The Bermuda Audubon Society

President's Report 2020-21



Audubon Committee 2020-2021

Karen Border – President
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Gift of Cat and Partridge Islands

With thanks to the Simmons, Walker and Butt families





Above: Cat Island Below: Partridge Island



Nature Reserves

Somerset Long Bay West



Volunteer tree planting November 2020





Above and below: Somerset Long Bay West Nature Reserve before restoration



Nature Reserves

Somerset Long Bay West



Above: New plantings of natives and endemics



Volunteer tree planting May 2021





Nature Reserves

Stokes Point East



Thanks to all our Nature Reserve volunteers!

Alfred Blackburn Smith Reserve



Buy Back Bermuda

Eve's Pond Nature Reserve

Restoration in progress – stay tuned for public opening!







Bird Conservation

Tern Project

Thanks to David Wingate, Miguel Mejias, and Erich Hetzel aided by Paul Watson, Neal Morris, Joanne Smith and Lynn Thorne; Jennie and Sean Kelly for refurbished raft; Tim Patton's barge crew for transport of equipment



Photo courtesy Erich Hetzel





Photos courtesy
Neal Morris

Cahow 2020 breeding season: a record number of 134 breeding pairs, with 69 chicks confirmed as successfully fledging out to sea (just below 2019's record of 73 fledglings)

Bird Conservation

Bluebirds and Longtails

Thanks to Tom Vesey, Ted Cassidy, Cole and Russell Steinhoff, Hubert Watlington and Trey Whaley for Bluebird box building, and to Alistair Border and Erich Hetzel for making Longtail Igloos







Advocacy

- Planning Application Review Team (PART)
- Parks Commission representation
- Letters to the Environment Minister
- Letters to the Editor



Judkin Lane behind Mangrove Lake will soon be developed with a 6,000 square foot house



Plans to lease part of Southlands Park to the Bermudiana Beach Resort to develop an events lawn and carpark are being opposed by the Parks Commission

Education

Virtual talks:

Getting to Know Bermuda's Chick of the Village by Miguel Mejias Bird and Wildlife Photography by Devika Mather All Things Bluebird by Janice Hetzel The Silver Lining of Covid Restrictions by Andrea Webb







Alison Copeland at Sears Cave with Bermuda Boy Scouts

Bird Watching and Bird Photography



Spittal Pond Field Trip, World Shorebirds Day 6 September

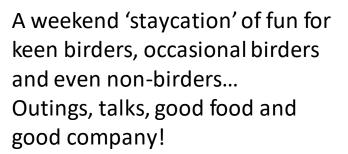


Bird Photography walk in Arboretum, February



Seabird watch, Coopers Island

October Bird Camp











70th Anniversary of the Rediscovery of the Cahow

Virtual Lunch 'n Learn at Bermuda College with David Wingate, Jeremy Madeiros and Miguel Mejias, thanks to Glenn Fubler and BEST



Robert Cushman Murphy and Louis Mowbray hold up the rediscovered Cahow in 1951



A young David Wingate at the entrance to a Cahow burrow

The Great February Bermuda Birding Contest



Young member Luke Foster congratulated by Erich Hetzel



Andrea Webb, first prize winner

Whale Watching

Ten members enjoyed a spectacular day out on *Endurance* in March to see Humpback Whales

Thank you to Nigel and Devika!

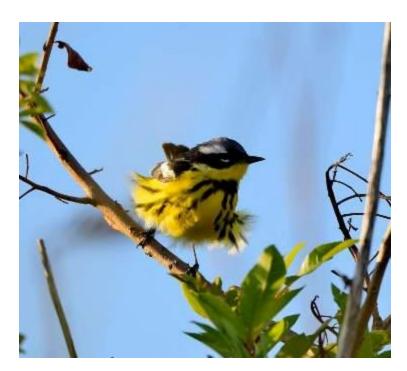






Photography Club

Sign up to Audubon's Facebook and Instagram pages to enjoy our members' beautiful photography – and send in your own!



Magnolia Warbler, photo by Herb Marshall



Young Pied-billed Grebe, photo by Tim White



Green Heron on nest, photo by Daria Taiakina

Bird Highlights of the Year



First record of Mountain Bluebird, photo Neal Morris



First recorded Killdeer nesting, at new airport pond, photo Tim White



First record of Black-browed Albatross, photo Macaulay Library

Bird Highlights of the Year



First record of European Golden-Plover, photo Erich Hetzel



First record of Scopoli's Shearwater, photo Ian Fisher

Cooperation and Partnerships

Locally:

B.E.S.T. • Bermuda National Trust (Buy Back Bermuda) • Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute • Bermuda Zoological Society • 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

Thank you!

To our loyal members, volunteers and supporters H.E. Ms Rena Lalgie, Governor of Bermuda (Patron) **Aberfeldy Nurseries** – Bluebird box sales **BAMZ** – ocean fieldtrips **Bermuda National Trust** – jointly managed nature reserves Bermuda Marine Services – Tern project support Bermuda Red Cross – storage space **Dept of Conservation Services Deloitte** – Seymour's Pond nature reserve sponsor **Horsfield Landscaping** – ABS nature reserve maintenance **Stuart Smith and his Bluebird Society volunteers** Jamie Steeves – maintenance of Vesey Street verges **Simon Van de Weg –** tree planting at Somerset Long Bay **Tom Vesey and Ted Cassidy** – making Bluebird boxes & kits **Alistair Border and Erich Hetzel** – making Longtail igloos