



Fall 2018 WINGBEATS

Newsletter of the Audubon Society of the Capital Region of New York State

Audubon has a new Intern!



Please welcome Joel Duran, a Senior at SUNY Albany studying Computer Science. Joel is the recipient of this chapter's first paid internship. This year ASCR was awarded a grant from National Audubon Society (Audubon in Action Chapter Grant), a competitive grant process for chapters to support activities that will increase the visibility, reach and impact of Audubon's chapters and network.

Joel, a Computer Science major, with a minor in Informatics, will be assisting ASCR in moving forward their Recruitment and Engagement plan for Volunteers and Membership. Joel, born in the Dominican Republic, migrated to the US at an early age. He has a passion for technology and leveraging it to help others. This internship will focus on the development of a database to better track and manage volunteers and members.

Joel says: "I'm excited about the opportunity to intern at the Audubon Society of the Capital Region to use my technical background to help the organization move forward. I look forward to yjr challenges ahead!"

Please keep an eye out for Joel at ASCR events throughout the rest of this year!

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The annual bird seed sale is BACK!

Audubon Society of the Capital Region is now accepting bird seed pre-orders through the end of October to raise funds required to support their programming. The sale features products from Aspen Song, by way of Co-operative Feed Dealers (CFD) located in Conklin, NY, a company which sources and mixes much of their bird seed products from high quality regional suppliers.

This Seed Sale is an important fundraiser for our organization. Bird walks, speaker series, tabling events, materials for our conservation projects, like bird boxes and tangle-tainers, are all supported by the proceeds from this sale.

The deadline for orders is **5pm Saturday, October 27. You can place orders online at:**

<http://www.capitalregionaudubon.org/store> or use the order form enclosed to mail your seed request and check. Orders must be picked up by customers in the parking lot of the William K. Sanford (Colonie Town) Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd, in Loudonville on **Saturday, November 3, from 9:00am to 11:00am.**

Thanks for your support!



Yellow Warbler, by A. Brunelle



2018 Bird Seed Sale Fundraiser Order Form

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Email Address _____
 Phone number _____ Cell _____
 May ASCR text your cell for seed pick up reminders? yes ___ no ___
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

ORDER DEADLINE - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 5PM

PRODUCT PICK UP - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 9AM-11AM at the William K. Sanford Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, NY 12211.

Please ensure that you pick up your bird seed on the pick-up day, ASCR is unable to store any bird seed.

PRODUCTS - BIRD SEED

Featuring products from Aspen Song - All Natural Wild Bird Food. Aspen Song mixes are designed to provide the best possible nutrition with the broadest possible appeal to your backyard visitors.

	Quantity	Price Per	Total
Black Oil Sunflower 20 lb bag <i>The soft seed hulls allow the food value of the nutmeat to be easily accessed by all of the seed-eating birds. This is the best single ingredient choice for attracting the most colorful songbirds.</i>	_____	\$17	\$_____
Ultimate Blend 20 lb bag	_____	\$23	\$_____
Ultimate Blend 40 lb bag <i>A corn-free mix that includes Black Oil Sunflower, White Proso Millet, Black Stripe Sunflower, Peanuts, Sunflower Kernels, Safflower, Tree Nuts and Shelled Pumpkin Seeds.</i>	_____	\$42	\$_____
Premium Blend 20 lb bag	_____	\$22	\$_____
Premium Blend 40 lb bag <i>Includes Black Oil Sunflower, White Proso Millet, Cracked Corn, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Safflower, Canola, Small Yellow Millet, Canary Seed, Nyjer Seed and Dehydrated Cherries.</i>	_____	\$41	\$_____
Choice Blend 20 lb bag	_____	\$17	\$_____
Choice Blend 40 lb bag <i>Over 30% Sunflowers & Peanuts and includes White Proso Millet, Black Oil Sunflower, Cracked Corn, Peanuts, Safflower and Black Stripe Sunflower.</i>	_____	\$33	\$_____
Just Desserts 20 lb bag <i>A shell-less mix for those who don't want shells, waste, germination or mess. It contains Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Sunflower Kernels, Hulled White Millet and Shelled Pumpkin Seeds.</i>	_____	\$41	\$_____
Nut & Fruit Woodpecker Blend 20 lb bag <i>Shell-less mix for woodpeckers and wire mesh tube feeders. Mix includes Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Sunflower Kernels, Steamed-crimped Corn, Shelled Pumpkin Seeds, Raisins, Dehydrated Cherries, Dried Cranberries & Dried Blueberries.</i>	_____	\$45	\$_____
Nyjer Seed 25 lb bag <i>To primarily attract finches, siskin, and redpoll, this is used in feeders with tiny seed ports.</i>	_____	\$44	\$_____
Nut and Fruit Suet 11 oz Cakes (SINGLES)	_____	\$2.50	\$_____
Nut and Fruit Suet 11 oz Cakes (CASE OF 12)	_____	\$25	\$_____
Hi Energy Suet 12 oz Cakes (SINGLES)	_____	\$ 2	\$_____
Hi Energy Suet 12 oz Cakes (CASE OF 12)	_____	\$20	\$_____

ASCR Chapter Supporter Membership (1 year)

Your membership contribution helps to support our mission to protect and maintain ecological systems, promote wise use and conservation of natural resources, and improve environmental quality. National Audubon membership is separate from local Chapter membership. Please support your local chapter.

ASCR Additional Donation

Your donation helps to support the many programs of ASCR throughout the year including educational programs, conservation efforts, and the protection of birds and their habitats. All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. ASCR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization administered entirely by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Please enter amount \$_____

ORDER TOTAL

\$_____

Please calculate your order total and enter above. Mail this order form with your full payment by check to Audubon Society of the Capital Region, PO Box 14135, Albany, NY 12212-4135. Orders must be received by ASCR by 5pm Sat., 10/27, so please plan accordingly for mail orders.

TO ORDER ONLINE, please visit www.CapitalRegionAudubon.org/store NOTE: Please ensure that you pick up your seed on the pickup day, Saturday, November 3, 9am-11am at the William K Sanford Library parking lot. Our storage space is limited, but in an emergency, we will try to hold your order. Email president@capitalregionaudubon.org with questions or are running late to retrieve your order.

Not sure which seed to buy? Check out this seed chart produced by Audubon New York. You can find out more about bird seed and connect with this chart online: <http://ny.audubon.org/conservation/attracting-birds-your-feeder>



SEED CHART

PREFERRED SEED/FOOD

SPECIES	Oil Sunflower	Striped Sunflower	Sunflower Hearts	Nyjer (Thistle)	Peanuts	Tree Nuts	Fruit	Millet	Safflower	Milo	Cracked Corn	Suet Cakes
Bluebirds			●				●					●
Buntings			●				●	●				
Cardinals	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Chickadees	●	●	●	●	●	●						●
Doves			●	●				●	●	●	●	
Goldfinches	●		●	●				●				●
Grosbeaks	●	●	●						●		●	
House Finches	●		●	●	●	●		●	●			
Jays	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Juncos			●	●	●	●		●		●	●	
Mockingbirds							●					●
Nuthatches	●	●	●		●	●	●		●			●
Purple Finches	●		●	●				●				
Quail								●		●	●	
Siskins	●		●	●							●	
Sparrows	●		●	●				●		●	●	
Tanagers			●				●					
Titmice	●	●	●	●	●	●					●	●
Towhees	●							●		●		
Woodpeckers			●		●	●	●					●
Squirrels	●	●	●		●	●	●				●	

Upcoming Events

Bird Seed Sale

Now — October 27, 5pm
Order seed for your overwintering back yard birds!



Speaker Series

Saturday, November 17, 10am
E. Greenbush Library
Dr. John Davis, of SUNY Albany, will speak regarding the birds, feral cats and their tenuous relationship.

Beginner Christmas Bird Count

Second weekend in December, details TBD
Co sponsored with Hudson Mohawk Bird Club at Schodack Island State Park
Come learn about Audubon's Christmas Bird Count. This 'beginner' version you will learn a little of the history and how these annual bird counts are conducted. A short walk through the park where you will learn a little about the birds you see and contribute towards this century old citizen science event!

Be sure to check our website for more programs and information!

Become an Audubon Society of the Capital Region
Chapter Supporter.



As a Chapter Supporter, 100% of your membership dues stay local. This helps us support local conservation efforts, continue to promote birding and bird education, and to support other special initiatives, such as the construction of bird blinds and camp sponsorships for youth. The Chapter Supporter membership is just \$20. In return you get:

- Your support highlighted in the Quarterly newsletter: *WingBeats*
- An official ASCR Chapter Supporter Membership card
- An ASCR Chapter Supporter window cling to prevent window strikes
- The satisfaction of knowing you are supporting local birds and their habitats

Click [here](#) for more information on how you can become an ASCR Chapter Supporter!!



“What’d I Miss?”

In July, ASCR held their annual picnic for board members and active volunteers. Hosted by one of our longtime volunteers and board member, Fred, this was perfect day for all to enjoy burgers, chat about life and simply grow in our bonds as team Audubon, for the birds! Also in July new board member, and VP, Erin, hosted her first bird walk for Audubon, partnered with the Friends of Tivoli Park. For September, ASCR hosted another Bird Walk at the Albany Rural Cemetery, and later that month we were at the Schodack Island State Park Fall Fest. At Fall Fest, volunteers Judy, Gordon and Tom promoted bird conservation through nest box building workshops, and advertising ASCR's annual bird seed sale fundraiser! Volunteer Judy reports:

“Fall Fest at Schodack Island State Park turned out to be a beautiful day. We had scheduled three bird nest box building work shops for the day. However, due to popularity, another last minute workshop was added to the end of the day. The ever popular kids' bird tattoo station enticed amateur builders to try their hand at carpentry by filling each workshop almost to capacity. All that Woodpecker-like hammering led to a very successful fund raising event.”

Thank you to all who make these opportunities happen!

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS!!

Audubon Society of the Capital Region is looking for reliable, dedicated people to serve on our Board of Directors who are committed to the organization and the best interests of birds and their habitats in the Capital Region.



The ASCR Board is comprised of five Officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary) and six Directors. The Board meets monthly to plan activities for the membership and the public as well as guides the Chapter in growth, communication with membership and volunteer management. Board member terms are for one year.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the ASCR Board or have questions about serving on the Board, please contact ASCR president, Rebecca, at President@CapitalRegionAudubon.org.

Call For Volunteers!



Program Chair Needed

We are looking for a highly motivated and creative individual to help get involved with creating and sustaining current programs for ASCR. Minimum commitment is to attend regular board meetings and help coordinate programs for the chapter. Training is provided.

Bird Walk Leaders desired

Do you know birds in the Capital Region? Do you like people? Would you like to share your knowledge with new and curious birders? Come be a bird walk leader with Audubon! Commitment can be 2 or more bird walks per year, at location/date of your choosing within the Capital Region.

Recording Secretary Needed

Are you a good note taker? Want to get involved in your local Audubon Chapter? We need you! Commitment is one board meeting per month to take meeting notes and email them to the Board.

Interested in any of these opportunities?

Contact

President@CapitalRegionAudubon.org

New York State Proclaims 2018 the Year of the Bird

Reprinted from [Audubon NY Pressroom](#), September 20, 2018

ALBANY, NY - Governor Andrew Cuomo has proclaimed 2018 the Year of the Bird in New York State. The announcement celebrates native and migratory birds making their way through New York, as well as the state's vibrant landscapes and critical water resources that support them. The proclamation notes that "New York State is home to North America's largest migrations, hosting many species of warblers, as well as at-risk species."

"New York State has declared 2018 the 'Year of the Bird', and recognized the importance of birds and the places we share," said Ana Paula Tavares, Executive Director of Audubon New York. "The forests, waterways, and coasts of New York are critical habitat for a variety of threatened and endangered bird species. We're proud to partner with our state's leaders and community members to keep New York at the forefront of environmental conservation."

New York is home to 136 Important Bird Areas, more than 650 observed species, including the Peregrine Falcon, the Piping Plover, Roseate and Black Terns, the Saltmarsh Sparrow, the Wood Thrush, and the Black Skimmer. The Governor's declaration recognizes that New York's natural resources provide important habitat for birds.

"Year of the Bird is an easy way people can take small everyday actions to help birds along their journeys," said David Yarnold, president and CEO of the National Audubon Society. "New York State is home to more than 130 Important Bird Areas that provide critical habitat for birds like the Golden-winged Warbler which nests in young forests of the St. Lawrence Valley each year before journeying to its winter home in Central America."

In addition to the proclamation in New York, people around the world are celebrating 2018 as Year of the Bird to mark the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), one of the oldest wildlife protection laws in the United States. In honor of this milestone, National Geographic, Audubon, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, BirdLife International, and dozens of other partners around the world joined forces to celebrate 2018 as the Year of the Bird.

New York was among seven other state's whose attorney general joined Audubon in the fight to defend the MBTA by filing litigation challenging the Trump Administration's move to eliminate longstanding protections the vital law provides for waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds. This recent case will be considered alongside [National Audubon Society v. Department of the Interior](#), which was filed in May 2018.

To learn more about Year of the Bird, visit: <https://www.audubon.org/yearofthebird>.

Volunteers Wanted!

ASCR relies solely on the time and effort of volunteers to keep the chapter operating. We need people like you to get involved. No time commitment or activity is too small.

The working groups below help to give brief descriptions of all that we do. If you see something you would be interested in exploring, or have other ideas, don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

If you have a passion for nature and the desire to make a difference in your community, we do too!

Come volunteer with us at the
Audubon Society of the Capital Region!
For more information email:
info@capitalregionaudubon.org

Working Group Descriptions

ASCR is dedicated to the protection and conservation of birds, wildlife and the environment.

Membership & Volunteers

Leaders: Fred Bockis & Ryan Henderson
Maintain membership records. Recruits and Coordinates volunteers and chapter members for ASCR events and to support the mission of the chapter.

Programs

Leader: Vacant
Coordinates speakers, workshops and other outreach programs to the public.

Conservation & Advocacy

Leaders: Eric Latini & Mark Silo
Oversees conservation projects and initiatives. Reviews, initiates, collaborates in advocacy policies and activities.

Marketing & Communications

Leader: Rebecca Allmond
Publications, chapter member communications and information, advertise events, update social media outlets, photograph events.

Education

Leader: Vacant
Educational programming, Citizen Science initiatives, Christmas Bird Count, etc.

Finance

Leader: René Facchetti
Budgets, fundraising, grant writing.

Board members of the Audubon Society of the Capital Region

An All Volunteer Chapter Organization of the National Audubon Society

Officers

President: Rebecca Allmond
Vice President: Erin Allen
Correspondence Officer: vacant
Treasurer: René Facchetti
Recording Officer: vacant

Directors

Aimee Brunelle
Ryan Henderson
Eric Latini
Mike Silo

WebMaster: René Facchetti
WebAdmin: Rebecca Allmond

Board Meetings are the First Thursday of Every Month. **Please join us!**

Email President@CapitalRegionAudubon.org for more information!

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