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NH Audubon Afield

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

One of my favorite things to do is to share a new experience in nature with a group of people. On Saturday, May 12th, I had the pleasure of leading a nature walk. Between 8:30 and 10:30am eight of us walked two miles, learned about three major habitats, counted over 30 species of birds, and saw dozens of blooming trees and wildflowers on our hike at McLane Audubon Center in Concord.

Around the state, 163 people were enjoying a similar experience. We were collectively celebrating International Migratory Bird Day on the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, one of our nation's oldest legislative efforts to protect birds nationwide. NH Audubon is one of many organizations recognizing 2018 as the Year of the Bird, in honor of this milestone.

We had people join our walks from 42 different towns and 3 states! Some were experienced birders and others had never been on a nature walk of any kind. Some had never seen a bird up close, or looked through binoculars before. On the other hand, some knew more about birds than our trip leaders! On my trip alone, ages of the participants ranged from five to 82 years old. One person on my walk opened up her Mother's Day present—a new pair of binoculars—just hours before the trip! She was still connecting the straps as we left the center.

At NH Audubon, we connect people to nature. Our simple theory is that



people will work to protect what they love. The more they know about nature, the deeper their love and appreciation. I like to believe that all 163 participants on Saturday morning who collectively saw over 146 bird species went home with a deeper appreciation of our natural environment. Maybe they will share what they learned with others. Maybe they will think more carefully about how to help us protect wildlife and their habitats. Maybe they will join us to advance our mission to protect NH's natural environment for wildlife and for people.

Thanks for making our field trips a success. And please join us next year, next month, next week, for a chance to get outside, go birding, and learn something more about our natural environment. You will love it!

Doug Bechtel
President

*Protecting New Hampshire's natural environment
for wildlife and for people.*

Cover Photo:

"Last summer, on the last day of a fabulous NH Audubon North Country trip lead by Phil Brown, we were slowly driving down a country road toward a wildlife sanctuary in Sugar Hill. What we first thought to be the ears of a dog in the midst of a beautiful field of buttercups turned out to be a young bear peaking out above the flowers. We watched and photographed for several minutes, when the cub's mother, hidden in the flowers, sat up from her nap. They both grazed on buttercups while we watched. An awe inspiring scene I'll never forget. In truth, it may have been Phil who took that photo! I was sitting two rows back in the van, took a number of photos through the glass window and then passed my camera up to Phil and asked him to take some, too." - Jen Esten (photo by Phil Brown)

What better way to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day and the 100th anniversary of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act than to go birding? On Saturday, May 12, that is what over 160 people did! From beginners to seasoned professionals, those young in years and young at heart raised binoculars, peered through spotting scopes and leaned their ears toward avian vocalizations . . . and were rewarded.

Twelve organized trips and a few informal gatherings took place from Keene to the coast and across the state, exploring a variety of habitats. At least 147 species were identified! Some were seen by only one group such as the Rusty Blackbird, sea birds, American Bittern and Rock Pigeon. Others were seen by nearly every group such as Blue Jay, Black-capped Chickadee and Song Sparrow.

Whether rare or regular, colorful or camouflaged, silent or singing, the birds provided beauty and enjoyment for observers. They also give a snapshot of the biodiversity that can be found within our state. Some of the birds such as the Bald Eagle and Wild Turkey were gone from New Hampshire in recent years but are widespread now. Other species that were once common such as Barn Swallows and Common Nighthawks are experiencing declines. Ranges are shifting too. The statewide field trips of the 1960's made note of a Northern Cardinal as a specialty and mourned the reduced numbers of Eastern Bluebirds. Both of these species were seen in healthy numbers on at least half of the trips. Changing land use, human activities, laws such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and a shifting climate all impact which birds live in different areas.

As NH Audubon biologists continue to monitor and observe bird species we will gain additional data and hopefully be able to provide information that will help those species in decline and maintain those who have strong populations. Continued observations and reports by local bird enthusiasts provide part of that data. You can contribute to the data by submitting your observations to www.ebird.org/nh.

Thanks to all who participated in the *Bird Day* trips, especially the leaders. Thanks also to the donors and event sponsor, Foothills Physical Therapy of Concord, for their support!

IMBD

NEW HAMPSHIRE STYLE

MAY 12

by Ruth Smith, Development and
Community Engagement Manager



*Becky Suomala points out migrating
Double-crested Cormorants to the
Odiorne group. Photo by Dyanna Smith.*

BIRD DAY BIRD LIST

Species (# of Groups Observing out of 12)

Brant (1)	Barn Swallow (6)
Canada Goose (10)	Black-capped Chickadee (11)
American Black Duck (1)	Tufted Titmouse (6)
Mallard (7)	Red-breasted Nuthatch (3)
Green-winged Teal (1)	White-breasted Nuthatch (6)
Ring-necked Duck (1)	Brown Creeper (3)
Common Eider (1)	House Wren (6)
Surf Scoter (1)	Winter Wren (1)
White-winged Scoter (1)	Marsh Wren (1)
Long-tailed Duck (1)	Golden-crowned Kinglet (2)
Common Goldeneye (1)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet (3)
Hooded Merganser (3)	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (1)
Common Merganser (2)	Eastern Bluebird (6)
Red-breasted Merganser (1)	Veery (4)
Ruffed Grouse (2)	Swainson's Thrush (3)
Wild Turkey (4)	Hermit Thrush (3)
Common Loon (3)	Wood Thrush (4)
Northern Gannet (1)	American Robin (9)
Double-crested Cormorant (2)	Gray Catbird (10)
American Bittern (1)	Northern Mockingbird (11)
Great Blue Heron (8)	Brown Thrasher (3)
Snowy Egret (1)	European Starling (5)
Green Heron (1)	American Pipit (1)
Turkey Vulture (3)	Cedar Waxwing (4)
Osprey (2)	Golden-winged Warbler (1)
Bald Eagle (2)	Nashville Warbler (3)
Northern Harrier (1)	Northern Parula (4)
Cooper's Hawk (1)	Yellow Warbler (9)
Broad-winged Hawk (4)	Chestnut-sided Warbler (6)
Red-tailed Hawk (3)	Magnolia Warbler (5)
American Kestrel (2)	Cape May Warbler (1)
Merlin (1)	Black-throated Blue Warbler (4)
Virginia Rail (2)	Yellow-rumped Warbler (9)
Semipalmated Plover (1)	Black-throated Green Warbler (4)
Killdeer (2)	Blackburnian Warbler (4)
Spotted Sandpiper (4)	Pine Warbler (5)
Solitary Sandpiper (1)	Prairie Warbler (1)
Greater Yellowlegs (3)	Palm Warbler (1)
Willet (1)	Bay-breasted Warbler (2)
Lesser Yellowlegs (1)	Blackpoll Warbler (2)
Least Sandpiper (2)	Black-and-white Warbler (9)
Wilson's Snipe (1)	American Redstart (8)
American Woodcock (1)	Ovenbird (9)
Herring Gull (1)	Northern Waterthrush (4)
Lesser Black-backed Gull (1)	Common Yellowthroat (10)
Greater Black-backed Gull (1)	Wilson's Warbler (1)
Rock Pigeon (1)	Canada Warbler (1)
Mourning Dove (6)	Eastern Towhee (2)
Barred Owl (2)	Chipping Sparrow (9)
Chimney Swift (4)	Field Sparrow (3)
Ruby-throated Hummingbird (4)	Vesper Sparrow (1)
Belted Kingfisher (6)	Savannah Sparrow (2)
Red-bellied Woodpecker (2)	Song Sparrow (11)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (6)	Lincoln's Sparrow (1)
Downy Woodpecker (7)	Swamp Sparrow (6)
Hairy Woodpecker (3)	White-throated Sparrow (2)
Black-backed Woodpecker (1)	White-crowned Sparrow (2)
Northern Flicker (3)	Dark-eyed Junco (2)
Pileated Woodpecker (5)	Scarlet Tanager (7)
Least Flycatcher (8)	Northern Cardinal (5)
Eastern Phoebe (8)	Indigo Bunting (3)
Great Crested Flycatcher (6)	Bobolink (4)
Eastern Kingbird (4)	Red-winged Blackbird (10)
Blue-headed Vireo (6)	Rusty Blackbird (1)
Warbling Vireo (4)	Common Grackle (6)
Red-eyed Vireo (2)	Brown-headed Cowbird (6)
Blue Jay (11)	Baltimore Oriole (7)
American Crow (10)	Purple Finch (3)
Fish Crow (1)	House Finch (2)
Common Raven (3)	Red Crossbill (1)
Tree Swallow (9)	Pine Siskin (3)
No. Rough-winged Swallow (1)	American Goldfinch (9)
Bank Swallow (1)	House Sparrow (3)
Cliff Swallow (1)	

147 Total Species

Every Picture Tells a Story...

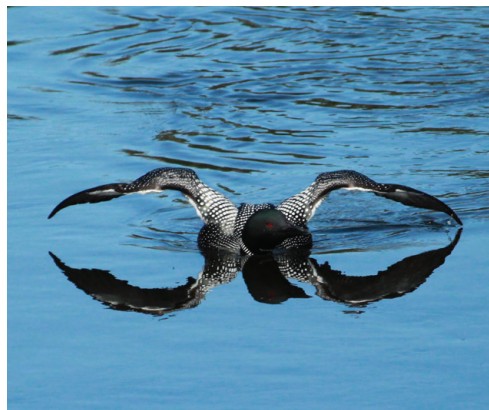
Calling All Pollinators



Eagle Scout Jonathan Wallin (above), from Troop 127, stands beside the new Bee Hotel he built for Massabesic Center this spring. Unveiled during the Earth Day Celebration in April, the hotel is filled with pine cones and wood cuts designed to attract solitary bees and increase pollinators in the area. Photo by Dyanna Smith.

Loon Courtship

Photographer Walter Keane was lucky enough to capture this courtship sequence (below) in May: "I was birding and enjoying the scenery along the Connecticut River, and happened to stop to photograph an old bridge. I heard a loon call and saw it moving south toward the bridge. As I repositioned myself, I saw a second loon below me and took photos as they met and began to travel downriver. These show the male's posturing before they meet, and then the circling and choreographed diving after they met. What an opportunity for a birder...right place, right time!"



Overachieving Eagle

Share your photos in a future Afield or weekly enewsletter! Email Dyanna Smith at dsmith@nhaudubon.org with your photos and the story that goes with them, so we can pass them on to others.

Volunteer Libby Corbin explains this fascinating photo (right) she snapped in March while watching a nesting pair of Bald Eagles in the Tilton area (she blurred the background just enough to make the image visible):

"After observing the male eagle fetching nesting materials and offering them to the female at the nest, he flew out of sight and was gone for several minutes. There was a very loud crack of a breaking branch, then he came flying back from the dense thicket with this enormous stick, (more like a tall sapling tree). It was getting snagged in other trees and crashing about, creating a racket. I could not believe what I was seeing, but managed to get a few clicks of it. He was obviously struggling with his treasure, and eventually had to let it go. He returned to the nest where...let's just say he didn't get chided for his attempt... The female was apparently very impressed. (I expect they will be incubating soon!)"



Center News: Newfound & McLane

The Newfound Center is open for the season with lots of opportunities to explore Newfound Lake and our three sanctuaries in Hebron.

NH Audubon's seasonal nature center on Newfound Lake is now open Tuesdays-Sundays from 9am-4pm. Located in Hebron, Newfound Center boasts an array of nature trails winding through the woodlands and wetlands of three sanctuaries: Paradise Point, Hebron Marsh, and Bear Mountain. Put in your kayak or canoe at Paradise Point, or rent one for the day, and explore the newly created water trail.

Programs this summer include Guided Paddles along the Newfound Lake Water Trail on Fridays and Sundays, Exploring Paradise on Saturdays in June, hands-on wetlands adventures on Wednesdays, Tree ID workshops on Thursdays, and the Red Barn Speaker Series on Tuesday evenings.

For the second year, we're partnering with the Newfound Lakes Region Association to offer pontoon boat, naturalist-guided EcoTours of the lake.

There are also interpretive displays and live animals to see inside the nature center - stop by and say hello to Ian and Geoff (Center Director and Naturalist) and find out what there is to see and do. If you haven't visited Newfound Center, it's a must-see part of summer! If you've been before - be sure to add it to your plans this year, we'd love to see you again.

Find full program details and dates on the Newfound Center pages of our website at www.nhaidubon.org/about/centers/newfound.



Geoff MacDonald, Naturalist (left) and Ian Cullison, Director (right) return to staff Newfound Center (below) for another summer. Photos by Dyanna Smith.



This blur is our resident Bald Eagle dancing in the hose spray during his beloved daily shower. Photo by Dyanna Smith.

Visit McLane Center this summer and watch the Bald Eagle do his rain dance! Meet the other ambassador birds, go ponding, or explore Silk Farm Sanctuary on a guided nature walk.

These are all part of the new programming at McLane, designed to offer guided, more indepth experience to the 40,000 visitors that stop by each year:

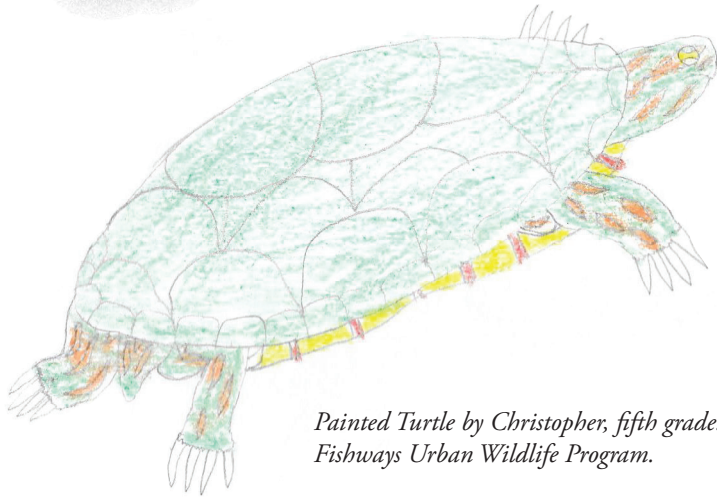
- Meet NH Audubon's Ambassador Birds
- Raptor Feeding and Bald Eagle Bath
- Family Ponding
- Birding for Beginners

"I think there are a lot of people that want to get out on the trails and look more closely at nature," says Hilary Chapman, Education Specialist and creator of the programs. "Now they can join a group, go out and have fun!"

Dates and times are listed in the calendar insert. Find full program details in the events calendar section of the website at www.nhaidubon.org/calendar.



NATURE IN THE CITY



*Painted Turtle by Christopher, fifth grade.
Fishways Urban Wildlife Program.*

Nature is everywhere, and NH Audubon makes sure that children living in our city centers experience the habitats that surround them.

For more than a decade, thousands of children in New Hampshire's public city schools have learned about wildlife thanks to our urban environmental education programs. We are very proud of these city-based education programs and the talented staff who lead them!

URBAN BIRDS

Since 2015, 280 fifth grade children and 120 families have taken part in our Urban Birds program, based in and around Manchester. Each year there are six in-school programs and two field trips that teach children about the interconnectedness of the urban ecosystem, focusing on bird identification, songs, and behavior.

Hilary Chapman, NH Audubon's Program Manager says the program fits a number of classroom requirements. "We integrate language arts through non-fiction writing, communication and speaking skills, and vocabulary," she explains. "Math is integrated through counting birds seen, analyzing data, and communicating results."

Hilary describes how each child learns throughout the program, "A student in the first week will share 'I saw a red bird,' and by the end of our seven weeks together their observations become much deeper: 'I saw a cardinal with grass in its mouth—I wondered if it is building a nest nearby.'"

The program encourages students to interpret nature in their own way. "There's nothing like the excitement kids feel in taking what they learn in the classroom and applying it outdoors." She continues, "After a lesson to see a Black-capped Chickadee one student said, 'I hear it. It is saying Spring's here,' while another child added, 'It sounds like it's saying cheeseburger to me.'"



Urban Birds students take part in a bird identification game with NH Audubon's Kelly Dwyer (above); they also learn binocular use and safety (right). Photos by Hilary Chapman.





Manchester's Beech Street second graders exchange looks with an American Toad. Photo by Jocelyn Duffy.

BEECH STREET

Angie Krysiak, Program Manager based at NH Audubon's Massabesic Center, reaches about 300 second graders each year at Beech Street School, one of Manchester's inner city elementary schools. "I can't tell you how many times these kids come to our center and are beyond excited to see commonplace things like squirrels and chipmunks," she said. "Their excitement at coming to our center and seeing me and the animals every month is really rewarding. I have students from 3rd and 4th grade that still stop

me in the hallway at the school and ask what I'm doing that day and tell me they miss NH Audubon programs."

Thanks to funding from TD Bank and others, over 3,500 kids have experienced the wonders of nature and wildlife with Angie. Sometimes, our Environmental Education program is the only science these children learn about that year. "Many of these kids don't leave the city and have very little exposure to nature and wildlife. Many tell me when I bring a frog or a turtle that it is the first time they have seen or touched one," she said.

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FISHWAYS URBAN WILDLIFE

The Amoskeag Fishways Urban Wildlife Program in Manchester also has a long history of teaching inner-city children about New Hampshire's wildlife species. For over 15 years, Moose Plate funding has supported in-school programs for about 850 students in third and fifth grade *each year*. The program focuses on species, habitats, and adaptations of wildlife in cities.

Education Coordinator at Amoskeag Fishways Kathleen Neville says, "In order for young people to *care* for their local environment or surroundings, they need to *care about* it first. What we teach in this program opens students' eyes to the nature around them every day that many have never really noticed or experienced before. This awareness of their natural environment leads to curiosity, which fuels conversations and discovery about local wildlife."

In addition, Kathleen says, "The challenge of young people today being very much detached from the natural world around them is definitely addressed in our program. Programs like ours allow them to experience the beauty, complexity and accessibility of nature. Urban areas are a perfect platform to begin this conversation with students as we are able to witness together with them the interface between humans and wildlife. It's an amazing experience and privilege to be present with a young person when a true connection with nature occurs!"

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"Today we went outside with Miss Holly from Fishways on a bird walk. Students looked and listened for different types of birds. We saw a turkey vulture, a flock of pigeons, and two or three chickadees. Students then were broken up into small groups to explore bird eggs, feathers, skeletons and more."

Photo (right) and blog excerpt from Mrs. Whitney's 5th grade class, Green Acres School.



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These businesses have generously sponsored recent NH Audubon events and programs:

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As a CFP® Mr. Laux is able to customize and manage investment plans for clients of any age taking into account the investment objectives, income needs and risk tolerance of the individual.

For more details please visit his website at:
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Thank you!

Introducing our New Board Members

New Hampshire Audubon recently added five new members to its board of directors. Join us in welcoming them!

David Donsker has been an active member of New Hampshire Audubon since arriving from Washington State in 1978. He recently retired from 40 years of practicing medicine in Exeter. An active birder for much of his adult life, he was elected to the venerable Nuttall Ornithological Club in 2002, and serves as co-editor of the IOC World Bird List, one of the four internationally recognized resources for the taxonomy and nomenclature of the world's birds.

Tom Lee is a forest ecologist and associate professor in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of New Hampshire. He has a Ph.D. in Botany and Plant Ecology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "I am a fan of everything we do at NH Audubon—especially our unique and vital education programs," Tom shares. "I look forward to helping to build a sustainable future for NH Audubon and for our state's natural heritage."

Melissa Smart is the president and owner of The Smart Associates, Environmental Consultants, Inc. She is a past president and co-founder of the New Hampshire Association of Wetland Scientists. Melissa has a life-long appreciation for NH's natural environment. "I grew up in the North Country, on the banks of the Connecticut and love the rolling hills and floodplains of that region," she says. "I have skied and hiked my entire life and have a deep connection to our White Mountains; how lucky I am to call NH home."



Palm Warbler, photographed by new board member Brian Reilly.

Brian Reilly retired in 2012 after a 35-year career as a family physician with Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic in Keene. "I like the fact that NH Audubon has something for everyone: from NH Bird Records, NH eBird, and Rare Bird Alerts for serious birders to introductory classes for new bird watchers to be," says the avid nature and bird photographer. He is the current Board Chair of the Loon Preservation Committee, and serves as its representative on the NH Audubon board. He also serves on the Keene Conservation Commission.

Mavis Brittelli worked in chemical and biological research for 30 years, before moving to the Newfound Lake region. Active locally in a variety of groups, such as, Newfound Pathway, and the Hebron Historical Society, Mavis was also a past member of the Hebron Conservation Commission. She is part of the Newfound Audubon Committee and has been serving as chairperson for about three years.

Grant Acknowledgments

Red Acre Foundation

Animal care and mews renovation

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BIRDS AND BEANS
COFFEE HOUSE
presents
Bill Staines



Photo by Larry Marcus.

JULY 19

7-9PM

MCLANE CENTER

TICKETS: \$15M/\$20NM

*"Folk music is rich in
the human spirit and
experience. I've always
wanted to bring
something of value
to people through
my songs."*

Bill Staines is one of the most popular and durable singer-songwriters on the folk music scene today. A NH local, he travels throughout the country performing nearly 200 concerts a year and driving over 65,000 miles annually, so we are lucky to have him join us in his own backyard. Singing mostly his own songs, he weaves a blend of gentle wit and humor into his performances. In addition to his warm voice and spirited guitar playing, he is a gifted storyteller and an award-winning yodeler!

Find out more on our website at www.nh Audubon.org, and purchase tickets online to ensure a seat. **Thank you to Revision Energy for sponsoring this event.**



Wish List

Help NH Audubon stretch its resources by contributing to a very specific need of the organization. If you would like to donate a new or gently used item or two from this wish list, please contact Jane Kolias in our membership department, 603-224-9909 ext. 310 or jkolias@nh Audubon.org.

Mini refrigerator, approximately 30" high by 20" wide by 20" deep (about 4 cubic feet), energy efficient, in good working order (with door on freezer section)

Panasonic Lumix camera, model DMC-FZ300

Industrial vacuum cleaner

30 small carpet squares (1-2 ft sq) as seating for kids programs

A world globe in good shape

Kid-sized scissors

First aid supplies for camp (varying sizes of Band-Aids, alcohol prep pads)

Boxes of vinyl gloves (large)

Hand sanitizer

Plain and pastel copier paper

Construction paper

Market Basket Whole Tilapia

Crayola Markers 10 pack

Blue Seal black oil sunflower seeds (40 lb.)



September 15, 2018

NH Audubon's Annual Membership Gathering and Meeting
Mt. Sunapee Resort in Newbury

Keynote Speaker: Doug Tallamy, Professor of Entomology and Wildlife Ecology at the University of Delaware, and author of "Bringing Nature Home: How You Can Sustain Wildlife with Native Plants"

We are thrilled to be in the Sunapee area for this year's gathering! Field trips will include a boat ride on Lake Sunapee with the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, an excursion on our Stoney Brook Sanctuary, a visit to the historic Fells Estate, and a chair lift ride to the top of Mt. Sunapee. The day will also include inspiring speaker Doug Tallamy, annual awards in acknowledgment of outstanding conservation work, a delicious luncheon, and opportunities to connect with other NH Audubon members and friends. Watch for details in the fall Afield, weekly e-news and on our website.

Ed and Muriel Broad

We are sad to report the loss of both Muriel and Ed Broad. Muriel passed last fall and Ed joined her in February. They were incredibly kind, devoted, and generous. Ed was a member of NH Audubon's board of trustees (and later, Honorary Trustee) and chaired the Massabesic Center capital campaign.

Mike Bartlett, past NH Audubon President, remembers:

"Ed Broad loved NH Audubon—and NH Audubon loved Ed. He believed in our mission and was a strong supporter of our programs, particularly those associated with youth environmental education. Ed served on the Board of Directors for many years and remains an honorary trustee. Perhaps his most significant contribution to the organization (and to me) was in the area of finances. In fact, I first saw Ed Broad shortly after I came to NH Audubon in 2009—walking down the hallway ahead of me into a Finance Committee meeting. I remember that Ed didn't say a lot in that meeting but, when he did, everyone around the table listened closely. It didn't take me long to learn that Ed's strong background in management and finances, knowledge of nonprofit strengths and weaknesses, keen intuition, and sharp mind were formidable assets to our organization. Ed routinely called me between Finance Committee meetings to ask for an update or to offer a bit of sage advice—advice that was to serve me well during my eight years as President.

Somewhere along the way, Ed Broad and I became friends, a relationship that was based on a foundation of respect, admiration and—yes—affection. Even after Ed and Muriel moved to Dedham, Massachusetts, we stayed in touch and shared an occasional lunch in their new home. And every so often Ed would call me, ask for a financial update and offer a bit of sage advice."



"Ed Broad took great delight in the presence of nesting Peregrine Falcons in downtown Manchester. He attended the annual Brady-Sullivan Tower peregrine banding event on several occasions. This photo (above) from Spring 2012 was the last time he joined us at this event before he moved to Massachusetts (Ed is on the left)." - Chris Martin, Senior Raptor Biologist. Photo by Deb de Peyster. Below, the Ed and Muriel Broad dedication at Massabesic Center.



Rev. Dwight S. Hayes (1937-2018)

Rev. Dwight Haynes, a NH Audubon supporter and avid bicyclist, passed away on March 24. He was a familiar face at the McLane Center.

Craig Holmes, McLane Center Coordinator, remembers:

"When I first started working here, Dwight would use NH Audubon as a stop along the way when cycling. He would always stop to chat with me about his biking adventures. He was especially proud of the Concord Monitor article about him when he achieved 35,000 miles of bike riding.

He was such an interesting man. Later, when he moved to Heritage Heights, he would call Audubon about various things and would begin with, 'This is Dwight Haynes' (in what he called his 'well-educated Yankee accent'). I would always respond, 'Hello Mr. Haynes, how is the bike riding?'"

Robert French (1927-2018)

Robert Leith Vestal French passed away on March 25. A former trustee of NH Audubon, Bob served the organization in the early 90s and he and his wife Shirley have been long time supporters.

Bob and his family's generosity to NH Audubon has deep roots. Committed to land protection and stewardship, he was involved in many land conservation projects, including Carter Hill Orchard in Concord. He donated the 52-acre Robert L. V. French Wildlife Sanctuary in Pittsburg, and worked with NH Audubon to protect almost 900 acres through a conservation easement of actively managed forestland in Antrim, adding to the regional "super sanctuary" of which Willard Pond is part.

Bob's long-term vision of land protection for New Hampshire is a legacy we are proud to be part of. He will be greatly missed.

Anne Milne (1935-2018)

We were sorry to hear in March of the loss of Anne Milne, a long time supporter of NH Audubon. Anne and her family were instrumental in the establishment of the Massabesic Audubon Center. The pond at the center is still referred to as “Milne Pond.” Anne found great pleasure in the natural world and enjoyed birding both here and abroad.

Kelly Dwyer, Massabesic Center Naturalist, remembers:

“Anne had a quiet graciousness about her, whether she was delivering gallons of cider for the Enchanted Fall Festival at Massabesic or hosting a gathering of donors for a presentation on the State of the Birds report. She loved to hear about the programs which reached the inner city Manchester schools and how those children benefited from their time at Massabesic, exploring the woods, fields and pond. I remember several times seeing Anne’s smiling face in the audience as I presented talks on birds and other wildlife topics. She truly was a life-long learner, always eager to share her knowledge, observations and travel experiences.”

Goodbye to a Feathered Friend

The Peregrine Falcon that has long been a cherished resident of McLane Center passed away from natural causes on May 14, 2018. She lived at our center for 9 years.

She enchanted many visitors with her beauty and was a wonderful ambassador for her kind and the wild places they depend on for survival. We will greatly miss her as a member of our raptor team.

In her memory, please continue to support bird conservation. You can—

- Support laws that protect birds and their habitats
- Refrain from insecticide use
- Become a citizen science volunteer
- Support conservation organizations like NH Audubon

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