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# REPORT



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## City Camp

Audubon Teaches  
Children About Nature in  
Providence Park

CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH NATURE





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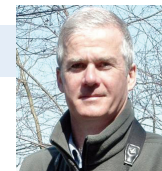
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From the Desk of the Executive Director



## We NEED Your Help! Please Vote YES in November.

Dear Member,

This November you have another reason to go to the polls in addition to the presidential election. You have an opportunity to help save more of Rhode Island's open and wild spaces *by voting YES on 6 – the Green Economy Bond*.

Thanks to donations from members like you, our Advocacy Director Meg Kerr has worked diligently with our allies to make sure that Governor Raimondo and our State legislators put open spaces on the bond referendum this year. (See details of the Green Economy Bond on page 5).

While Rhode Islanders have voted in favor of open space bonds in the past, we can't afford to assume that will be the case again.

Did you know that several of the Audubon Wildlife Refuges that you enjoy came from, or grew in size due to, funding from the State open space grants?

For example, thanks to the open space grants awarded in 1988, 1999 and again in 2008, we were able to add over 200 acres to our Fisherville Brook Refuge in Exeter and West Greenwich. The refuge is now over 1,000 acres in size.\*

Thanks again to state open space funding in 2004, we purchased 80 acres of land in Foster, greatly increasing the size of a 125-acre refuge that had been donated by Mr. Adam Balwierczak in 1999.

Like other Audubon Society of Rhode Island wildlife refuges, these places provide important bird and wildlife habitat, watershed protection, relief from the heat, and great places for you to enjoy the outdoors.

Funding for more purchases of open space will be gone if this important bond is not passed. So here's an excellent opportunity to do your part this November...get out and vote YES on 6 for the Green Economy Bond!

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts.

Best Regards,

Lawrence J. F. Taft  
Executive Director

*\*The original 600-acre parcel of Fisherville Brook had been donated by George and Rose Matteson. The Nature Conservancy and Champlin Foundation also provided significant funds to grow this property.*

## “Tell Me About Grandpa and Grandma”

Your curious youngster wants to know about their great-grandparents or their great-great-grandparents. How will you answer such a question? In addition to your own recollections and a treasury of photos and heirlooms, you may have little to draw on – unless you or someone else has done something to establish a lasting memorial in their honor.

A named endowment fund at the Audubon Society of Rhode Island is a wonderful way to create an ongoing legacy. Every year, loved ones will be reminded through print and other means that Grandpa and Grandma cared about protecting nature for them. The named endowment fund will not only serve as a perennial source of income to Audubon, it will also provide a continuing reminder that your child's grandparents were full of generosity and good will. They cared about others.

One of the features of our endowment program is an “album” that will be created on our new website honoring the persons named in the endowment titles. Where possible, we will include one or more photos and a biographical sketch. You will be able to share the page's link with loved ones and those who benefit from a particular endowment fund. Our program also permits individuals to create named endowments that focus on specific aspects of our mission... conservation, education and advocacy... areas that may have had special meaning to the honoree.

You may want to consider a named endowment for yourself. By establishing it now, you provide your loved ones with a “living photograph” of at least one of your key interests in life. If you wish, you can add to your endowment over time, and can even earmark a portion of your estate to eventually enter your fund.

Named endowments are worth considering. We will show you what others have done . . . and how practical and easy an endowment can be for you. You can reach Senior Director of Advancement Jeff Hall, by dialing (401-949-5454 x3017) or by email at [jhall@asri.org](mailto:jhall@asri.org).





# Bringing Nature Camp to the Urban Neighborhood

By Hugh Markey | Photographs by Hugh Markey and Hope Foley



Audubon Urban Education Coordinator Lisa Maloney (center in hat) with campers and counselors at Neutaconkanut Park in Providence.

The line of a dozen children has travelled all of 100 yards when one child calls out, “I don’t know where I am!” Kimmie Lavoie, assistant camp director, has just the answer. “Come here,” she says, leading the group of six- to eight-year-olds to a map painted on a building. She points out the different trails, as well as habitats and animals likely to be found on their hike. The list includes woods and meadows, and the animals range from ants to deer. Satisfied with the explanation, the group moves on.

Although it may sound like this could be campers heading out onto one of Audubon’s wildlife refuges, this group is actually in the heart of Providence, not far from their urban neighborhoods. To the Audubon educators who run this summer program, the question does not come as a surprise. Many of the small campers see this oasis in the city as an unknown. Sure, they may recognize the basketball courts or the water sprinklers where they cool off, but the winding, steep trails that lead through leafy green shaded forest up to meadows and skyline views often go unexplored.

It is the first morning of Audubon’s Neutaconkanut Summer Nature Camp in Providence’s Silver Lake/Olneyville section. This year, 90 children ages 6 to 12 will experience hands-on nature exploration, hikes, games, crafts, and close-up encounters with some of the live animals that Audubon brings to their education programs. Thanks to

donors, they will also receive a healthy breakfast and lunch – all for just \$5 per week.

This urban summer camp initiative is a joint effort between Audubon and the Partnership for Providence Parks (PPP). It takes place at the 88-acre Neutaconkanut Park, often referred to as a hidden jewel in Providence.

*“Both children said it was their favorite camp all summer.”*

– NEUTACONKANUT SUMMER CAMP PARENT

Now in its third year, the Neutaconkanut Summer Camp program serves 15 children a week, teaching them about the elements of nature that exist right outside their own doors. When it began, the camp consisted of three weeklong sessions. It was so popular that Audubon expanded it to five last year, and this year was again able to add an extra week due to funding by generous supporters. Audubon Urban Education Coordinator Lisa Maloney sees the camp as an important resource for city kids who may not have the kind of exposure to the outdoors that others in more suburban areas may have.

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Campers at Neutaconkanut Park explore the forest habitat.

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“We want everyone to come to our wildlife refuges throughout the state, of course, because they’re beautiful places, but not everyone has access to those refuges. That’s why we do after-school programs here and take kids out and show them their local park. We teach them about the kinds of plants and animals and insects that live right in their back yard. Hopefully that will give them a feeling that, ‘This is a place for me, and this is a place that I can enjoy, and wouldn’t it be nice if we could preserve it for everyone to enjoy.’”

### “I FOUND EVIDENCE!”

A short distance from the trail map, the group stops at a patch of plants by the trail. Maloney tells the campers that this plant is mugwort, has them smell the strong leaf odor and suggests it could be crushed up for use as a natural bug repellent. Today’s focus is a scavenger hunt, where kids look for indications that there is habitat to support wildlife: flowers that provide nectar for bees, a chewed pinecone that indicates a visit by a squirrel. “I found evidence!” one camper shouts, pointing to a hole in the tree. The powdery substance around the opening could be a sign that there are ants or termites calling the tree home.

“This week’s theme is ‘Home Sweet Habitat,’” Maloney explains. “Neutaconkanut can represent a lot of habitats around Rhode Island; every day we go to a new section of the park and think about what’s different, what’s the same, and who lives there. We just get them to know the park a little bit.” Themes change weekly and are chosen to suit the age group and unique setting. “Another session is called ‘Our Buggy World,’ where we learn all about “bugs” and their relatives, including spiders, worms, and millipedes. We look for the miniatures. You don’t have to go to a huge place to find insect life!”

### HOME OF SQUIRRELS

According to the Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy’s web site, the hill was a parcel of land included in a purchase made by Roger Williams from the Narragansett People. They had called it Neutaconkanut, which means “home of squirrels”, a description that certainly hasn’t changed over the centuries. The hill remained in private hands until 1892, when it was purchased by what was then called the Public Park Commission. In recommending its purchase, the Commission wrote, “On this part, Nature has made a natural park more perfect than the hand of man could devise. On a Sunday afternoon as many as 1000

people left their horse-cars on Plainfield St. and ascended the Hill.”

*“He started to show interest in plants this spring on our afternoon walks.”*  
– NEUTACONKANUT SUMMER CAMP PARENT

Maloney explains that this urban initiative began when Providence Parks suggested a nature camp. “They thought it would be nice to offer camps at the city parks, but they didn’t have the staff. That’s when they contacted Audubon.” From concept to funded fruition, the camp was five years in the making, but by 2014 the program was ready. Today, the camp not only offers the environmental experience, but it provides campers with breakfast and lunch, all for a very low fee. It is made possible by funds donated by Audubon members and supporters as well as supplemented by the city of Providence. For Maloney, the program was a blend of personal and professional.

“I’m a Providence resident, and I discovered the park when I first started working for Audubon.” She explained how Audubon’s former senior director of policy Eugenia Marks recommended the park as she had often enjoyed the trails. “After enjoying this great park for awhile, I selected the site as one location for the annual butterfly count, which is coordinated by Audubon. Then came the afterschool programs with middle school students. We also thought that Neutaconkanut would be a great place to bring kids in the summer, it has lots of shade and forested areas. It sort of became this ball that just kept rolling.”

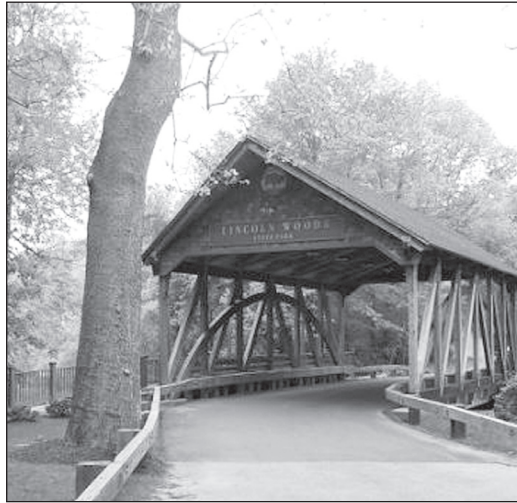
Lauren Parmelee, Audubon’s senior director of education, sees one of her primary missions as reaching out to urban communities. “We do after-school programs in Providence, Woonsocket, and Central Falls. Ideally, we want to take those kids into their own neighborhoods. We try to show them that nature is not only found in fields and forests or on wildlife refuges; it’s part of their own neighborhood.”

Audubon has put a tremendous amount of time and effort into getting programs like the one at Neutaconkanut started, she said. Her job is to oversee the big picture of the education program, help find the money to fund the urban camps and support the staff’s work. She gives much credit also to Providence Parks in helping make these

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*State parks attract tourists and provide healthy outdoor recreation opportunities.*



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*For the preservation of vital green spaces throughout Rhode Island*

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## The 2016 Green Economy Bond



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*Stormwater management improves water quality and outdoor recreation.*







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programs happen. “It’s such a strong partnership. We have our best success when we partner with other agencies, and this is a good example of one that is helping provide such a positive experience for inner-city kids. In this case, families are able to participate because Audubon and the city’s Parks and Recreation Department make it so affordable. Families pay a very low fee and the camp fills up in 24 hours. People find out about the camp and realize that it’s a great opportunity at such a low price.”

Another, less obvious benefit that the partnership provides is a sense of trust within the communities that house the camps. “April Alix, the program coordinator for the Providence Parks Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership, formerly worked at Audubon and she’s been invaluable. She knows that community, and that community knows and trusts her. You can’t just walk in and say, ‘Hey, we have this great program, come join.’ You have to have trust. It’s a combination of financial support and trust that gets the kids there.”

“Whether we’re doing an afterschool program for urban students or something like this camp in the park, PPP gives us a venue. We come in with the expertise in natural history; we have the educational skills and experience managing groups of young people. We also know how to engage the kids and have fun, plus we have live animals. We have all of that. But without a venue, an audience, and without monetary support, it’s impossible to do.”

The campers reach the summit of Neutaconkanut Hill and pause. They line up along a railing by the trail that overlooks a stunning view of Providence that stretches for miles. The view has changed a lot since those “horse cars” written



about in 1892 deposited gentlemen in top hats and ladies in voluminous dresses. Still, it isn’t hard to imagine them pausing for a moment here to overlook their city and perhaps considering their place in the world. The campers and staff gather for a group photo, and then it’s off to the meadow.

Here, the kids play “habitat tag,” where anyone tagged must freeze. They must wait until another camper dodges away from the one who is “it” and frees the frozen one. There is a price, though: the frozen camper must recite the elements that they need to “survive.” A boy wearing a t-shirt that reads, “The Talent has arrived” reminds a camper half his size of the habitat list she must say before being freed. “Air, water, food, shelter!” she says, rejoining the game.

The next week will offer camp for children 9

to 12 years old. For that age group the theme will be “Predators and Prey.” “Kids are always interested in predators,” says Maloney. “They love learning about what adaptations predators have and how they catch their food. And how does prey avoid being eaten?” Campers will learn about this through the use of scavenger hunts, where they will look for evidence of both predators and prey.

“Another camp for the older group is called ‘Who Goes There.’ We teach the kids about animal tracking,” explains Maloney. “Although we don’t always see charismatic megafauna (the general term for larger animals that have popular appeal and often hide themselves during the daytime), the scavenger hunt will make the campers use detective skills to see signs. We will look for galls, scat, scratches on trees, and just try to interpret what those signs mean. There are definitely deer and raccoons at Neutaconkanut, even though we can’t see them. Even things like deer browse (the chew marks on plants and shrubs) are clues that large animals are here. We are arming them with the skills to figure out what’s happening in the park even when we’re not around.”

### I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PLACE.

Lauren Parmelee hopes the camp experience will connect with adults as well. “Ideally, what we do is inspire kids to go home and say ‘Hey, we need to visit this park.’ We want the families to value it. If families buy into it, they will have a better sense of caring and respect for their parks.” With the success of the Neutaconkanut Camp, Parmelee says it’s possible that the idea will be expanded elsewhere. “We may try a camp in another park that has both indoor space and an outdoor venue. This camp is certainly well run enough so that we could create one in a new place.”

Lisa Maloney shares that perspective. “The reason we are interested in growing this camp is that the park is a great laboratory for furthering the science lessons that kids are already learning about in school. Having these outside lessons really cements it for them. They’re seeing it, they’re hearing it, they’re smelling it, they’re down and dirty learning about it. Eventually it becomes a case of ‘I want to learn more about this place and how to protect it because I enjoy being in this space.’ We’re hoping these campers grow into a generation of conservation-minded adults who were influenced by this experience when they were kids; who will look at a meadow and not just think of it as a bunch of grass. We really want to inspire the next generation to come to a park that’s within their own city and begin to conserve those areas.”

**Every year  
there is a waiting list...**

**HELP AUDUBON EXPAND THE  
NEUTACONKANUT SUMMER CAMP.**

If you would like to contribute to the Audubon Urban Education Initiative and help us to expand this vital program, please contact Jeff Hall at (401) 949-5454 ext. 3017 or email [jhall@asri.org](mailto:jhall@asri.org).





*Sondra and Tom Pitts.*



*Judith Queen (left) and Sara Low.*



*From left: Joe Browne, Board Member Deborah Linnell, Rupert Friday.*



*Board Member Dr. Nicholas Califano (left) and Dr. Louis Corvese.*



*Jean and Thomas Brown.*

# Thank You!

## 2016 Party for the Peregrines



*From left: Bob Wright, Charlene Basso-Wright, Eryka Wright, Helen Jankoski, Joe Zybrowski.*



*Janna Hesser (right) and Council of Advisors Chairperson Charlotte Sornborger at the auction tables.*



*From left: Amanda Soares, Rafael Soares, Board Member Meghan Frost and Renee Lemos.*

Audubon Society of Rhode Island's annual Party for the Peregrines was held on April 30, 2016 at the Squantum Club in East Providence.

Over 170 friends and supporters of Audubon gathered to celebrate Rhode Island raptors. Audubon's live owls, a Red-tailed Hawk, and an American Kestrel were presented during the evening as was a beautiful Snowy Owl. The event raised more than \$50,000 to support Audubon Society of Rhode Island's raptor education and rehabilitation programs.



*From left: Leslie Samayoa, Rodrigo Rampersad and Rosemary Moore.*



*From left: Leonard Iannuccilli, Board Member Heidi Piccerelli, David Piccerelli, Claudia Iannuccilli.*



*From left: David Stoll, Frannie Newbold, Suzanne Dunkl, Board Member Michael Viveiros.*

*Audubon naturalist Kim Calcagno presents a Red-tailed Hawk.*



*Janis and George Kortyna.*







## See You Next Year!

The four baby Peregrine Falcons were successfully banded by Joe Zybrowski on May 23, 2016. US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse was one of the special guests who joined us atop the Superman Building that morning for an unforgettable experience.

All four (one female, three male) have now successfully fledged the nesting box. We look forward to next spring when we have the chance to observe these amazing creatures all over again. Thanks for watching along with us!

Donors like you enable us to run the Peregrine Cam. Please consider supporting this program by making a donation at [www.asri.org](http://www.asri.org).



Joe Zybrowski has to fend off the mother Peregrine in the nesting box before he can reach the chicks for banding.



Ambar Esponzoza



Peter Green

US Senator Sheldon Whitehouse holds one of the young Peregrines during the banding process.

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Heidi Piccerelli

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**DEAR MEMBERS:**

**T**his Annual Report is intended to keep you, our members, informed of the accomplishments of the Audubon Society of Rhode Island over the previous fiscal year, as well as to report on the organization's overall fiscal health.

We are proud to report that, because of your support, we have been able to continue to carry forward our mission of protecting birds and other wildlife in our state by habitat conservation, environmental education and environmental advocacy for the benefit of people and all other life.

Today with the impact of climate change creating a new kind of threat to their habitats, birds and other wildlife face increasing challenges to for their survival. Thanks to your support, we continue our efforts to safeguard their future.

We steward nearly 9,500 acres of land containing natural habitat. Our environmental education programs reach tens of thousands of youth in our communities throughout the state – instilling values that will lead students to become good environmental citizens. We work for the passage of legislation to protect Rhode Island's water, wetlands and other natural habitats. Rhode Island's own Audubon continues to tirelessly work on behalf of the people and wildlife of Rhode Island for a healthier environment.

So, when you see *your* name on the enclosed 2015 roster of donors and supporters, you should feel proud of the role that *you* have played in helping to protect our environment.

Thanks again,

Cynthia J. Warren  
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# AUDUBON SOCIETY OF RHODE ISLAND 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## ADVOCACY

*Promote Public Policy that protects birds, wildlife and natural resources*

- Successful cesspool phase-out legislation passed after years of dedicated advocacy.
- Ongoing advocacy for statewide water supply interconnection to ensure contingency supplies for the major public water suppliers.
- Facilitation of municipal citizen's group in South Kingstown to build awareness, community engagement, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Advocated for robust public transportation as a critical strategy for slowing climate change.
- Developed stormwater projects in Woonsocket and monitored water quality on the Branch River.



## EDUCATION

*Develop an environmentally literate and motivated local populace that supports and promotes sustainable living and stewardship of our natural resources.*

- Over 20,000 people reached through Audubon environmental education programming.
- Over 14,500 visitors enjoyed programs, hikes, exhibits and lectures at the Environmental Education Center.
- Raptor Weekend drew over 2,300 enthusiastic visitors to observe and learn about birds of prey.
- Over 410 people attended Audubon's Bird and Wildlife Carving Exposition in November.
- Urban School Initiative provided in-school and after-school programs for 3,000 students in urban districts.

## SUMMER CAMPS

- Provided over 90 children from inner-city Providence with a nature camp experience at Neutaconkanut Park through a partnership with Providence Parks.
- Engaged 180 children in summer nature enrichment programs in Providence and Woonsocket, RI.
- Led over 200 children in nature-based summer camps in Bristol, RI and Seekonk, MA.







## VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Over 418 volunteers provided 6,709 hours of assistance with programs, research, wildlife refuge stewardship, administrative work and fundraising.
- In June and July, 71 volunteers surveyed butterflies across the state for the North American Butterfly Survey.
- 96 Osprey Monitors kept watch and reported on 229 nests in 2015.
- Over 150 volunteers pitched in to make Raptor Weekend a success.



## DONOR SUPPORT

To operate on an efficient and productive level, Audubon raises nearly \$2 million per year to support our mission. That funding comes from grants, foundations, programs fees and most importantly from supporters like you.

- Sources of Income
  - Earned Income 17%
  - Endowment Income 12%
  - Donations, membership, support from donors 71%

## CONSERVATION

Conserve and steward land to preserve bird and wildlife habitat and related natural ecosystems in Rhode Island

- Habitat Restoration  
Managed habitat projects for the endangered New England cottontail and associated species.
- Initiated invasive plant management and habitat restoration on Audubon properties
- Maintained over 400 acres of grassland to support native plants, grassland birds and butterflies.
- Guided Youth Conservation League refuge work in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy and Rhode Island Natural History Survey.
- Participated in the annual North American butterfly surveys and BioBlitz, a 24-hour assessment of all living things in a selected area, this time in Narragansett.
- Monitored refuges for bats, bluebirds, kestrels, ospreys and wood ducks.
- Collaborated with private, State and Federal agencies on projects including rare sharp-tailed sparrows, studying rare species including the endangered New England cottontail and four rare native plants.



## AUDUBON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER

Invest in infrastructure to advance mission and strategic plan

- Accessibility Trail completed, allowing wheelchairs and strollers access to wetland boardwalk.
- New Hawk Observation Mew construction completed to house new Red-tailed Hawk.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015

## Statement of Financial Position

| Assets                                  | 2015              | 2014              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Current Assets</b>                   |                   |                   |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents                 | \$ 129,772        | \$ 171,375        |
| Accounts Receivable                     | 67,023            | 84,382            |
| Inventories                             | 24,521            | 23,678            |
| Prepaid Expenses & Other Assets         |                   | 4,156             |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>             | <u>221,316</u>    | <u>283,591</u>    |
| <b>Noncurrent Assets</b>                |                   |                   |
| Property and Equipment                  | 3,327,794         | 3,291,452         |
| Investments (at market)                 | 13,874,952        | 10,734,434        |
| Investments held by others (at market)  | 94,891            |                   |
| Refuges, Land & Buildings               | <u>13,740,182</u> | <u>13,764,462</u> |
| <b>Total noncurrent assets</b>          | <u>31,037,819</u> | <u>27,790,348</u> |
| <b>Total assets</b>                     | <u>31,259,135</u> | <u>28,073,939</u> |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>              |                   |                   |
| Accounts payable/accrued expenses       | 38,021            | 74,786            |
| Accounts payable/compensated absences   | 126,246           | 121,493           |
| Line of Credit                          |                   | 275,000           |
| Term Loan                               | 23,621            | 22,547            |
| Charitable gift annuity                 | <u>23,115</u>     | <u>23,966</u>     |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>        | <u>211,003</u>    | <u>517,792</u>    |
| <b>Long Term Liabilities</b>            |                   |                   |
| Term Loan payable                       | <u>154,520</u>    | <u>178,019</u>    |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                | <u>365,523</u>    | <u>695,811</u>    |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                       |                   |                   |
| <b>Unrestricted</b>                     |                   |                   |
| Operating, available for program        | (311,525)         | (706,108)         |
| Property and Equipment                  | 3,327,794         | 3,291,452         |
| Long-term Investments                   | <u>10,603,941</u> | <u>7,368,532</u>  |
| <b>Total Unrestricted Net Assets</b>    | <u>13,620,210</u> | <u>9,953,876</u>  |
| <b>Temporarily Restricted</b>           | 167,318           | 293,888           |
| <b>Permanently Restricted</b>           | <u>17,106,084</u> | <u>17,130,364</u> |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                 | <u>30,893,612</u> | <u>27,378,128</u> |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b> | <u>31,259,135</u> | <u>28,073,939</u> |

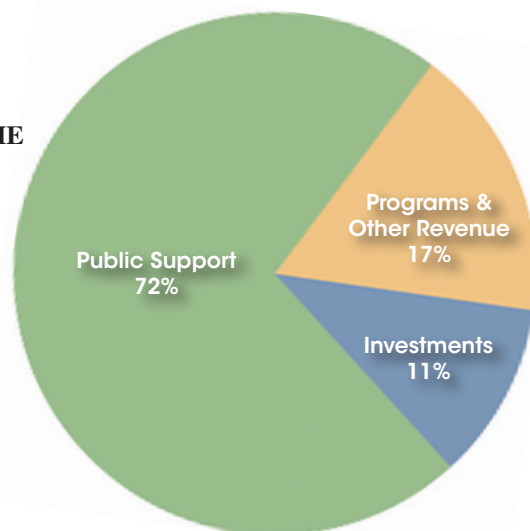
## Financial Summary

| Revenue and Support                         | 2015             | 2014             |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Public Support</b>                       |                  |                  |
| Contributions*                              | \$ 4,384,088     | \$ 865,046       |
| In-kind Support (Advertising)               | 1,096            | 7,965            |
| <b>Program and Other Revenue</b>            |                  |                  |
| Program fees                                | 275,192          | 272,999          |
| Sale of Merchandise                         | 64,149           | 83,177           |
| Rental Income                               | 59,698           | 75,253           |
| Government Contracts                        | 421,797          | 548,975          |
| Admissions and Other Income                 | 192,639          | 45,606           |
| Endowment Support**                         | <u>687,195</u>   | <u>692,657</u>   |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                        | <u>6,085,854</u> | <u>2,591,678</u> |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                  |                  |
| <b>Program Services</b>                     |                  |                  |
| Properties and Conservation                 | 532,782          | 381,443          |
| Educational and Public Programs             | 452,606          | 572,563          |
| Environmental Education Center              | 345,163          | 692,426          |
| Grants and Contracts Expenses               | 398,311          | 433,402          |
| Cost of Program Merchandise                 | 41,083           | 130,310          |
| Policy and Advocacy                         | <u>116,067</u>   | <u>113,752</u>   |
| <b>Total Program Services</b>               | <u>1,886,012</u> | <u>2,323,896</u> |
| <b>Supporting Services</b>                  |                  |                  |
| General & Administrative                    | 384,652          | 409,515          |
| Development                                 | <u>366,471</u>   | <u>320,879</u>   |
| <b>Total Supporting Services</b>            | <u>751,123</u>   | <u>730,394</u>   |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                       | <u>2,637,135</u> | <u>3,054,290</u> |
| <b>Program Operating Income (Loss)</b>      | <u>3,448,719</u> | <u>(462,612)</u> |
| <b>Net-operating Gains and Losses</b>       |                  |                  |
| Donation of Land                            |                  | 295,000          |
| Gain on Sale of Real Estate, Art, and Books | 331,794          | 226,060          |
| Net Realized Gains (Losses) on Investments  | (424,056)        | 533,606          |
| <b>Change in Net Assets</b>                 | <u>3,356,457</u> | <u>297,054</u>   |

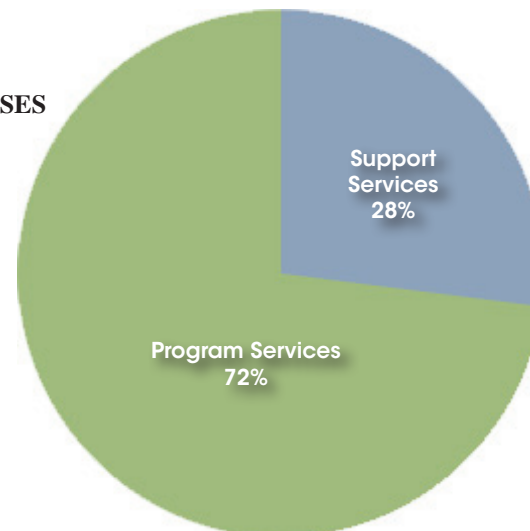
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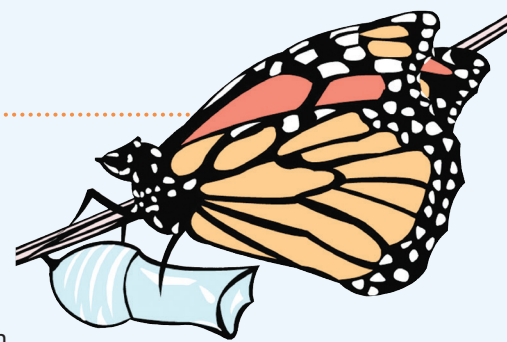




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# Flutter By, Butterfly!

By Lauren Parmelee, Senior Director of Education



## Let's be *Lepidopterists!* That is, Butterfly and Moth Detectives!

- Butterflies fly best when it is sunny and warm, so summer days are the best time to look for these colorful insects in garden, field and forest edge habitats.
- Without touching, see how close you can get to a butterfly.
- What colors, patterns and shapes do you see?
- Can you find its antennae and tongue?
- How many legs and wings can you count?
- Butterflies are not just bugs with pretty wings. They have fascinating adaptations that help them survive.
- Butterfly and moth wings are made up of tiny little scales.
- Their compound eyes allow them to see all the way around (360°) which helps them escape predators.
- They see colors and ultraviolet light. This helps them find food as well as the right plants to lay eggs on.
- Butterflies taste and feel with their feet and antennae.
- These insects use their straw-like tongue to sip sweet nectar from flowers as well as minerals from mud puddles and manure.

## Butterfly Life Cycle

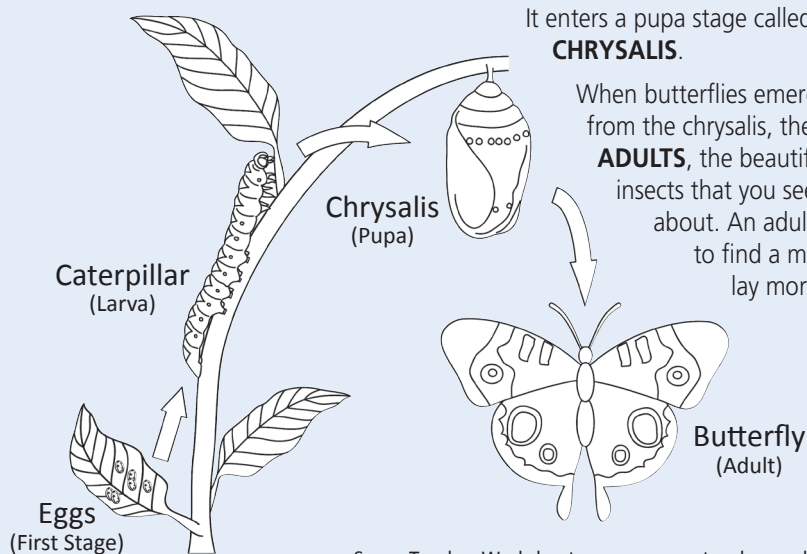
Butterflies have a four-part life cycle:

They start as a tiny **EGG** usually laid on a specific kind of plant called the "host plant."

The egg hatches into a **CATERPILLAR** that feeds on the host plant to help it grow.

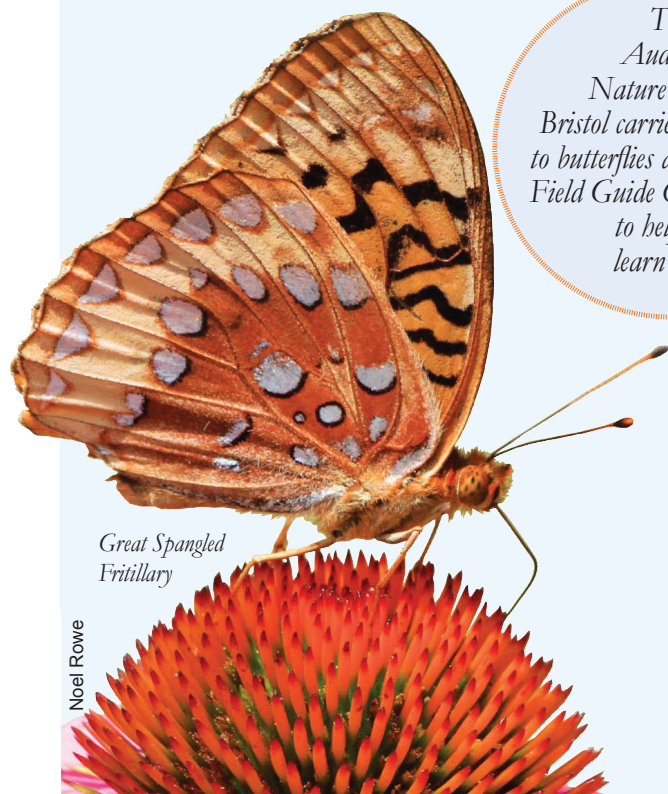
It enters a pupa stage called a **CHRYSLIS**.

When butterflies emerge from the chrysalis, they are **ADULTS**, the beautiful insects that you see flying about. An adult's job is to find a mate and lay more eggs.



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The Audubon Nature Shop in Bristol carries field guides to butterflies and a Peterson Field Guide Coloring Book to help you learn more.



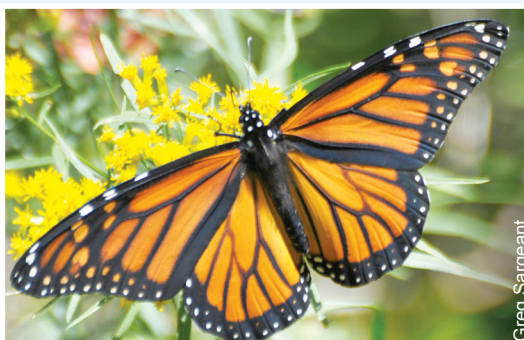
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# Eagle Scout Project Directs Hikers at Powder Mill Ledges

If you head out on a walk at Powder Mill Ledges in Smithfield this summer, you will notice new signage placed at key spots along the trails. Providing “You are Here” maps and directions for hikers, these signs have elicited many positive comments from visitors. Our appreciation for a job well done goes to Eagle Scout Bobby Dubel from Troop 2 in Barrington.

Bobby approached Audubon with the idea of an Eagle Scout project that would assist hikers to navigate trails. He scouted Powder Mill Ledges with Refuge Manager Kim Calcago, investigated possible sign materials, submitted drafts, and calculated costs. On May 7, 2016 he supervised a crew of fellow scouts as they installed the signs and posts at key trail spots. Audubon thanks Bobby for his time and perseverance, which have resulted in attractive, professional and useful navigation tools for our many year-round visitors.



Eagle Scout Bobby Dubel (second from left) and other scouts install the signs at Powder Mill Ledges in May.



Bobby Dubel gets assistance producing the signs from his uncle Jeff Martins from Martins Signs, Inc.

## Block Island Birding Weekend



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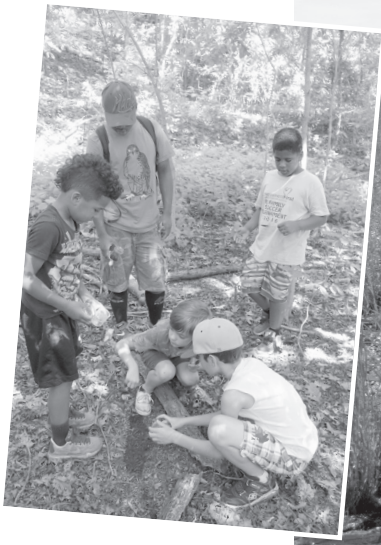
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## Donors send 124 Children to Summer Camp Through Scholarship Program



Because of the generous donors listed at right, 124 children were able to participate in Audubon's Summer Nature Camps. They explored forest, field and shore, made nature discoveries, hiked, played games, visited with live animals and more. It's what summer camp should be!

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*Please consider sending a child to nature camp next summer by donating to the Audubon Summer Camp Scholarship Program. Contact Senior Director of Advancement Jeff Hall at [jhall@asri.org](mailto:jhall@asri.org).*

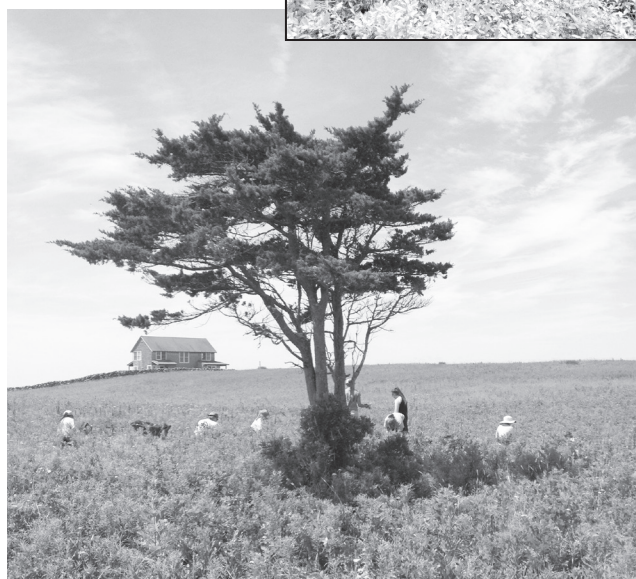
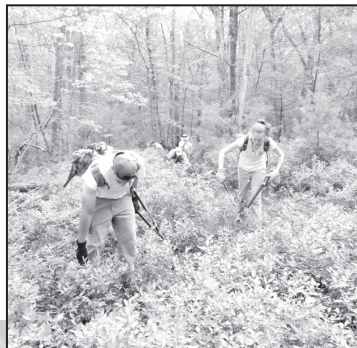
## Audubon Takes the Helm Youth Conservation League 2016

On muggy, hot and humid summer days they worked their way across the state. From Smithfield to Block Island and plenty of places in between, they removed invasive species, blazed trails, helped with coastal oyster restoration and more. A team of six environmentally-minded high school students formed the Youth Conservation League: they gained valuable experience in the field while nature benefited from their service.

Now managed by the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, conservation staff provided guidance, transportation, tools, and work schedules for these students. Audubon partners with The Nature Conservancy, RI Natural History Survey and independent land trusts to fund the program and provide a wide range of work experiences in various natural habitats.

**We Need Your Support to Expand!**

Promoting stewardship of our natural resources with future generations is vital. Please consider making a donation to the Youth Conservation League so that more high school students may be engaged in this worthwhile program. Donate online at [www.asri.org](http://www.asri.org).



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## LET'S GO BIRDING

By Laura Carberry

# Slow Down, It's Summer Time!



You might notice that the bird reports are a little slimmer during the summer months. Does that mean that we should all just stop birding and take a break? I certainly don't put my binoculars away! Summer birding may be a little different, but it can also be rewarding.

In May and June, birds are trying to set up territories and attract mates. They are easier to spot. But in the heat of July and August, birds try to save their energy and are often tending to their young. Birding can be a little more challenging, but slow down a bit, and you just might be amazed at what you find.

This morning I woke up early and decided to take a walk on the trails at Fisherville Brook Wildlife Refuge. I was going at a snail's pace. Like most of you, I feel like I am always running from one thing to another but today I was focused. Instead of counting how many birds I heard or saw, I studied what they were doing. I was amazed at how many family units I found and how often I witnessed mom or dad feeding the newly fledged youngsters.

Fledglings can be challenging to identify. While walking at a slow pace, I had the chance to study many of

these crazily feathered young birds. Some of them look nothing like the adults, but if you study their bills, size, and colorations, you can try to figure out what group they are a part of. Narrow it down and figure out what species the juvenile is. Looking at these young birds helps to focus on the different features of each species and it may help you to become a better birder. Just by slowing down I was able to find a large number of nests. One was right over the trail and I am sure most people never see it. Please remember that if you do find a nest, take care not to disturb it or get too close. Walk slowly away so that the parents can continue to do their job undisturbed.

By slowing down you can practice finding birds with your binoculars and study them by picking out different features. Does it have an eye ring, wing bars or any other special characteristics that can help you identify the bird? Visit different habitats and make notes of what different birds you find in each. This is a great time of year to slow down, enjoy the weather, and really focus on what you are hearing and seeing.

Get out and go birding....

## Join the Audubon Team... VOLUNTEER!

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**Raptor Weekend, September 10 & 11:** Help us run our annual festival of flight! Assist with set-up, run games and activities, staff the snack shack, direct cars and more. Individuals and groups welcome.

**Internships and Community Service:** Visit our website for details. [www.asri.org/About/Audubon/Volunteering](http://www.asri.org/About/Audubon/Volunteering)

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From: Mary Champlin

## Whoooo is Helping Owls on the Refuge? *Eleven-year-old Shane Santos is!*

**I**t all started on an afternoon filled with birds of prey. Old County Road Elementary School in Smithfield hosted an Audubon Raptor Encounter program – where students learned all about birds of prey and got up-close with owls and hawks.

From that presentation, fifth grade student Shane Santos decided he not only wanted to learn more about these amazing creatures, but he also wanted to help them. Shane enlisted the help of his grandfather, Ronald Lemieux of Burrillville, and together they researched Eastern Screech Owl box designs online and built a beautiful future home for an owl. Shane visited Audubon Headquarters in Smithfield, donated the box for use at Powder Mill Ledges Wildlife Refuge and met up with Audubon educator Tracey Hall, who was one of the presenters at his school.

Audubon thanks Shane and his grandfather for their donation and congratulates them on a job well done. The beautiful new owl box will be installed on the refuge...with the hopes that an Eastern Screech Owl will soon call it home.



*Shane Santos delivers his beautiful Screech Owl Nesting Box to Audubon Educator Tracey Hall.*

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# The Audubon Society of Rhode Island Supports National Monument Designation for the New England Coral Canyons and Seamounts

By Senior Director of Policy Meg Kerr

Audubon has teamed with the National Wildlife Federation and a broad coalition of organizations to advocate for President Obama to designate the New England Coral Canyons and Seamounts as the first blue Marine National Monument in the U.S. Atlantic.

This designation would provide permanent protection for these critical areas. There are currently no ocean areas along the Eastern Seaboard that are fully protected as a marine national monument.

The New England Coral Canyons and Seamounts are found approximately 150 miles off the coast of Cape Cod at the edge of the continental shelf. Five massive ocean canyons, thousands of feet deep, and four underwater mountains provide unsurpassed habitat for important marine species. The walls of the canyons and the slopes and summits of the seamounts are alive with vivid cold-water corals — some the size of small trees — that have taken centuries to grow. These coral communities form the foundation of deep-sea ecosystems, providing food, spawning habitat, and shelter for an array of fish and invertebrate species.

Scientists associated with New England's most respected aquariums recently released an in-depth analysis of decades of data demonstrating that this area is a biodiversity hotspot, home to 73 different species of deep sea corals, an array and abundance of dolphin and whale species, as well as seabirds and sea turtles and important fish habitat that helps support regional fisheries.

This spring, the Audubon Society of Rhode Island hosted a series of lectures that highlighted the ecological importance and the beauty and fragility of the Coral Canyons and Seamounts. Over 75 attendees learned that while the area is largely untouched and wild today, it is highly vulnerable to the human drive to fish, drill, and mine in ever deeper and more remote places.

In a separate lecture on February 2, 2016 Dr. Stephen Kress, Director of National Audubon Society's Seabird Restoration Program, addressed over 90 people at the Environmental Education Center and discussed his decades of work to restore puffins and terns to nesting islands in the Gulf of Maine. Recent research has identified that the Coral Canyons and Seamounts are the puffins' winter home, adding these beautiful and threatened sea birds to the list of important species supported by these areas.

As climate change and ocean acidification continue to affect ocean life, it also becomes more and more urgent to establish blue parks in important and relatively pristine ocean habitats such as this one.



Please help support this designation by contacting Senator Whitehouse and letting him know you would like President Obama to make the New England Coral Canyons and Seamounts the first-ever Marine National Monument in the Atlantic Ocean! [sentor\\_whitehouse@whitehouse.senate.gov](mailto:sentor_whitehouse@whitehouse.senate.gov) (401)-453-5294



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