



Audubon Society
of Rhode Island

Why is Audubon Going Plastic-Free for Raptor Weekend?



Even when they're recycled, plastic water bottles are bad for the environment and living things. Did you know...

- Plastic water bottles can take between *400 and 1,000 years* to decompose! That's a lot of plastic pollution. Where does it go?
- A lot of it ends up in **oceans**. Plastic makes up about 90% of all the trash floating on the ocean's surface. This hurts ocean ecosystems and kills sea birds and marine mammals, which can ingest the plastic by accident.

Roughly 100,000 marine creatures and 1 million sea birds are killed from ingesting plastic each year.

- Americans used about 50 billion plastic water bottles last year. Producing all those bottles takes a lot of energy and fossil fuels... and **more water...**

It requires about 3 times the amount of water to produce a plastic water bottle than it does to fill it.

Instead of using plastic water bottles at Raptor Weekend, you can:

- Bring your own bottle and fill it for free at our bottle refill station!
- Boxed water will be sold at the event in the Nature Shop.

Help us help the environment by reducing our plastic use!