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Saturday, January 28, 2023
Audubon Society of Rhode Island Nature Center and Aquarium
1401 Hope St. Bristol, RI 02809

Overview of Schedule of Events

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00am – 9:00am	Registration, morning coffee/pastries	Main Foyer
9:00am – 9:45am	Welcome; “The State of Our Birds”	Auditorium
9:45am – 10:45am	Keynote Address	Auditorium
10:45am – 11:00am	Coffee Break	Main Foyer
11:00am – 1:00pm	Concurrent Session I: State of the Birds	Auditorium
	Concurrent Session II: Coastal Conservation	Classroom 1
	Concurrent Session III: Avian Energetics	Classroom 2
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Lunch and Poster Session	Main Foyer/Exhibit Hall
2:00pm – 4:00pm	Concurrent Session I: State of the Birds	Auditorium
	Concurrent Session II: Coastal Conservation	Classroom 1
	Concurrent Session III: Avian Energetics	Classroom 2
5:00pm – 6:00pm	Social Hour	Ragged Island Brewery

Keynote Address

9:45am – 10:45am

AUDITORIUM

Conservation of saltmarsh birds in the face of sea-level rise

Chris Elphick, PhD

Professor of Conservation Biology, University of Connecticut

This talk will summarize information on the status of tidal marsh nesting birds throughout the northeastern USA. Focusing on work conducted by members of the Saltmarsh Habitat and Avian Research Program, it will summarize what we know about population trends, the factors affecting species persistence, and conservation work that is being done to protect these birds.

About Chris Elphick

Chris Elphick is a professor of conservation biology in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut. His research centers around describing, understanding, and mitigating biodiversity loss. He has been studying coastal marsh birds and their habitats since 2002, and his lab is home to a variety of other research projects, including studies of bird conservation in agricultural settings, patterns of global insect declines, and the consequences of forest fragmentation. He is also one of the lead investigators for the Connecticut Bird Atlas, which draws on the efforts of hundreds of volunteer birdwatchers to gather data describing the state's avifauna.

Morning Concurrent Sessions

TIME	<u>Concurrent I:</u> State of the Birds AUDITORIUM	<u>Concurrent II:</u> Coastal Conservation CLASSROOM 1	<u>Concurrent III:</u> Avian Energetics CLASSROOM 2
11 – 12pm	<p>The state of New Hampshire's Birds</p> <p><i>Pamela Hunt</i> Senior Conservation Biologist New Hampshire Audubon Society</p>	<p>Full life cycle conservation of Roseate Terns</p> <p><i>Joan Walsh</i> Gerard Bertrand Chair of Field Ornithology & Natural History MA Audubon</p>	<p>Woodcock habitat selection, carryover effects and breeding biology</p> <p><i>Colby Slezak, Scott McWilliams</i> The University of Rhode Island</p>
12 – 1pm	<p>Manomet Observatory: lessons learned from 50 years of migration monitoring</p> <p><i>Evan Dalton</i> Director Manomet Observatory</p>	<p>Full life cycle conservation of Piping Plovers</p> <p><i>Peter Paton</i> Chair, Professor, Department of Natural Resources Science University of Rhode Island</p>	<p>Staging Ecology of Adult and Juvenile Semipalmated Sandpipers in Atlantic Canada</p> <p><i>Rebecca Linhart</i> The University of Rhode Island</p>

Poster Session

1:00pm – 2:00pm

EXHIBIT HALL

POSTER	PRESENTER	POSTER TITLE
1	Jim Chace <i>Professor, Biology and Biomedical Science Salve Regina University</i>	Long-term bird banding on Aquidneck Island, Rhode Island
2	Lincoln Dark <i>Land Stewardship and Community Engagement Coordinator, TerraCorps Audubon Society of Rhode Island</i>	Nest Location Trends of the Rhode Island Osprey Population; Past, Present, and Future
3	Franco Gigliotti <i>PhD Student The University of Connecticut</i>	Testing the efficacy of saltmarsh restoration for a globally endangered species
4	Sam Merker <i>Postdoctoral Researcher The University of Connecticut</i>	Finding Shy Folk: Tracking American Bitterns (<i>Botaurus lentiginosus</i>) in Connecticut
5	Ketki Samel <i>PhD Student The University of Connecticut</i>	Tolerance for urban development varies seasonally for Connecticut birds

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

TIME	<u>Concurrent I:</u> State of the Birds AUDITORIUM	<u>Concurrent II:</u> Coastal Conservation CLASSROOM 1	<u>Concurrent III:</u> Avian Energetics CLASSROOM 2
2 – 3pm	<p>Bird conservation in relation to forest management</p> <p><i>David King</i> Adjunct Associate Professor, Research Wildlife Biologist University of Massachusetts</p>	<p>The status of Whimbrel in New England and the need for Flyway-scale Conservation</p> <p><i>Alan Kneidel</i> Conservation Biologist Manomet Observatory</p>	<p>Bird-Friendly. . . Maple Latte? Evaluating “Bird-Friendly” Agroforestry Programs</p> <p><i>Liza Morse</i> Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources The University of Vermont</p>
3 – 4pm	<p>Thirty years of change in commercial forest management in Maine and implications for regional and national bird conservation (1992-2023)</p> <p><i>Jonah Levy</i> PhD Candidate Tufts University</p>	<p>Waterfowl of Narragansett Bay: Historical patterns of abundance in relation to current aquaculture development</p> <p><i>Clara Cooper-Mullin, Martina Muller</i> The University of Rhode Island</p>	<p>Are American Woodcock a good ‘Umbrella Species’ to guide forest management?</p> <p><i>Scott McWilliams, Liam Corcoran, Megan Gray</i> The University of Rhode Island</p>