over 13,000 visitors and students to the spectacle of raptor migration. They also tallied 18,081 individual raptors over 1,027 hours between September 1 and November 20.

The 2017 flight was dictated by extreme heat, significant cold fronts and extended rainy periods, which either triggered or halted migration. A record-hot September resulted in many slow days at a traditionally productive time, but this resulted in a strong late month push that continued through early October. Record warmth in early November seemed to facilitate later flights than usual for several species of hawks and falcons. Delayed migration trends are being noted by many other long-term monitoring sites, as well.

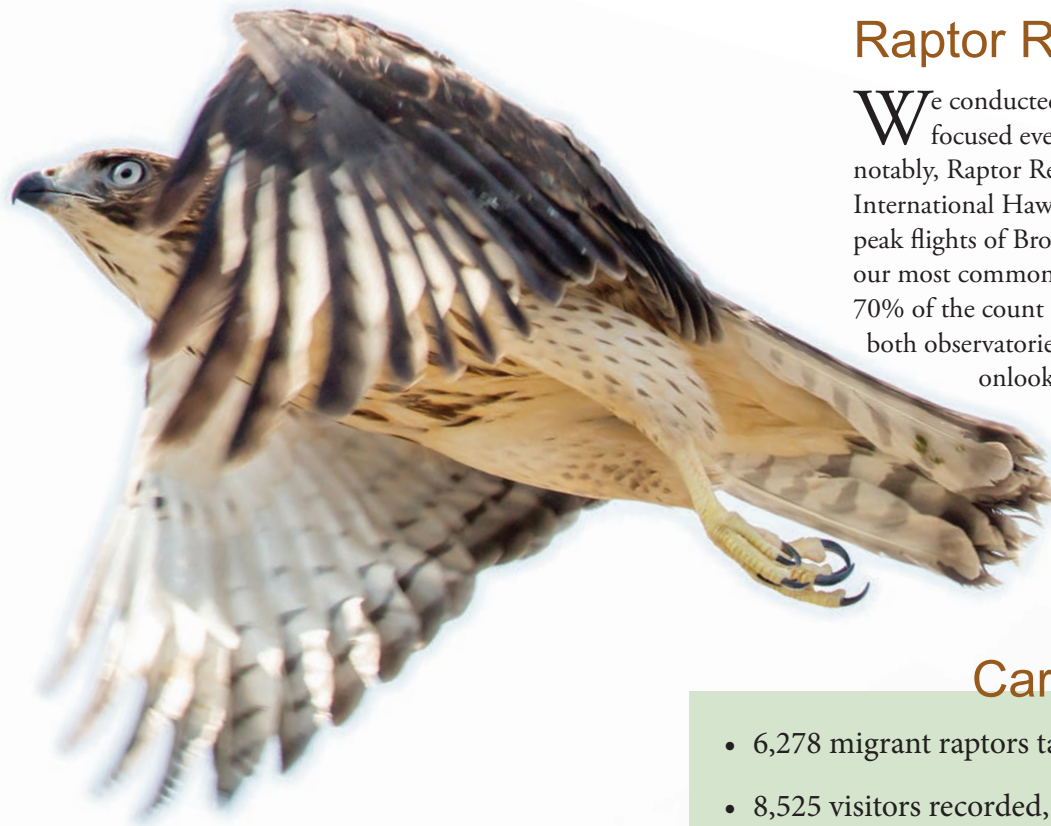
Carter Hill generated excitement in early November when four Golden Eagles passed over on November 7—a record high daily tally for any northern New England hawk watch!

While Pack Monadnock had an average year for many species including Broad-winged Hawks, Carter Hill had a poor showing of this species, resulting in the lowest overall tally here in many years. There were also reduced numbers of several other species. On the contrary, Turkey Vultures set record-high counts at both observatories (324 at Pack, 429 at Carter Hill). Bald Eagles and Peregrine Falcons, two species which NH Audubon has spent considerable resources protecting, set new season highs at Pack (with 163 and 64, respectively). Carter Hill generated excitement in early November when four Golden Eagles passed over on November 7—a record-high daily tally for any northern New England hawk watch! Declines in Osprey, American Kestrel, Northern Goshawk and Northern Harrier followed regional trends,

strengthening the argument for more research and conservation efforts for these species.

Our observatories are part of an international effort to monitor birds of prey under the umbrella of the Hawk Migration Association of North America. As several of these species are either endangered, threatened, or of special concern in New Hampshire, the data is particularly relevant as we continue to track migratory populations from year to year. Though it is tempting to look at year-to-year trends for population assessments, the primary value is in maintaining a consistent, long-term dataset that can be analyzed alongside those from other hawk watch sites across the continent. Only then can we paint a picture of where raptor populations stand.

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Raptor Release Days

We conducted several successful migration-focused events throughout the season. Most notably, Raptor Release Weekend was timed with International Hawk Migration Week, which featured peak flights of Broad-winged Hawks. Broad-wings are our most common raptor migrant, totalling almost 70% of the count in 2017. Raptor Release Days at both observatories allowed hundreds of thrilled onlookers to witness the release of several rehabilitated birds.

Carter Hill Fun Facts

- 6,278 migrant raptors tallied
- 8,525 visitors recorded, the highest in ten years
- 47 species of birds recorded during the October 7 annual 'Big Sit' birding event
- 4,092 Canada Geese, 551 Monarch Butterflies, and record-high 18 Sandhill Cranes counted migrating

Pack Monadnock Fun Facts

- 11,803 migrant raptors tallied
- 6,258 visitors recorded, an increase of about 1,900 from last season
- Over 20 school group visits
- 1,836 Broad-winged Hawks tallied on September 21
- 3,901 Canada Geese, 302 Monarch Butterflies, and 43 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds counted migrating



Thank you!

Your support keeps us counting and gives New Hampshire a vital role in helping track migratory trends to build awareness of conservation needs. Support comes from the Gilbert Verney Foundation, local businesses such as Harlow's Pub and many individual sponsors including sustaining donors. Our host sites, Carter Hill Orchard in Concord and Miller State Park in Peterborough also deserve considerable recognition for sharing their locations and supporting NH Audubon's work.

Photos: Juvenile Broad-winged Hawk in flight (top); Hilary Chapman releases an American Kestrel (above), both during Raptor Release Days, by Jen Esten.

Complete season summaries are available in the observatory final report, which can be found online at www.nhaudubon.org/get-outside/raptor-observatories.

Birds aren't the only ones making music this spring!

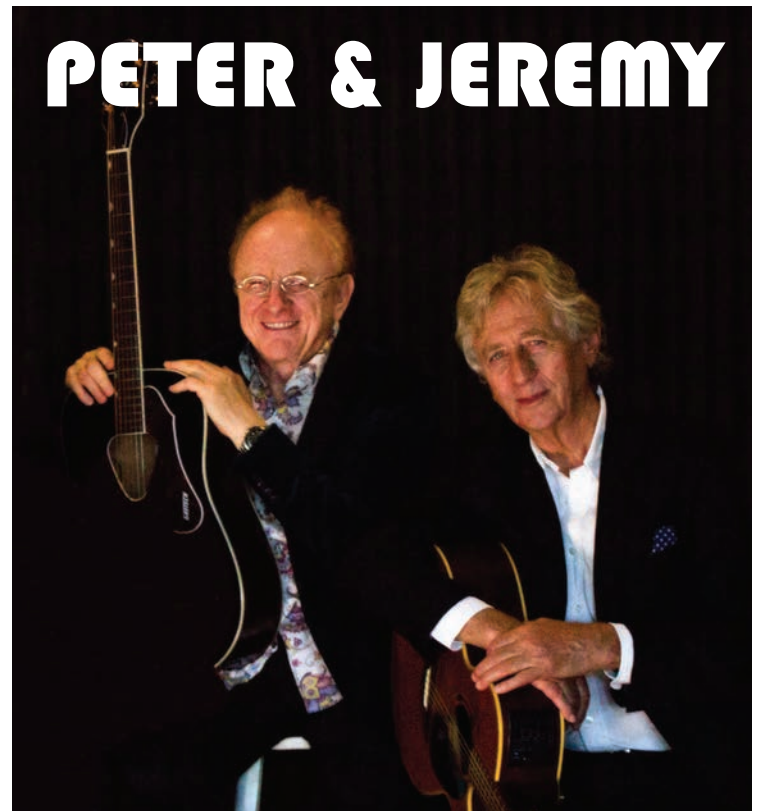
NH Audubon Benefit Concert
at the Flying Monkey in Plymouth

March 16 @7:30pm

Peter Asher of Peter & Gordon joins forces with Jeremy Clyde of Chad & Jeremy to star together in an unforgettable evening of music and memories. This “storytellers” style evening features songs and stories from their sixties heyday as recording artists to Jeremy’s success on stage, television (Downton Abbey) and film (The Iron Lady) and Peter’s Grammy-Winning career as Producer and manager of the likes of James Taylor, Linda Ronstadt and more.

Visit the Flying Monkey at www.flyingmonkeynh.com for tickets, information and lots of great music links about Peter and Jeremy. There will also be a special meet and greet with Peter and Jeremy after the show!

Thank you to event sponsor, CherylAnne Williams!



BIRDS AND BEANS COFFEE HOUSE

presents

3 Ravens

APRIL 12

7-9PM

MCLANE CENTER

TICKETS: \$15M/\$20NM

**This is the 8th concert
in our Birds and Beans series!**

Find out more about these wonderful musicians on our website at www.nh Audubon.org, and purchase tickets online to ensure a seat.

*Thanks to Altus Investment Group
for sponsoring this event.*



Folk singer/songwriter Lui Collins, guitarist Max Cohen and fiddle player Donna Hébert come together musically as the 3 Ravens, in concert at NH Audubon’s McLane Center on April 12. The three craft a performance out of their originals, instrumentals, traditional tunes and songs set to words by author and poet Jane Yolen. Tight harmonies blend three strong voices in musical storytelling. Donna’s fiddling morphs from lively to pensive; while Lui’s piano, banjo and tenor ukulele converse fluently with Max’s guitar.

Dr. Bev Ridgely

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Bev Ridgely, after a long life, well lived. Dr. Ridgely received the 2002 Goodhue-Elkins Award for his contributions to our knowledge of birds in New Hampshire. He taught French at



Brown University but also had a home in Sandwich, NH where he studied the area's bird life, and wrote *Birds of the Squam Lakes Region*. He was working on the second edition during the Breeding Bird Atlas, conducting field work for both projects and sharing information.

Over the years he contributed many bird sightings from the Squam Lakes Region to *New Hampshire Bird Records*.

NH Audubon recently dedicated the new Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary observation platform in honor of Bev and his son, Dr. Robert Ridgely. He was "96 years young" when he died, truly a long-time NH Audubon member and supporter who we will miss.

Photo: Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary observation platform dedication, by Dyanna Smith.

Thoughtful gifts were made by the following individuals and groups in honor of friends and relatives. These gifts are a valuable contribution to the work we do for wildlife and conservation.

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NH Audubon Spring Afield 2018 • Calendar of Events

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



MARCH

Cityscapes: Makerspace Challenge Days

Mar 1, 10am-3:30pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Backyard Birds

Mar 3, 11am-12:30pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Welcome Back Blackbirds: Wee Wonders

Mar 7, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Seeds, Seeds, Seeds: Junior Explorers

Mar 7, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Fire Building and Outdoor Cooking

Mar 10, 11am-1pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Predators of the Sky: Live Birds of Prey

Mar 10, 11am-12:30pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Mar 10, 1-2:30pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Bird Photography on a Budget

Mar 12, 7-8:30pm • Mascoma Chapter Program, Hanover

Presenter: Ken Cox

Birding Cape Cod

Mar 14, 7:30-9pm • Seacoast Chapter Program, Rye

Presenters: Susan Wrisley and Jenna Pettipas

Chasing Prairie Chickens and Other Colorado Adventures

Mar 15, 7-8:30pm • Lakes Region Chapter Program, Moultonborough

Presenter: Charlie Nims

Shrubland Birds: Impacts of Clearcuts and Powerlines

Mar 15, 7-8:30pm • \$ • McLane Center, Concord

Amphibian Crossing Brigade

Mar 16, 7-8pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Peter and Jeremy Benefit Concert (see pg 10)

Mar 16, 7:30pm • \$ • Flying Monkey, Plymouth

Morrill's Farm, Penacook

Mar 17, 7-10am • Capital Chapter FT • Leader: Pam Hunt

Bluebird Natural History and Trail Monitoring

Mar 17, 10am-12pm • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Mud, Muck and Soil: Saturday Nature Seekers

Mar 17, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Looney-toons: Wee Wonders

Mar 21, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Eggs-citement: Junior Explorers

Mar 21, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

NH Birding

Mar 21, 7-9pm • Nashaway Chapter Program, Nashua

Effects of Climate Change on Flora and Fauna

Mar 21, 7-8:30pm • Ammonoosuc Chapter Program, Bethlehem

Presenter: Rick Van de Poll

Birding the NH Coast

Mar 24, 7am-3:30pm • Nashaway Chapter FT, Nashua/Seacoast

Spring Migratory Waterfowl

Mar 24, 8-11am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Norwich VT

Bob Hull Memorial Walk

Mar 24, 10am-1pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Durham

Vulture Culture • KIND Program

Mar 24, 11am-12:30pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Discover the Wonders of a Vernal Pool

Mar 25, 1-2:30pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

35th Annual Waterfowl Safari Along the Connecticut River

Mar 31, 8am-1pm • Monadnock Chapter FT

Mud, Muck and Soil: Saturday Nature Seekers

Mar 31, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Basic Map and Compass Workshop

Mar 31, 1-4pm • \$/R

Massabesic Center, Auburn

APRIL

Night Creatures: Wee Wonders

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

All About Nesting and Bird Eggs: Junior Explorers

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

Learn to Fly Fish

Apr 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6-8pm • \$/R • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Canoe Birding on the Merrimack River

Apr 7, 8am-3pm • R • Capital Chapter FT, Penacook

Leader: Bob Quinn

Peregrine Falcon Focus: Saturday Nature Seekers

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

Behavior of the Common Eider: Darwinian Puzzles

Apr 9, 7-8:30pm • Mascoma Chapter Program, Hanover

Presenter: Ben Steele

Hawk Watching in NH - What the Numbers Tell Us

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

Presenters: Phil Brown

3 Ravens in Concert (see pg 10)

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

Woodcock Walk

Date and location TBA • Mascoma Chapter FT

Earth Day Festival: Bee Empowered (see pg 3)

Apr 14, 10am-3pm • \$ • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Signs of Spring: Wee Wonders

Apr 18, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Mammalabilia: Junior Explorers

Apr 18, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

What's Going on With Bats?

Apr 18, 7-9pm • Nashaway Chapter Program, Nashua

Presenter: Cynthia Nichols

Forest Fires in the White Mountains

Apr 18, 7-8:30pm • Ammonoosuc Chapter Program, Bethlehem

Presenter: David Govatski

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

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

Presenter: Janet Sullivan

Climate Change in NH: Connecting the Dots

Apr 19, 7-8:30pm • \$ • McLane Center, Concord

Presenter: Sherry Godlewski

Owl Prowl

Apr 21, 4-9am • Seacoast Chapter FT, Durham

Spring Migrant Bird Walk

Apr 21, 6:30-9am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Hanover

Illustrating Nature, Art Workshop

Apr 21, 10-11am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

World Fish Migration Day

Apr 21, 11am-3pm • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Woodcock Walk

Apr 23, 7:30-9pm • Capital Chapter FT, Concord

Leader: Pam Hunt

Fish Festival - Dash & Splash

Apr 26, 10am-3pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Joe Ford Wildlife Sanctuary Woodcock Walk

Apr 27, 7-8pm • R • Seacoast Chapter SFT, Lee

Leader: Phil Brown

Peregrine Falcon Focus: Saturday Nature Seekers

Apr 28, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Scotland Brook Wildlife Sanctuary Trails Work Day

Apr 29, 9am-1pm • Ammonoosuc Chapter FT, Landaff

Beginning Bird Identification with Bob Quinn

May 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 6:30-8:30pm • \$/R

McLane Center, Concord

Warbler Wednesdays

May 2, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Wilder VT

Feathered Fridays

May 4, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Location TBA

Focus Friday Fish Ladder Tours

May 4, 11am-12pm • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Beginner Bird Walk: Tucker & French Family Forest

May 5, 8am-12pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Kingston

Birds and Bagels

May 5, 9-11am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Fish Season Tours: Saturday Nature Seekers

May 5, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Spring Bird Walks at Silk Farm Sanctuary

May 7, 7-8:30am • \$/R • McLane Center SFT, Concord

Of Mallards and Men: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918

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

Warbler Wednesdays

May 9, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Wilder VT

Vertebrates: Wee Wonders

May 9, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Time to Plant: Junior Explorers

May 9, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Name That Bird!

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

International Migratory Bird Day at Weeks State Park

May 10, 7am-12pm • Ammonoosuc Chapter FT, Lancaster

Spring Migration at Horseshoe Pond

May 11, 6-10am • Capital Chapter FT, Concord

Leaders: Zeke Cornell and Becky Suomala

Feathered Fridays

May 11, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Location TBA

Focus Friday Fish Ladder Tours

May 11, 11am-12pm • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Singing With Care

May 11, 2-3:30pm • \$ • Massabesic Center, Auburn

International Migratory Bird Day Events (see pg 5)

May 12, state-wide

Bird Friendly Cafe - With Fresh Brewed Coffee

May 12, 9am-12pm • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Mindfulness and Nature Observation Workshop

May 12, 2-4pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Ammonoosuc Chapter Program TBA

May 12, 6-8:30pm • Ammonoosuc Chapter Program, Bethlehem

Clough State Park, Weare

May 13, 7am-12pm • Capital Chapter FT, Weare

Leader: Jane Hills

Beginner Bird Walk: Pickering Ponds

May 13, 8am-12pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Rochester

Spring Bird Walks at Silk Farm Sanctuary

May 14, 7-8:30am • \$/R • McLane Center SFT, Concord

Warbler Wednesdays

May 16, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Wilder VT

Feathered Fridays

May 18, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Location TBA

Focus Friday Fish Ladder Tours

May 18, 11am-12pm • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Birds and Blooms of Ponemah Bog Wildlife Sanctuary

May 19, 8-10am • Nashaway Chapter SFT, Amherst

Leader: Laura Deming

Fish Season Tours: Saturday Nature Seekers

May 19, 11am-12pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Surry Chapter Birdathon/Bloomathon

May 20, 7am-12pm • Monadnock Chapter FT, Surry

Leaders: Dave Hoitt and Wendy Ward

Spring Bird Walks at Silk Farm Sanctuary

May 21, 7-8:30am • \$/R • McLane Center SFT, Concord

Warbler Wednesdays

May 23, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Wilder VT

Invertebrates: Wee Wonders

May 23, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Eggs or Live Birth?: Junior Explorers

May 23, 10-11:30am • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Evening Frog Walk

May 23, 7:30-9pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Feathered Fridays

May 25, 7-10am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Location TBA

Focus Friday Fish Ladder Tours

May 25, 11am-12pm • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Bedell Bridge Bird Walk

May 26, 6:30-9am • Mascoma Chapter FT, Haverhill

Leaders: Jeff MacQueen and George Clark

Head's Pond

May 26, 7-11am • Capital Chapter FT, Hooksett

Leader: Jane Hills

Sea Lamprey Appreciation Day

May 26, 11am-3pm • \$ • Amoskeag Fishways, Manchester

Intro to Pelagic Wildlife

May 26, 3-4pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center, Auburn

Beginner Bird Walk: Strafford County Farm

May 27, 8am-12pm • Seacoast Chapter FT, Dover

Pelagic Trip

May 28, 8am-5pm • \$/R • Massabesic Center FT, Rye Harbor

Ongoing
Events

My Land, Your Land, Our Land

Apr 1 - May 31 • McLane Center, Concord

Apr 5, 5:30-7:30pm • Artists' Reception

Artists: Merrimack River Painters

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