



Audubon NORTH CAROLINA

# birds + you = success



One of 22 state offices of the National Audubon Society, Audubon North Carolina executes national strategies for bird conservation here in our state. That means that we engage North Carolina citizens, organizations and agencies to assist us in this work. Our list of partners is long and includes virtually all land trusts, conservation non-profits and state agencies involved in conservation work. Our staff sit on



technical committees, provide bird data to decision makers, recruit volunteers to create bird friendly yards, advocate for appropriate policies, support our chapters in educating citizens about birds, work with faith communities and much more. One thing is abundantly clear; the job is too big for one organization to go it alone. With 10,000 members, 10 chapters, 8,400 advocates and 11,000 Facebook fans, we are proud to be one of the most connected conservation organizations in the state.

All this citizen involvement is adding up to some significant successes for birds. In this issue, we will highlight just a very few of the conservation victories we have accomplished with your help and support.

We are extremely fortunate that our very diverse landscapes – mountains, beaches, rivers, grasslands, forests – provide an equally diverse bird population. With this biodiversity comes a great responsibility for protection. This is a responsibility Audubon takes very seriously. A responsibility we cannot uphold without our partners and supporters.

Please continue to support our work to help our beautiful and beloved birds and to protect the diversity of landscapes that help them to survive and thrive. Grow bird-friendly native plants, put up a nest box, share this newsletter with friends and family, or get involved in your local chapter. As we close our fiscal year on June 30th, we look toward another very active and very successful year ahead. Thank you so much for being a part of our wonderful Audubon flock!

With gratitude,

**Heather Starck Hahn**

Executive Director

P.S. The 2015 Audubon Convention is open for registration. Come meet some like-minded people and enjoy learning more about Audubon and about birds! [www.audubonconvention.org](http://www.audubonconvention.org)

One out of every three waterbirds in North Carolina uses the twenty-three owned, leased or managed Audubon North Carolina coastal bird sanctuaries. Over 48,000 birds use these protected areas annually helping to ensure the survival of a huge variety of coastal birds!



# Audubon at Work

With 10 chapters located in Wilmington, Durham, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Charlotte, Boone, Asheville, Maggie Valley and Highlands, opportunities abound to become involved in learning about birds or in diverse projects to help protect them. Chapters have helped install over 8,000 nest boxes for the declining Brown-headed Nuthatch!





Years of studying the elusive and endangered Golden-winged Warbler has resulted in programs, practices and partnerships to help bring back this small gem. About 37,000 NC acres are implementing plans to protect the forests that the Golden-winged Warbler needs to survive.



Citizen-science brings in the research that helps birds. Over 1,138 North Carolinians participated in the Christmas Bird Count this year with many more collecting and submitting bird data through the Great Backyard Birdcount and Hummingbirds at Home.

# It is all because of you

Although the work of protecting birds may seem like a big task, having so many North Carolinians engaged in our mission adds up to real conservation victories. Data provides the foundation for our science based decisions on what birds need to thrive. The science helps to inform decision makers as to the best practices for protecting North Carolina's natural resources while considering the impact on birds. The impact on birds is monitored by further research mostly conducted by our citizens. It is only with your involvement through action, advocacy, education and financial support that we are successful in our mission.

Audubon North Carolina relies on our citizens for the support needed to win protections for birds. We raise all the funding for our work across the state. Please return the enclosed envelope with a donation today to help keep our vibrant bird life safe and healthy. Thank you!

If you aren't already, please consider becoming an advocate for birds by sharing your love for them, collecting data, attending a chapter meeting, or making a contribution. Sign up for one of the many specialty bulletins found on our website. Or become a member of our action alert community to help impact policies and regulations in favor of birds and wildlife. All of these things make us an effective, strong, forward moving organization.

Our migrating birds have returned and nests are full of the babies that ensure the future survival of the 473 bird species that are a part of the beauty of North Carolina. Thank you for your care and concern for our feathered friends and please enjoy a summer full of the delight that birds bring us every day.



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