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LIS Legislation Moves Forward

A key piece of Long Island Sound legislation took an important step toward reauthorization when the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee approved S.3119, the Long Island Sound Stewardship and Restoration Act on June 30th. The legislation, enacted in 2000, authorizes up to \$40 million in funding each year for water quality improvements in the Sound. [Read More](#)



Connecticut Highlands Study

The US Forest Service recently released a [draft of the Connecticut Highlands Study](#) for which Audubon Connecticut submitted comments. We suggested that the document acknowledge gaps in our knowledge about the distribution of many species of conservation concern... [Read More](#)



More Open Space Funding Announced

In a surprise move, Governor M. Jodi Rell announced July 7th that she is recommending release of \$11.25 million in previously approved state bond funding for Connecticut's two state open space programs. \$6.25 million will go to the state's Recreation and Natural Heritage Trust Fund used by DEP to acquire open space lands. [Read More](#)



Automated Birdsong Recording

This breeding season, the IBA Program deployed several 'Automated Recording Units' to inventory forest birds at Bent of the River. An automated recording unit, or ARU, is a small computer housed in a weatherproof box that records sound on a daily schedule. The recordings can then be run through a software program... [Read More](#)



Interesting Sightings at Bent of the River

A **Black-billed Cuckoo** was recently caught as a part of the Shrubland Bird Project at Bent of the River in Southbury. This secretive species has undergone decline in CT and is rarely observed. The **Wood Turtle** is a globally vulnerable species on the [IUCN Red List](#) because of major population decline and restricted global range and was also sighted in Southbury.

Upcoming Events

[Dirt! The Movie](#)
July 14th, 6:00-9:00pm
Audubon Greenwich
Learn new things about soil and issues affecting it. Reception before and panel discussion after.
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[Bringing Back the Legend: Cougar Recovery](#)
July 24th, 2pm
Community Room at Noble Horizons, Salisbury, CT
Pre-registration required with the Sharon Center at 860-364-0520.

[Sharon Festival](#)
August 14th & 15th
Audubon Sharon
Hikes, live animal presentations, music, vendors, food and more
Volunteers, presenters and vendors needed.
\$7 adults, \$5 children.
Call the [Sharon Center](#) for more information.

[Hawk Watch Festival](#)
October 9th & 10th
Audubon Greenwich
Save the dates for raptor shows, green vendors, food and loads of fun on the site of Greenwich 's Quaker Ridge Hawk Watch.



Invasive Sheep Patrol on the Move

After a year of munching, Flying M Farm's Kathadin sheep have proven their worth at the Bent of the River. One year ago Yale Graduate Student Charlie Munford arrived with his flock of sheep and guard donkey to help battle invasive plants at the Bent's Tappe property while studying the impacts of managed grazing regimes on New England grasslands. Charlie's work has been progressing through the year and, while the sheep have been multiplying, the invasive plants have not! [Read More](#)

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American Kestrel Nestbox Season is in Full Swing

After preparing existing boxes at Audubon Sharon and installing new boxes in quality habitat this spring, they are now being checked to see if kestrels have successfully nested. This involves climbing the 15-25 feet to each of the 74 boxes monitored by Mike Dudek and Art Gingert throughout NW and northcentral CT. If the nestbox was taken by a pair of kestrels and if the fledglings are old enough, the young will be banded. [Read More & View Photos](#)

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