



Audubon



Audubon
Vermont

Connecting Science,
People and Conservation

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The National Audubon Society is a nonprofit conservation organization with 120 years of science-based, community-driven impact, dedicated to protecting birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow.

415
active
community
chapters

800+
staff

350K+
members

who donate money to receive
the benefits of membership

92
official
campus
chapters

37 states
with campus chapters

21 chapters
at Minority Serving
Institutions (MSIs)

7 chapters at
Historically Black Colleges
and Universities (HBCUs)

11
countries
where Audubon works

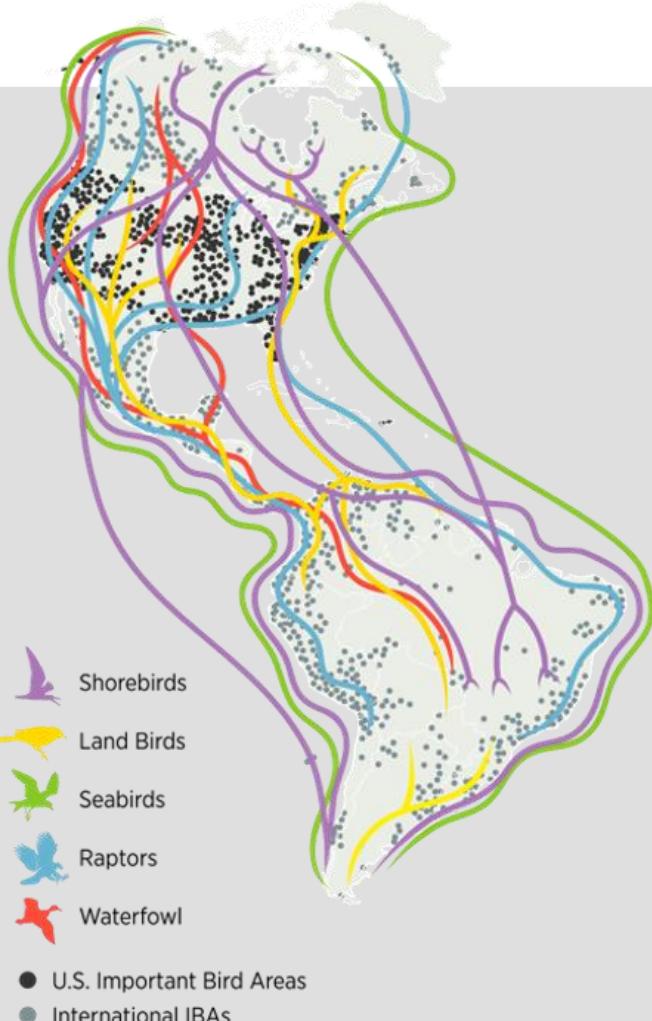
15 state and
regional
U.S. offices

31 conservation
action centers

29 sanctuaries

Hemispheric Approach

Audubon works across the Western Hemisphere, driven by the understanding that what is good for birds is good for the planet.



Strategic Initiatives



Coasts



**Working
Lands**



Water



**Bird Friendly
Communities**



Climate

WE WILL BEND THE BIRD CURVE



3 billion North American
birds lost since 1970

For half a century bird
populations have been in
precipitous decline, driven
by habitat loss and, more
recently, climate change.

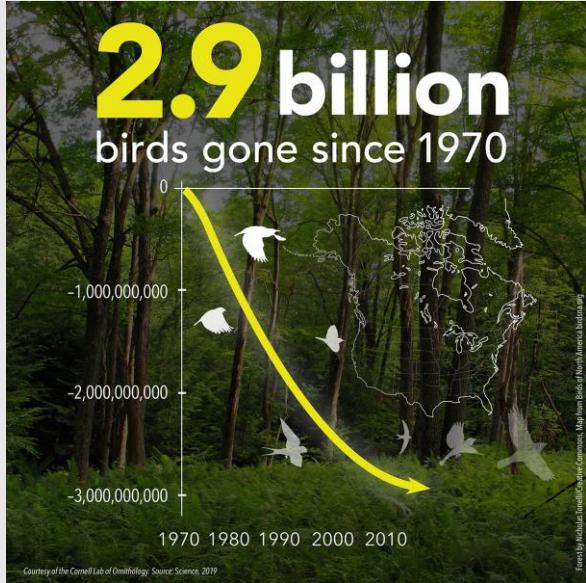
1970

2023

2050

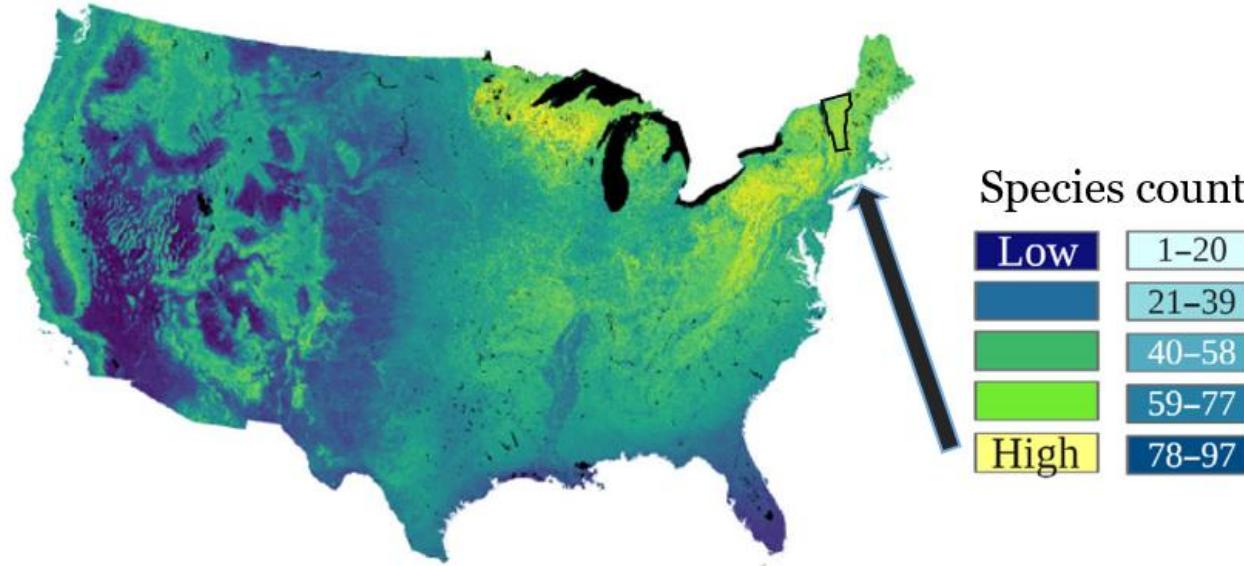
Audubon is committed
to a future where birds
thrive. We will follow
science and report
our progress.





VT is a breeding factory for birds

Bird species richness across ALL habitats modeled at 5km Scale from BBS Data



The Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) program began in 1966 and currently includes over 4100 survey routes across North America. Trained volunteers conduct the surveys each June along 24.5-mile sections of secondary roads.

Adapted from: Carroll et al. 2022

Conservation

Audubon Vermont's Conservation team applies science-based, on-the-ground, and scalable conservation solutions to the challenges facing birds, biodiversity, habitat, and our natural and working landscape.



Habitat: Healthy Forests

Initiatives like our Bird Friendly Maple and Forester Endorsement programs share resources and expertise with forest landowners to promote conservation practices.



Habitat: Bird and Bee Friendly Farming

Agricultural landscapes present tremendous opportunities to create on-farm habitat for birds, bees, and other pollinators, and interest in doing so is growing within the farm and conservation community, helping some of the highest priority birds and promoting healthy food systems.



Habitat: Birds and Watersheds

Improving the health and resilience of bird habitat in riparian areas and associated uplands in priority geographies for birds, people, and communities.



Priority Bird Initiative

As a leader in bird conservation, we support species that are declining and require specific management and protections, including Bald Eagles, Common Terns, Bobolinks, and Eastern Meadowlarks.

Education

Audubon Vermont's education team raises community awareness through lifelong educational programming that engages a diverse community of people, promotes environmental awareness, and provides people with the information and skills necessary to take action to protect and steward birds and the places birds need to thrive.



GREEN MOUNTAIN Audubon CENTER



For the safety and enjoyment of all of our guests, please:

- Stay on the marked trails.
- Foot travel only.
- Dogs must be on a leash and please pick up after your pet.
- No camping or campfires.
- No hunting.
- Pack out your trash.
- Visit the river, brook and ponds at your own risk. There are no lifeguards on duty.
- Be safe and have fun!

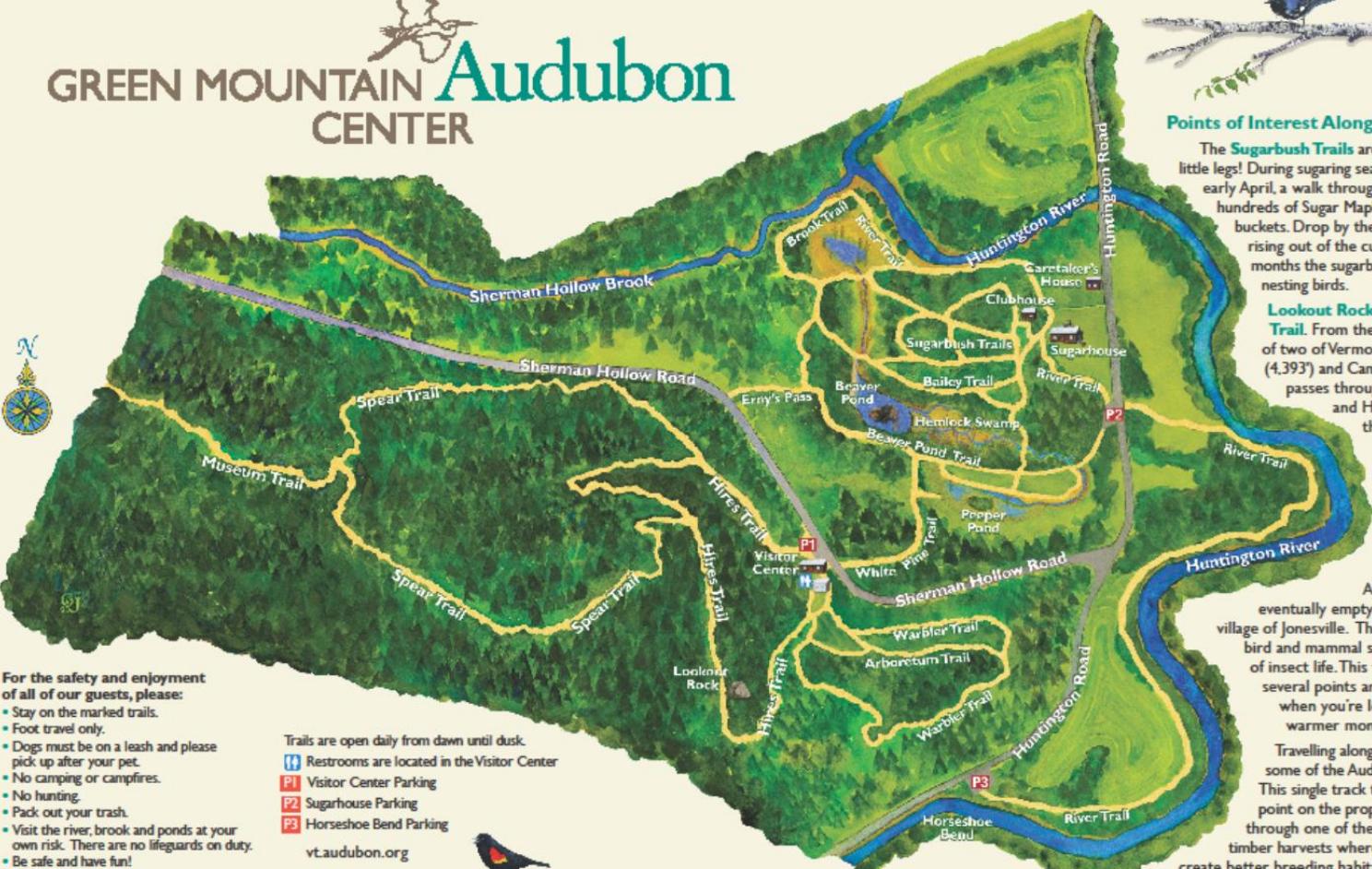
Trails are open daily from dawn until dusk.

- Restrooms are located in the Visitor Center
- P1 Visitor Center Parking
- P2 Sugarhouse Parking
- P3 Horseshoe Bend Parking

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Points of Interest Along the Trails

The **Sugarbush Trails** are flat and gentle, easy hiking for little legs! During sugaring season, typically late February through early April, a walk through the sugarbush will take you past hundreds of Sugar Maple and Red Maple trees with sap buckets. Drop by the sugarhouse if you notice steam rising out of the cupola. During spring and summer months the sugarbush provides excellent habitat for nesting birds.

Lookout Rock is found along the popular **Hires Trail**. From the lookout, there's a beautiful view of two of Vermont's tallest peaks, Mount Mansfield (4,393') and Camel's Hump (4,081'). The Hires Trail passes through beautiful Northern Hardwood and Hemlock Forest. Listen for birds like the Wood Thrush during the spring and look for signs of deer during the winter.

The **River Trail** winds its way along the Huntington River. This river starts on the slopes of the Green Mountains near Camel's Hump and moves through the Audubon Center's property.

eventually emptying into the Winooski River in the village of Jonesville. The river is home to a variety of fish, bird and mammal species, as well as a diverse array of insect life. This trail allows access to the river at several points and is the perfect trail to explore when you're looking to stay cool during the warmer months.

Travelling along the **Spear Trail** will take you to some of the Audubon Center's most remote areas. This single track trail winds its way up to the highest point on the property. This trail will also bring you through one of the Audubon Center's demonstration timber harvests where the forest has been managed to create better breeding habitat for birds like the Black-throated Blue Warbler, Wood Thrush and Eastern Wood Pewee.



Community Building

We engage more than 6,000 people annually in conservation education programs.

- Youth Conservation Leadership Programs
- School programs,
- Pre-school programs
- Forest classroom programs,
- Free nature playgroups
- Summer day camps
- Field trips
- Outreach programs



Gateway, Access to Nature & Nature Immersion Programs

Building the next generation of conservation leaders

- Internships
- Seasonal Educators
- Counselors in Training
- Junior Conservation Techs
- AmeriCorps Service Positions



Youth Conservation Leadership Program



Habitat Conservation

Demonstration site for
bird-friendly land
management

- Forest Management
- Bird-friendly Maple
- Riparian Plantings
- Invasives Management

Community Science & Monitoring

- MAPS bird banding
- Bird monitoring walks
- Great Backyard Bird Count
- Bald Eagle Survey

POLICY

Audubon Vermont's policy staff lead strategic policy campaigns in support of local, state and federal laws, regulations, and funding focused on habitat and biodiversity conservation, forestry, forest conservation, watershed health, agriculture, climate resilience, and funding for conservation and education programs.