



In Focus Newsletter

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Audubon CONNECTICUT

Welcome to 'In Focus,' the improved Audubon Connecticut newsletter. We hope you like our new look!

With so much happening locally and nationally, now is a great time to be involved with Audubon. In CT we are striving to provide you, our supporters, with essential bird & wildlife conservation news. If you enjoy our newsletter, please pass it along to others and encourage them to subscribe!

Take Action

[Protect land at the mouth of the Salmon River - Call your legislators in support of Conte Refuge funding](#)

Volunteer

[New Haven Breeding Bird Atlas needs data collection volunteers](#)

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May 15th

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Griswold Airport Protected!

On May 10, 2010 the Town of Madison purchased the 42-acre property directly adjacent to the globally Important Bird Area of Hammonasset Beach State Park. This prevents the development of the property. Audubon, Menunkatuck Audubon Society and other partners have been working to protect this property for nearly 13 years. [Read More](#)



2010 Session: Is it really over?

The 2010 General Assembly Session came screeching to a halt on May 5th, with the Senate (for the second year in a row) skidding right past the finish line to complete a last, hurried vote almost 10 minutes past the midnight deadline. Lawmakers are expected to re-convene in the next month or so to take up some unfinished legislation and the vexing issue of campaign finance. [Read More](#)



Earth Day Celebration a Capitol Success

Environmental advocates and educators from around the state converged on Hartford April 22nd to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day with Audubon Connecticut leading the charge. The Audubon table was prominently positioned at the entrance to the display hall and drew crowds all day. [Read More](#)



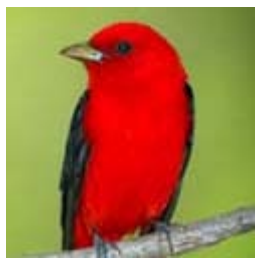
LIS Legislation Makes Waves

Audubon Connecticut, Audubon New York and our National Policy Office in DC are working closely with lawmakers and other advocates to ensure successful reauthorization of the Long Island Sound Restoration Act (LISRA) and increased appropriation funding for both water quality and habitat restoration programs in the Sound. [Read More](#)



IBA Matching Grants Awarded

We are funding two projects aimed at controlling invasive plants and restoring native vegetation, two land protection projects, one conservation plan, enhancements to two butterfly and bird gardens, one project to continue outreach in an urban area, and one nest box program. [Read More](#)



2010 Summer Bird Count

This year's Summer Bird Count (SBC) will take place on various weekends between June 6th and June 27th. The SBC is a great way to learn about Connecticut's nesting birds and help us to detect population trends in our nesting species. [Find a count circle near you](#)

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Upcoming Events

Art Reception & Book Signing
May 16th, 2pm
Audubon Greenwich
Watercolors & Oils
by Peter C. Stone
On Display: May 3-June 1

All about Green Roofs
May 18th, 7pm
Audubon Greenwich
Learn what types of green roofs are suitable for new and existing homes from the experts.
[RSVP to Jeff](#)

Festival & Barn Dance
May 22nd, 3-8pm
Bent of the River
Live bird presentations, family activities, bird banding, barn dancing & picnic dinner.
[Purchase Tickets](#)

Container Gardening & Gardening for Kids
May 22nd, 10am
Audubon Sharon
Design your own containers, learn what plants work well, and proper maintenance.

International Raptor Conservation Conference

May 7th and 8th were busy days at Audubon Greenwich. The staff hosted over 65 scientists and volunteers who came from several conservation organizations in the US, Mexico and Panama. This series of 5 lectures and 3 panel discussions was designed to increase the effectiveness of raptor conservation projects and enhance the research methods for migratory raptor research in the Americas. By all measures, the conference was a great success and certainly the discussions held will greatly benefit the efforts of all those who are working to conserve migratory birds throughout the Americas. [List of topics discussed](#)

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