

Audubon Forester Training and Endorsement Program

New Audubon Forester Endorsement Program launches with training webinar series

Audubon Forester Training Webinar Series

TRAINING OVERVIEW

Habitat for birds and other wildlife remain one of the primary management objectives for New York and Vermont forest landowners. Audubon is excited to offer foresters a new opportunity to assist you in meeting your land management objectives through our new Audubon Forester Training and Endorsement Program. Kicking off the pilot to this new program is a series of four weekly training webinars, where foresters will learn about birds in decline, landscape and stand-level planning and management to improve forest habitat diversity, resources available to assist foresters, and details about the pilot Audubon Forester Endorsement Program. Upon completion of the webinar series, foresters can choose to continue with the next steps in the endorsement process.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We welcome consulting, agency, industry, and procurement foresters in northern NY and state of VT. Information learned in our training can be applied to private and public lands, and is compatible with many objectives, including timber production, water quality, recreation, and carbon sequestration.

Foresters are encouraged to attend the full webinar series to receive 4 Cat 1 CFEs.

Register here: <https://act.audubon.org/a/ny-forester-training>

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Black-throated Blue Warbler
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Training webinar details

May 7, 2021, 8-9:00am: Audubon's Forester Training and Endorsement Program and Introduction to the Healthy Forests Initiative: Information and details about Audubon's new program for foresters, including steps involved; forest birds experiencing population declines, causes of declines; opportunities to mitigate threats and stressors to breeding habitat.

May 14, 2021, 8-9:00am: Forest Bird Habitat Management Planning and Assessments: Audubon's approach to assessing habitat diversity for forest birds at landscape and stand levels; quick guide to assessing landscape forest cover and estimating age class diversity; applying forest habitat management while reducing threats to breeding birds.

May 21, 2021, 8-9:00am: Forest Management for Birds: Applying traditional, hybrid and mixed systems silvicultural approaches to create desired habitat conditions for mature and young forest birds to meet their full breeding season needs; creating canopy gaps and patch cuts of varying sizes to benefit the most birds.

May 28, 2021, 8-9:00am: Resources for Audubon Endorsed Foresters, Engaging Landowners, and Current Audubon Projects: Overview of resources available for foresters (guides and examples of a variety of forest management plans that include birds and habitat; engaging forest owners and general public in forestry for birds; current Audubon projects that reach and engage forest owners; upcoming programs and webinars.