

# 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 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. This new program includes 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 4-part webinar series, foresters can choose to continue with the next steps in the endorsement process. A fifth optional webinar about carbon programs and forest bird conservation is also offered. At this time, Audubon Endorsement is only available to foresters in CT and NY.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

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

Foresters are encouraged to attend the full webinar series. 5 SAF Cat 1 CFEs have been preapproved for the full webinar series (or 1 CFE per webinar).

Register for webinars here: [Audubon Forester Training](#)

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Black-throated Blue Warbler  
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## Training webinar details

**Oct 1, 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.

**Oct 8, 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.

**Oct 15, 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.

**Oct 22, 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.

**October 29, 8-9:00am: Using Carbon Programs to Achieve Forest Bird Habitat Management (optional):** Overview of carbon sequestration science; carbon sequestration and storage techniques for applications in both young and mature forests; how carbon guidelines can be used for forest bird habitat; current Audubon carbon program partnerships.