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Welcome to the Flock!

IN EARLY SPRING, THE SEABIRD INSTITUTE hired Rosy Tucker as the new Manager of Public Programs. A seasoned science educator and nature enthusiast, Rosy is a familiar face to many of Hog Island's Family Camp participants, having served as an instructor for nearly a decade. As Manager of Public Programs, Rosy will lead the development and implementation of the Seabird Institute's educational programs.

The Seabird Institute then welcomed Laurie Bragg as its new Center Director in June. Laurie brings to Audubon over 20 years of experience with nonprofit organizations. Her unique background blends leadership, strategic program development, and passion for environmental education, which makes her a particularly adept leader for the Seabird Institute's operations.

Welcome to the team, Rosy and Laurie!



Photos clockwise from top: Courtesy of Rosy Tucker; Katie Stoner; Steve Smith

A Note from the Director of Conservation Science

OUR YEAR BEGAN WITH HISTORICALLY catastrophic winter storms in mid-coast Maine, but the Seabird Institute team responded with vim and vigor to successfully advance Audubon's Flight Plan goals this summer. Help from the Friends of Hog Island allowed the speedy repair of our damaged facilities in time for the start of the Camp season. The seabird research teams adjusted to storm-induced changes on the nesting islands and stewarded puffins, terns, and our other species to a successful breeding season. Our efforts to ensure responsibly sited offshore wind energy projects were expanded by hemispheric partnerships with organizations from Nova Scotia to Brazil. On the west coast, we invigorated a broad coalition to 'bend the bird curve' for tufted puffins. And we inspired diverse communities to change the world for birds, through outstanding programs at the Hog Island Audubon Camp, Project Puffin Visitor Center, and other in-person and online engagement—thanks to talented team members old and new! Enjoy our highlights in this year's Update and stay in touch!

—Dr. Donald Lyons, Director of Conservation Science



Science and Advocacy for Bird-friendly Offshore Wind

THE PLANNING PROCESS for offshore wind energy development in the Gulf of Maine has progressed rapidly over the past year. As part of Audubon's Flight Plan objectives, the Seabird Institute has extensively tracked terns, puffins, and storm-petrels to inform this renewable energy planning process. Our highest priority goal, in collaboration with many partners, has been to minimize overlap between the areas seabirds visit repeatedly during the nesting season to find food for their chicks.

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is the federal agency leading the planning process in federal waters—areas more than 3 miles from the coastline. BOEM goes through a lengthy process to determine areas to lease to energy companies for wind farm implementation. At each stage of the process, the area under consideration is reduced to avoid conflicts with fish and wildlife, shipping channels, military use areas, or other 'no-go' constraints. The Seabird Institute shared our tracking data with many partners and agencies to inform the planning area refinement at each step of the process.

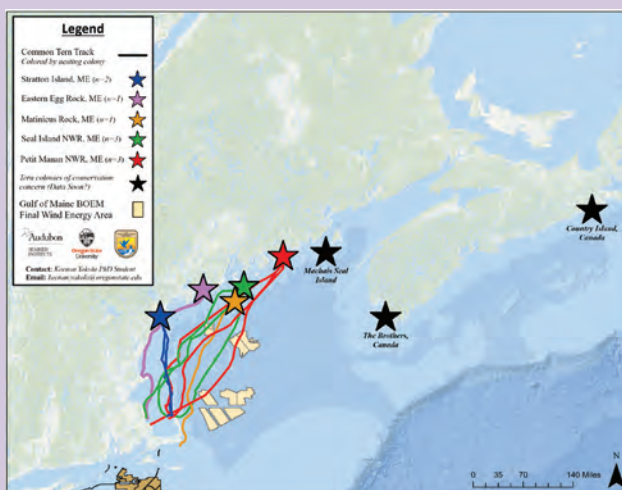
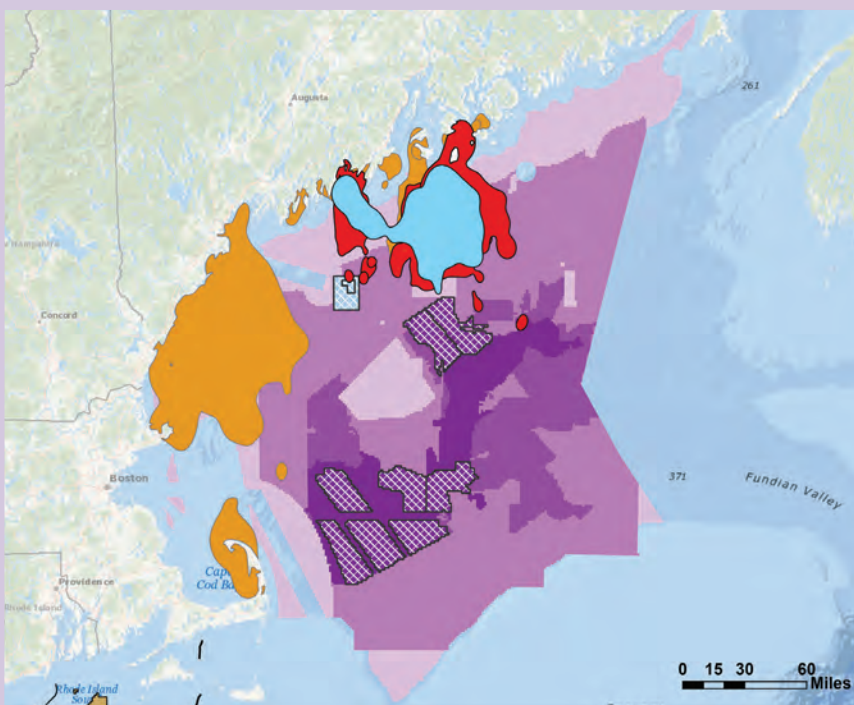
We're very pleased that the Lease Areas defined by BOEM in late April only minimally overlap with the areas we've observed nesting terns and puffins to use (see map). This is a significant win for birds resulting from our science and advocacy during the planning process!

There are still concerns to investigate, however, including the unavoidable overlap of Leach's Storm-Petrel activity and Lease Areas, and the possible overlap of terns and puffins with wind areas during periods before and after nesting (see the Common Tern map below). Our tracking work is now becoming more focused on understanding these possible interactions and we will continue to advocate for bird-friendly construction

and operation practices to minimize any potential impacts.

We are grateful for partnership with Maine Audubon, National Wildlife Federation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and many other organizations involved in this work.

Below: Foraging areas of nesting Common Terns (gold), Arctic Terns (red), and Atlantic Puffins (light blue) tracked by the Seabird Institute. Foraging activity is shown overlaid onto various steps in the offshore wind energy planning process, from the initial draft call area (shaded in pink) through multiple steps culminating in wind energy areas (dark purple) and proposed lease areas (crosshatch). Thanks to advocacy by the Seabird Institute and our partners, prospective wind energy locations avoid the foraging areas of nesting puffins and terns!



Left: Example routes of Common Terns from colonies in the Gulf of Maine to fall staging areas in the Cape Cod region. Routes of terns from colonies to the east tend to overlap with defined offshore wind lease areas suggesting exposure and risk to birds during this period. Tracking data from colonies in Canada (black stars) are not yet available but a key concern.



Tufted Puffin. Photo: Mick Thompson

Creating Bicoastal Impact A New Puffin Project

OVER THE LAST CENTURY, THE TUFTED PUFFIN'S population in the California Current Large Marine Ecosystem has experienced significant decline. Breeding grounds from northern California up through southern British Columbia hosted tens of thousands of birds in the early 20th century. As of 2019, an assessment by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service estimated that less than 2,000 birds remain. Through collaborative partnership, Audubon is working to ensure Tufted Puffins avoid regional extirpation—leveraging our extensive experience with Atlantic Puffins, their east coast cousins.

The broader research and management community had not developed the capacity to coordinate conservation actions for this species over the past several decades and found it difficult to do more than document the decline. With the support from the Friends of Haystack Rock, Audubon hired Katherine Luscher as Senior Conservation Coordinator for Tufted Puffins in Fall 2023. Katherine works with interested groups in the Pacific Northwest to align conservation efforts for Tufted Puffins nesting along the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. With her support, practitioners are now more easily communicating results and discussing their plans for future work. Through better information sharing and coordinated planning, we aim to diagnose the major causes of Tufted Puffin decline and implement actions to reverse the trend.



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Leach's Storm-Petrel. Photo: Jean Hall

Leach's Storm-Petrel Tracking Informs Offshore Wind Development in Pacific Northwest

SWIFT AND RESPONSIBLE DEPLOYMENT of renewable energy production is vital to tackling climate change across the hemisphere. Tracking of Leach's Storm-Petrels nesting at colonies on Oregon's south coast was initiated in 2023 and continued this season. Data gathered from these tags, which has shown significant overlap with the Brookings Lease Area near the California border, is being utilized to call for bird-friendly lighting on turbine structures and other important conservation measures. We aim to ensure that offshore wind is implemented responsibly to minimize impacts on birds.



Taking Seabird Science Global: Meet the 2024 Herz Fellows

WHILE AUDUBON-HONED SOCIAL ATTRACTION methods have benefited nearly one third of seabird species globally since 1973, seabirds remain particularly vulnerable to impacts of human disturbance and development, and the changing climate. Recognizing the need for proactive seabird conservation beyond U.S. borders, the Josephine D. Herz International Seabird Fellowship was established to train and collaborate with emerging conservationists from throughout the hemisphere and around the world. In 2024 we welcomed three biologists to Maine where they received training in our restoration and tracking methodologies.

Rafael Ângelo Revorêdo, Brazil

RAFAEL HAS WORKED WITH THE CENTRO de Estudos e Monitoramento Ambiental (CEMAM) in Brazil since 2019. His seabird conservation efforts to date has focused on mitigating Roseate and Common Tern collisions with power lines in northeastern Brazil. Discovering many terns in his studies had bands from New York, Massachusetts, and Maine, he began working with the Seabird Institute in February and March during a collaborative Roseate Tern tagging campaign in Brazil. After participating in the Herz Fellowship, he has the skills needed to lead tracking projects in Brazil and also build essential connections for future scientific and professional partnerships. Finally, he has a clearer vision of the path he wants to follow. "This experience changes everything!"



Ignacio Gutierrez Galvan, Argentina

IGNACIO WORKS FOR THE PATAGONIA Azul Project in Argentina and first learned about the Herz Fellowship through former international fellow Carlos Zavalaga, now a university professor in Peru. Carlos visited Patagonia Azul to assist with tagging Imperial Cormorants last January. Ignacio has taken two major concepts home with him after his Herz Fellowship.

First, big changes in complex ecosystems require not only a deep understanding of the environment's vast ecological and biological features but also committed stewardship to help them thrive. Additionally, he's seen how proper, long-term monitoring is an important component of identifying trends for birds and the resources on which they, and we, rely.



Anson Tse, Hong Kong

ANSON WORKS WITH THE HONG KONG Bird Watching Society (HKBWS), an organization in Hong Kong with very similar objectives to the National Audubon Society. Seabird research is relatively new in Hong Kong, and HKBWS has made a concerted investment in the conservation and research of seabird species like the Chinese Crested Tern. Although already having a background in oceanography and marine biology, the Herz Fellowship gave Anson his first taste of seabird field work and enhanced his understanding of comprehensive seabird monitoring programs. As the fifth young biologist we've brought to Maine from the region, Anson is part of a growing corps of seabird conservationists in Southeast Asia.



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Flight Plan Hemispheric Conservation for Endangered Roseate Tern

EFFORTS TO ASSIST ENDANGERED ROSEATE Terns are a key focus of the Seabird Institute's colony management work at Eastern Egg Rock and Stratton Island, their two largest colonies in Maine. Categorized as Endangered since the 1970s, this species has not fully recovered despite intensive conservation actions at all U.S. breeding colonies. Recognizing a need for new approaches, Roseate Terns were designated as an Audubon priority species in the new organization-wide strategic plan, our Flight Plan. We're now working to 'bend the bird curve' for this species by advancing hemispheric conservation action.

That commitment led our Director of Conservation Science Don Lyons and PhD student Keenan Yakola to northeast Brazil this past February to join an international team working to address Roseate Tern conservation challenges both in the winter range (coastal Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina) and here in the United States. Using the expertise developed during last summer's pilot study GPS tracking Roseate Terns in Maine, Don and Keenan helped tag 15 Roseate Terns in the state of Rio Grande do Norte. During the period these birds wintered in Brazil, they provided movement data to assess conservation challenges in that region—including overlap with coastal power line networks, offshore oil and gas facilities, and proposed offshore wind farms.

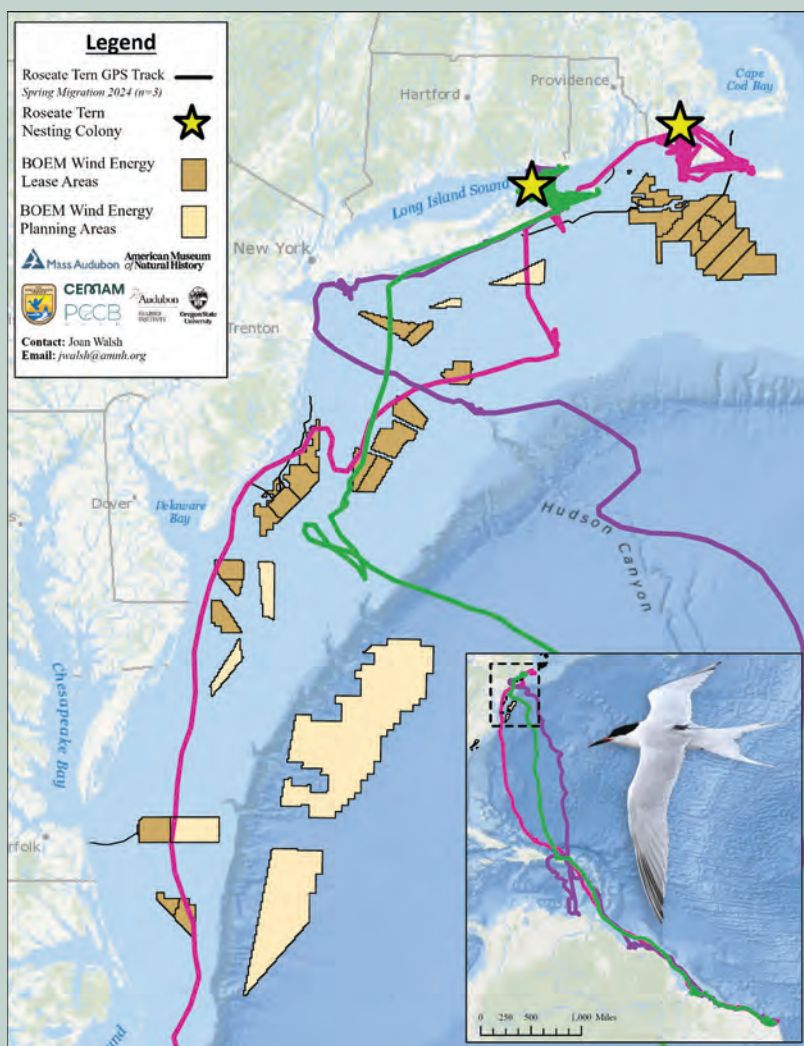
A few of these tagged Roseate Terns were birds that nest in the northeast U.S. and when they returned to their breeding colonies the team obtained the first GPS resolution migration tracks ever recorded for this Endangered species. These tracks provide our first build look at Roseate Tern migration routes and behavior but also the sobering observation that nine distinct offshore wind energy lease and planning areas along the U.S. Atlantic Coast were visited by just these three individuals (see map). While just a preliminary result given the small number of individuals tracked, the team has shared the new information widely—informing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and numerous conservation organizations, among others. Even this initial documentation of such overlap calls for further analysis of risk for each of the

proposed wind projects, as well as a broader analysis of the potential cumulative impact of the projects taken together.

The international team is made up of both U.S.-based (Mass Audubon, American Museum of Natural History, Audubon's Seabird Institute) and Brazilian-based (Centro de Estudos e Monitoramento Ambiental [CEMAM], Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte) organizations.



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Notable News from the Seabird Islands

1. THIS YEAR WE EXTENDED our tern tracking to the smallest of terns—Least Terns—by conducting a pilot study at Stratton Island. Using a prototype tag developed specifically for our testing, this was the first successful GPS quality tracking of this species that we are aware of. The tagged terns responded well to their miniature ‘fanny packs’ and surprised us by spending much more of their foraging time offshore of Stratton Island, rather than along the nearby shoreline and Scarborough Marsh.

2. THE MATINICUS ROCK research team confirmed this Atlantic Puffin, originally transplanted to Seal Island from Newfoundland in 1989, is still breeding on Matinicus Rock in 2024. At 35 years old, it is now tied for the project’s oldest bird! Looking for more good news? It’s chick is just a few days from fledging!

We know from genetic testing in 2021 that this bird is a female; she has been named Circe (pronounced sur-see) by the research team. Circe is a strong, female character in Greek mythology and an apt name for this strong, female bird. Maybe next year she’ll take the longevity title.

3. TERNS WERE SEEN delivering what were thought to be small shrimp to their hungry chicks in July but after collecting a specimen dropped during delivery it was discovered that larval lobsters had entered tern diets.

When in Maine, eat as the Mainers do!

4. BACK-TO-BACK STRONG storms and record-breaking tides wreaked havoc along Maine’s coast in January. Marine debris and minor damage is always anticipated upon returning to the islands in the spring, but this year tent platforms and bird blind components were scattered across the islands or washed away completely. The biggest shock, however, was seeing the Egg Rock “Hilton” moved about 10 feet from its perch of more than 40 years. Tents were erected to serve as temporary storage and workspaces for the island team. Renovations are underway, stay tuned for the big reveal!

5. A PUFFIN CENSUS IS conducted on Seal Island NWR every five years. Census techniques vary from island to island but require researchers to search for eggs and birds in burrows and to watch for feedings from blinds. The team reported a record high number of breeding puffins on the island with 672 active burrows!



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Photos from top: Least Tern, Keenan Yakola; Circe, the 35 year-old Atlantic Puffin, Alison Ballard/Audubon; Common Tern with larval lobster, Curtis Mahon/Audubon; damaged Egg Rock “Hilton”, Sue Schubel/Audubon



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Atlantic Puffins. Photo: Derrick Z. Jackson



STRATTON ISLAND, THE SOUTHERNMOST SEABIRD

sanctuary and field station managed by the Seabird Institute, had a lot of brain power this summer! Four PhD students working on seabird science and conservation were working on the island this season. Thanks to (Left to Right) Rafael Revoredo (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil), Keenan Yakola (Oregon State University), Kay Garlick-Ott (University of California, Davis), and Tiffany Christian (Northwestern University), for all their efforts to help seabirds. Photo: Don Lyons/Audubon



Finding Purpose and Peace along Maine's Coast

Katelyn Shelton

GROWING UP IN GROVEPORT, OHIO, Katelyn Shelton always felt drawn to the outdoors and joined the Ohio Young Birders Club to explore this interest. A shy teen looking to find her place in the world, Katelyn was often nervous about being away from home. After winning a scholarship from the club in 2019, she was on her way to Hog Island's teen camp and the island was about to change her life.

Hog Island teen campers land on Eastern Egg Rock during the nesting season. Knowing how unusual it is to be approached and touched by wildlife, Katelyn loved getting dive bombed by the territorial terns protecting their young. She also formed incredibly close friendships with whom she stays connected with today. "It was like some sort of magic!" she said, describing her first experience on the island. "Hog Island was the first place I didn't experience anxiety while away from my family. That's how I knew this place was different, I was completely at peace."



Katelyn, as a Junior Instructor.

Katelyn learned that Hog Island's Junior Instructor Program had an opening in 2022. Fresh off her first bird banding job in Canada, she returned to the island as a Jr. Instructor. She was excited to see the campers experiencing Hog Island for the first time like she had. Deep down, she knew she wanted to be on a seabird island.

This summer, Katelyn earned the title of "Puffineer" as a Research Assistant on Stratton Island. Despite fieldwork's inevitable challenges and mishaps, this is the happiest she's ever been. Life on the island has provided an opportunity for growth and access to a very special community. Learning about her fellow puffineers' research, Katelyn is starting to form her own questions about seabirds and possible research avenues to explore in the future.

"I'm literally living the dreams I had as a kid ... little Katelyn would be flabbergasted!"



Katelyn arriving at Hog Island Audubon Camp as a teen camper.

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– Katelyn Shelton



This summer, Katelyn spent the season on Stratton Island as a Research Assistant.



Hog Island opened Nathaniel's eyes to the variety of career paths available in the environmental sciences

Family Camp instructors Nathaniel Sharp, Katama Murray, Colleen Noyes, Tyler McClain, Rosy Tucker, Lindsay Strout, and Heather Richard (left to right), pose with Hog Island's famous Creme Puffins!

Nathaniel Sharp

NATHANIEL SHARP CAN'T PINPOINT THE first time he heard of Hog Island, but there is no denying the impact the island has had on his life since his first visit. He fell in love with birding as a kid in the Philadelphia suburbs and became engrossed in reading the stories of the birding greats. Through his reading and activities with local birding clubs, he began hearing more and more about Hog Island Audubon Camp. He was soon on his way after winning a scholarship from his local Audubon chapter, Wyncote Audubon Society.

In 2013, Nathaniel came to Teen Camp on Hog Island as an incoming high school junior. The experience was shared with a friend and, coincidentally, his birding mentor, whose Educator's Week session occurred the same week. With college on the horizon, Hog Island opened Nathaniel's eyes to the variety of career paths available in the environmental sciences. Field trips to conduct tern surveys on Eastern Egg Rock and audio recording in the heron rookery on Wreck Island gave him a taste of field work that would later be utilized on his resume for early career applications.

These experiences inspired Nathaniel to attend the University of Vermont. The day after he graduated with his degree in Wildlife Biology, he started work with the Maine Breeding Bird Atlas. "It was unbelievable to me. It was a summer job, but I was being paid to go birding ... it was exactly what I wanted to do!" He later worked with ECO Americorps at the Vermont Center for Ecostudies, a role that really broadened his skills as a holistic naturalist. In 2021, Nathaniel returned to Hog Island as a Family Camp faculty member.

Like many campers, Nathaniel forged strong bonds during his time at camp that are still maintained today. The relationship formed with fellow camper, Katama Murray, was by far the strongest. Perhaps Hog Island's magic was working overtime that week. Nathaniel and Katama began dating long-distance

following their camp session in 2013. They've returned to Hog Island every summer since to celebrate their anniversary and the place that brought them together. "This has just become such a special place to us. We always look forward to returning." The two will marry in October and bring a taste of Hog Island to their wedding with the island's famous Cream Puffins.

Congratulations, Nathaniel and Katama!



Nathaniel and Katama celebrating their 11th anniversary. Photos, this page: Courtesy of Nathaniel Sharp. Opposite page: Courtesy of Katelyn Shelton/Audubon.



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Minquansis Sapiel, Passamaquoddy Tribal member, welcomes Land Guardians to Hog Island.



First Nations Land Guardians on Eastern Egg Rock.

Welcoming Indigenous Guardians

THIS SUMMER WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to host a group of First Nations Land Guardians from Manitoba, Canada, at the Hog Island Audubon Camp. Over the next several years Indigenous Guardians will initiate on-the-ground conservation actions to restore Common Tern colonies across their lands, with support from Audubon's Boreal Conservation and Seabird Institute teams. As a precursor to this work, eleven Guardians from various Indigenous communities joined the Boreal and Seabird teams at Hog Island to share perspectives on conservation and build relationships to facilitate future collaboration. While attending the camp's Puffin Exploration session, the Guardians heard about tern restoration techniques used in Maine, visited Eastern Egg Rock to observe seabird research and conservation work in practice, and offered insights from their own ongoing conservation projects at home. The exchange of information and knowledge was an amazing learning experience for all of us here at the Seabird Institute. We continue to reflect on how we can support Indigenous conservationists here in our community, and throughout the hemisphere, and commit to establishing and nurturing relationships that broadly expand seabird conservation efforts.

Mindful Birding

WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THIS NEW PROGRAM.

We know from recent research that mindful practices have many positive impacts on our mental, physical, and emotional health. Whether you're an educator, caregiver, health professional, or nature enthusiast, we can all benefit from mindful connections to nature. Come join us to learn nature-based wellness techniques that deepen our connection to the outdoors and support our self-care, and bring home skills that can be incorporated into your own work. This session will highlight several different practices like mindful birding, nature journaling, mindful movement, and forest therapy in the peaceful and picturesque surroundings of Muscongus Bay. The director, Holly Merker, is a certified nature and forest therapy guide, founder of The Mindful Birding Network, an author of Ornithotherapy. We hope you will join us for a week of learning, healing, and tranquility.

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Hog Island's Boathouse was severely damaged during the severe storms early this year. Friends of Hog Island's timely response, providing materials and manpower, allowed repairs to be made in time to open Hog Island in May. Thank you, Friends of Hog Island!

Sharing Seabird Stories

THE PROJECT PUFFIN

Visitor Center welcomes people from around the world, offering interactive exhibits, weekly summer programs, and educational gifts for purchase to empower visitors to learn about and support seabird conservation.

A new exhibit detailing the global reach of Project Puffin's social attraction techniques debuted this year. Featuring a mural of the world painted by "Seabird Sue" Schubel and Sherrie York, the display highlights decoys of terns, gannets, and albatrosses created by Mad River Decoys by Audubon. These decoys, manufactured and painted on-site at the Seabird Institute's headquarters in Bremen, ME, support seabird restoration and conservation measures across the globe.

On Tuesdays, the "Wings and Things" children's



Photo: Jean Hall

events led by the outreach and education assistants brought conservation education to the forefront. Young center visitors learned about bird adaptations, bird identification, effects of light pollution, and made connections between art and science. The Wednesday Night Lecture series returned,

spotlighting ornithology, art, and conservation. Project Puffin's very own Dr. Steve Kress spoke on the history of the project and the conservation techniques he pioneered. Other guest lecturers included Hog Island naturalist Amanda Leemann, local artist Susan Beebe, and local author Don Reimer, who all tied art and

photography to the natural world.

The Project Puffin Visitor Center debuted a new puffin t-shirt design and prints by printmaker Sherrie York. These designs are currently only available at the center.



Above: Camera viewers caught a glimpse of Flo, the 2022 Puffin Burrow Cam chick, through the Loafing Ledge cam! Cam fan Julie Wallace spotted this celebrity, now two years old and sporting the iconic orange bill, on July 29. You can see Flo in the bottom left. Welcome home, Flo!

Conflict on the Cams

SINCE 2012, THE SEABIRD INSTITUTE has partnered with explore.org to broadcast the lives of seabirds from Seal Island NWR and ospreys at the Todd Wildlife Sanctuary through livestream cameras. These streams allow viewers around the world to watch birds soaring, socializing, and raising their young.

On Seal Island, returning puffin pair Willie and Millie successfully raised another puffling to fledge. The puffling, named Ama after a longtime cam fan who recently passed away, was very exploratory. The chick was seen tugging on plants, Willie's bands, and even his tail. Ama fledged in late July—safe travels!

It was a dramatic summer for the birds, starting in May when an intruding puffin attacked Willie and Millie on the Puffin Burrow cam. Knocking over the camera in the initial struggle, this puffin returned multiple times over the course of six days. At one

point, the puffin triumphed and enjoyed a brief reign over Burrow #59, even rolling Willie and Millie's egg out of the burrow (which was retrieved by Willie!) This conflict was a harrowing sight but reflected wider events of puffin population dynamics in the Gulf of Maine.

Captured in their entirety by the explore.org livestreams, these incidents show how cameras can provide unprecedented opportunities to observe little-known puffin behaviors and spotlight the growth of the puffin colony.



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Updates from Audubon's Policy Team



Brown Pelican. Photo: Joanne Bartkus/Audubon Photography Awards

Indigenous Communities Establishing new Marine Protected Areas Throughout the Hemisphere

MARINE PROTECTED AREAS PROVIDE long-term refuges for birds, fish, marine mammals, and other wildlife. Later this year, the first-ever Tribally nominated marine sanctuary in the U.S. is expected to be officially designated. Led by the Northern Chumash Tribal Council, the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary will protect more than 4,500 square-miles of ocean off California's Central Coast—used by 60 percent of the California Brown Pelican population (pictured here). Last year, Audubon and our members showed support for the proposed designation of this culturally, historically, and ecologically important region. In northern Ontario, Canada, Audubon is supporting an Omushkego Cree led effort to establish a National Marine Conservation Area that would protect 91,000 square-kilometers of Weeneebeg (Cree for James Bay) and Washaybeyoh (Hudson Bay).



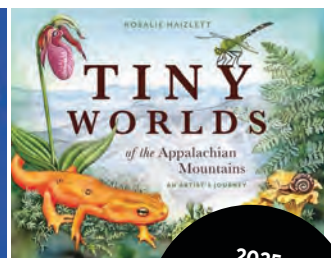
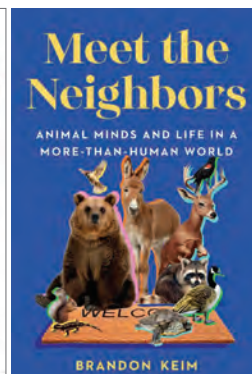
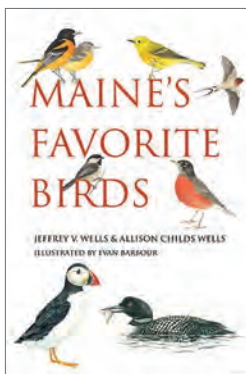
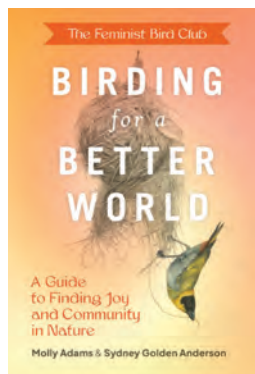
Osprey with a menhaden in its grasp. Photo: Abeselom Zerit/Audubon Photography Awards

AUDUBON'S POLICY TEAM CONTINUES TO advocate for seabirds and the forage fish they rely on at the federal, regional, and state level. In the past year, Audubon generated more than 1,700 comments to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission urging them to protect menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay, as Osprey populations have struggled there due to a lack of prey. Also, Congress recently reintroduced a bill that would update federal fisheries law to include stronger protections for seabirds.



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AUDUBON'S FIFTH-ANNUAL SAVE the Seabirds Fly-in, held in Washington, DC in October 2023, brought together 27 students and recent graduates from 13 different Audubon on Campus chapters, as well as our partners from Bird Alliance of Oregon. Collectively, participants visited 30 congressional offices in just two days, urging their representatives to protect seabirds, fisheries, and people from the impacts of climate change.



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Family Camp
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Arts & Birding for Teens
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