

2020 President's Award

As presented by Doug Bechtel at the New Hampshire Audubon Annual Meeting, September 19, 2020.

The NH Audubon President award is traditionally given to a person or persons who have supported the organization in an extraordinary fashion. The first President's Award in 2008 was awarded to the staff of NH Audubon.

This year I am going to honor a group of people who need recognition now, during this time of extraordinary challenges. In recent months, our staff has worked heroically to innovate, take on new challenges, and to a person, work harder and smarter during this pandemic. Every one of our staff, from someone we hired last month to someone who has been with NH Audubon for four decades, has faced new and seemingly insurmountable challenges to improve and advance our work. Because of their belief in our mission, and their exemplary performance in the most difficult of circumstances, it is my pleasure to read you the names of the President Award winners for 2020, the NH Audubon staff.

- Adam Blankenbricker, Seasonal Paradise Point Center Director
- Amanda Klemm, Animal Care Specialist
- Amy Dennis, Human Resource Coordinator
- Becky Spinney, Accountant
- Becky Suomala, Senior Biologist and Citizen Science Bird Data Project Leader
- Carol Foss, Senior Advisor for Science and Policy
- Chris Martin, Senior Biologist for Raptors
- Christian Robinson, Seasonal Paradise Point Center Naturalist
- Craig Holmes, McLane Center Coordinator
- Diane DeLuca, Senior Biologist for Phenology and Pollinators
- Dyanna Smith, Director of Communications
- Hope Jordan, Director of Membership and Development
- Jane Koliass, Membership Coordinator
- Joe Consentino, Director of Finance
- Jonathan Saulmon, Massabesic Center Director
- Kelly Dwyer, Urban Wildlife Education leader
- Lauren Kraemer, Events Manager
- Marc Nutter, Grants Manager



From the top: Doug, Becky (Suomala, left), Marc, and Shelby (skating at the McLane Center); Carol; Pam; Phil.

- Michelle Varga, Nature Store Manager
- Pam Hunt, Senior Biologist for Avian Conservation
- Phil Brown, Director of Land Management
- Rick Matthews, Buildings facilities manager
- Shelby Bernier, Education Coordinator and Summer Camp Director
- Vanessa Johnson, MOTUS Project GIS manager



A selection of photos of some of the NH Audubon staff honored by the 2020 President's Award. Clockwise from the top: Craig; Diane; Jonathan; Hope; Joe; Dyanna; Jane and Vanessa (at an Amoskeag Fishways celebration); Becki (Spinney).