



Bird Festivals Abound This Late Summer and Fall!

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August 14th & 15th

[Northeast Waterfowl Festival](#)

September 19th & 20th

[Great Stratford Bird Festival](#)

September 24th – 26th

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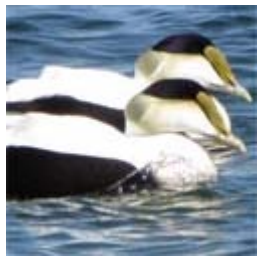
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Audubon Advocates Step Up to the Plate for Conte Refuge!

On July 22nd, the US House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee approved \$6 million in Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) for additions to the Conte Refuge in CT, MA, NH & VT. Thanks to the overwhelming response of supporters like you, more than 300 people contacted their lawmakers. [Read More](#)



Duck Stamps Help More Than Just Waterfowl

Want a great way to help protect habitat for migratory birds? Consider purchasing federal or state duck stamps. Proceeds from the sales of the stamp go to purchase critical habitat for all sorts of birds, and key funding for habitat restoration in Connecticut. [Read More](#)



Mixed Results for Waters at State Beaches

Audubon Connecticut joined Save the Sound, Environment Connecticut, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, and federal and state lawmakers July 28th to release the Natural Resources Defense Council's 2010 "Testing the Waters" report. This annual report examines national water quality and beach closings data for 2009... [Read More](#)

Shrubland Bird Banding



Each summer between 2005 and 2008, Christy Melhart-Slay, a graduate student at the University of Arkansas, studied the shrubland bird community at the Bent of the River for her doctoral research. In particular, she was studying the breeding biology (including, nest-site selection, survivorship, nest-site fidelity, and the effects of predation) of four focal species... [Read More](#)



Volunteers Needed to Help Track Migrants

Benjamin Van Doren, a student from White Plains, NY will be conducting a study on morning flight, mentored by Andrew Farnsworth of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, this fall in the northeast. The aim of the project is to correlate the magnitude and direction of observed morning flight during migration with various environmental and behavioral variables... [Read More](#)

Upcoming Events

[Reading the Forested Landscape](#)

August 21st

8:30am - 12:30pm

Bent of the River

Book Talk & Interpretive

Hike with Tom Wessels

Register with [Carol](#)

[Haskins](#), 203-267-1700

[Orienteering](#)

with Ed Thorney

August 29th, 2:00-

4:30pm

Audubon Sharon

Learn how to properly use a map and compass to find your way to a special place on the Audubon property.

[Raptor Identification](#)

Sept 4th 10am - 1pm

Audubon Greenwich

Hawk Watcher, Luke

Tiller, will host a raptor

ID workshop to help

people polish their skills

and put a name to the

birds migrating by.

Sign up with [Brian](#)

[Invasive Plant Symposium](#)

October 14th

8am – 4pm

Uconn, Storrs, CT

Challenges and

Successes:

Working Cooperatively

to Manage Invasive

Plants

[Register](#) by Sept. 18th



Greenwich Summer Bird Count Results

On June 12th and 13th, 49 birders covered 17 territories in Greenwich, Stamford, and parts of Darien and Westchester County during the annual Summer Bird count. 134 species and 24,485 individual birds were tallied during the two day counting period. This counting effort's valuable data contributes greatly to our scientific knowledge of bird populations in this region and nationwide. A few rare/unusual birds found were: Glaucous Gull, Nashville Warbler, White-rumped Sandpiper, King Eider. [More on Bird Counts](#)

House Introduces Far-Reaching Reauthorization for LIS

Connecticut and New York lawmakers in the House of Representatives joined together to introduce H.R. 5876 the Long Island Sound Improvement Act. This bill, the House companion to S. 3119 passed earlier this summer by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, seeks to expand and strengthen efforts to improve water quality in Long Island Sound and its watershed. New provisions call for regional water quality standards and permits, voluntary nitrogen trading, consideration of climate change, and pilot project using shellfish to remove pollution. Audubon Connecticut joined with Environment Connecticut and Save the Sound to urge House passage of this legislation protecting these great waters. Further progress on this legislation is expected in the fall. [Watch a video](#)

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