

THE BERMUDA AUDUBON SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA

Apologies

Approval of Minutes of 2018 AGM

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Election of Officers and Committee of Management

Proposed Slate of Officers and Committee:

Karen Border – President

Jennifer Gray – Vice President

Zelia Amaral – Treasurer

Janice Hetzel – Secretary

Devika Mather – Membership Secretary

Peter Lee

Jeremy Madeiros

Joanne Smith

Paul Watson

David Wingate

Any Other Business

The Bermuda Audubon society

President's Report
2018-19



June 2018

We said goodbye to **Andrew Dobson** with a farewell dinner at Fourways Inn



June-July

The first **Roseate Tern** nesting since the 1840s took place on our Pearl Island Reserve.



Photo: Andrew Dobson



Photo from Tern Cam, courtesy Erich Hetzel

Cahows had a record nesting season with 124 breeding pairs and 71 chicks fledged.

September

A Spittal Pond fieldtrip was held on **World Shorebirds Day**.



Photo: Janice Hetzel

October

A highlight of October's **Spittal Pond bird walk** was a Little Egret.

Our annual **Paget Island Bird Camp** coincided with a cold front bringing a massive fall-out of warblers.



Photo: Tim White



Photos: Joanne Smith

Photography Club

Devika Mather started the Photography Club with monthly bird walks. Photos are featured on our new Audubon Instagram page.

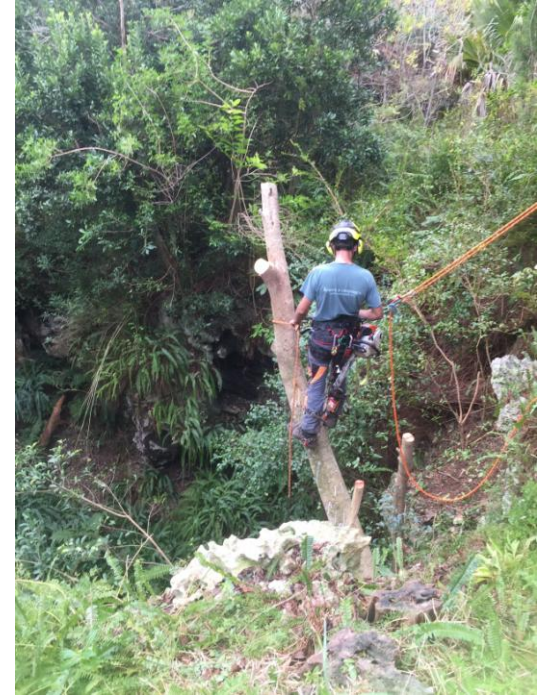


November

Audubon organised a forum to discuss
Fire Prevention in Devonshire Marsh.



Invasive plants
were cleared
from **Sear's Cave**
Nature Reserve.



Boat trips were held to watch
Cahows at sea, and from land at
Cooper's Island.

A **bird walk** was held in St.
George's parish.



December

Students from Cedarbridge Academy made 50 Bluebird boxes and kits for the Society as part of PartnerRe's Dollars for Hours programme.



Christmas Bird Count

17 observers reported 95 species on count day and a total of 108 species were seen over the count week.

January 2019

A **Trindade Petrel** turned up in Devonshire, the first land-based record.



Photo: Neal Morris

David Wingate gave a lecture on **Bermuda's Elegant Terns, Past, Present and Future**, assisted by Erich Hetzel and Gordon Campbell.

Members turned out for a **Volunteer Day** to cull casuarina seedlings and other invasives at our **Alfred Blackburn Smith Nature Reserve**.



February



Paul Watson gave a talk on **Bird Banding** at BAMZ, with live demonstration.



Members enjoyed a **fieldtrip** to our **Sear's Cave Nature Reserve**, with a talk on ferns by Alison Copeland, followed by a birding walk through the Peak woodland.



March

Annual Bluebird Box Workshop



A hands-on
eBird Workshop
was led by Joanne
Smith



Fort Scaur **birding walk**

April

Janice Hetzel talked to Cub Scouts at Warwick Academy about **Bluebirds**.



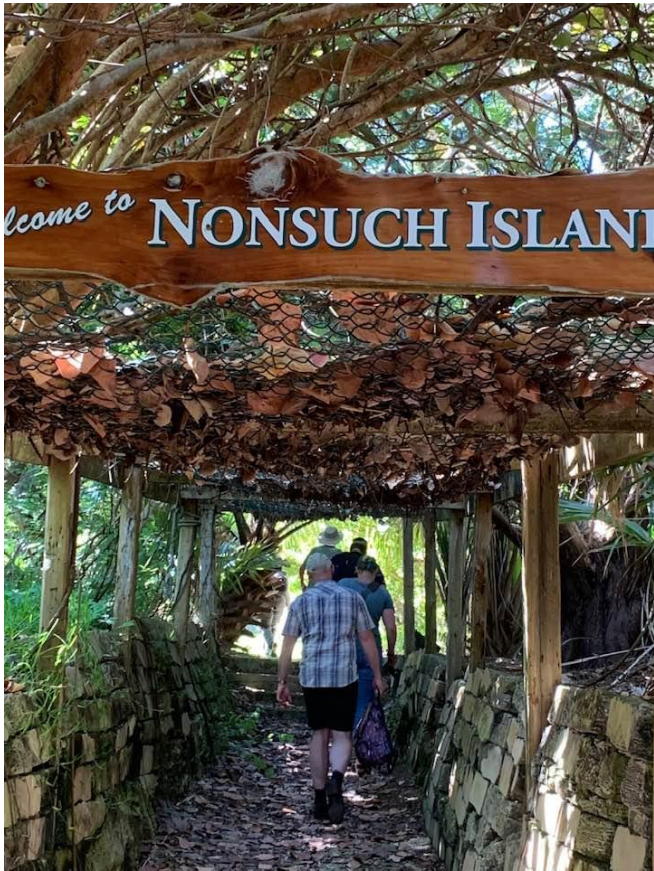
Audubon members inspired children's interest in birds at **Bermuda National Trust's Children's Walk** at Spittal Pond.



Ag Show Bluebird Box Competition – winning box by Cruz Harvey

May

Global Big Day on 4 May started with a **Spittal Pond bird walk** followed by our annual Nonsuch Island fieldtrip.



Members enjoyed seeing Jeremy Madeiros weigh and measure a Cahow chick and adult.



Bird Conservation

Bluebirds

Audubon has been encouraging sign-up to Cornell Lab of Ornithology's **NestWatch** database.

Longtails

Alistair Border and Erich Hetzel have devised a new local production method for **Longtail igloos**. A **video** showing how to install an igloo was completed and is available on our website and YouTube.



The Cornell Lab of Ornithology

NestWatch

Where Birds Come to Life

HELP MEASURE NATURE'S SUCCESS
nests, clutches, broods, and fledglings

For over a decade people like you have helped scientists by collecting valuable data on the successes and failures of nesting birds.

↓ EXPLORE THESE BIRDS: WE'D LOVE MORE DATA

			
Eastern Bluebird	Tree Swallow	House Wren	Black-capped Chickadee
			
Western Bluebird	American Robin	Eastern Phoebe	Barn Swallow

Bird Conservation

Terns

As part of the Tern Recovery Project, Erich Hetzel imported and installed **decoys** to encourage tern nesting on Pearl Island.

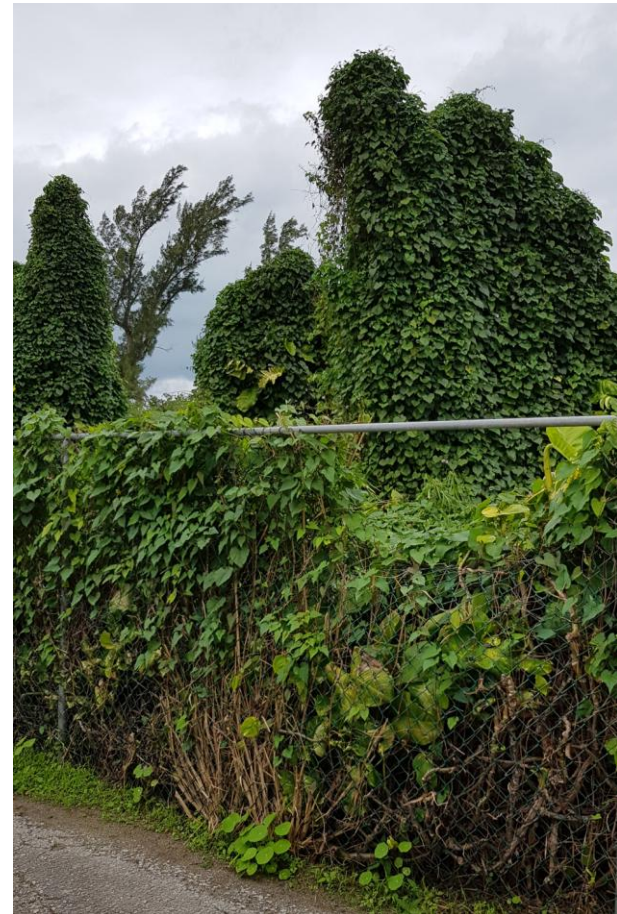


Cahows

Audubon has partnered with **Bird Photographer of the Year** to accept donations for the Cahow Recovery Programme, BPOTY's chosen project to sponsor in 2019.

Nature Reserves

- Renewed Deloitte sponsorship Seymour's Pond
- Renewed Pearl Island MOUs
- Removed invasives from Sear's Cave
- Culled invasives from ABS Reserve
- Drew up nature reserve restoration plan
- Submitted Conservation Management Plan for Somerset Long Bay Nature Reserve
- Took delivery of new nature reserve signs



Somerset Long Bay Nature Reserve will be restored later this year

Education and Advocacy

- Lectures and classroom talks
- Workshops
- Field Trips
- Planning objections
- Letters to Ministers
- Support for BEST's court case challenging ATVs in Parks



Plastics Awareness poster by student member Trey Whaley

Cooperation and Partnerships

Locally:

B.E.S.T. • Bermuda National Trust (Buy Back Bermuda) • Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute • Bermuda Zoological Society • Centre on Philanthropy • Conservation Services, Bermuda Government • Eco Bermuda • Keep Bermuda Beautiful • Parks Commission

Internationally:

BirdLife International • BirdsCaribbean • National Audubon Society • North American Birds • Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (UK) • UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum

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Thank you!

H.E. Mr John Rankin, Governor of Bermuda
Aberfeldy Nurseries – Bluebird box sales
BAMZ – ocean fieldtrips and workshop facilities
Bermuda Red Cross – storage space
Dept of Conservation Services
Deloitte – Seymour’s Pond reserve
Horsfield Landscaping – ABS reserve
Partner Re – Dollars for Hours
Ted Cassidy, Tom Vesey, Hubert Watlington – making
bluebird boxes
Alistair Border and Erich Hetzel – Longtail igloos
Stuart Smith and his bluebird volunteers
All our volunteers and financial supporters