

Audubon Training & Endorsement Program for Foresters & Natural Resource Practitioners

Program hosted by The Adirondack chapter of NYS Society of American Foresters and The Forest Stewards Guild

Tuesday, Sept 30th, 2026, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Adirondack Interpretive Center/Huntington Forest

5922 NY-28N, Newcomb, NY 12852

Registration required!

To register, or for more information, please contact Claire Mann at claire.mann@audubon.org

TRAINING OVERVIEW

Habitat for birds and other wildlife is one of the primary management objectives for New York forest landowners. Audubon is excited to assist you in meeting these goals through our Forester Training and Endorsement Program. In this training, participants will learn about birds in decline, landscape and stand-level planning and management to improve forest habitat diversity, and resources available to assist foresters.

Audubon's Forester Endorsement Program aims to create a network of professional foresters working in partnership with Audubon to promote healthy forest ecosystems that provide high-quality habitat for priority bird species. This training will fulfill Steps 1 and 2 of our endorsement process, after which foresters can choose to continue with the final step to become endorsed. For more information about the program, please visit <https://ny.audubon.org/conservation/audubon-forester-training-and-endorsement-program>.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We welcome foresters, forestry professionals, and natural resource practitioners from across NY. Information from this training can be applied to private and public land and is compatible with many objectives, including timber production, water quality, recreation, and climate forestry.

Limited to 30 participants

Bring your own lunch; coffee and snacks provided

This program is approved for 4.5 Cat 1 SAF CFEs

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Society of American Foresters, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: American Forest Foundation



Black-throated Blue Warbler
Photo: Megumi Aita/Audubon Photography Awards

Workshop Agenda

Morning: Classroom Presentations – Adirondack Interpretive Center

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.

Forest Management for Birds:

Applying 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.

Afternoon: Exercises and Discussion in the Field - Huntington Forest

Stop 1: Habitat assessment exercise in mature forest stand, incorporating content from morning presentations.

Stop 2: Example stand prescription exercise in mature forest stand. This fulfills Step 2 of the process for foresters seeking Audubon endorsement.

Stop 3: Visit a recent harvest. Further Discussion of integrating Landscape-level management planning and prescriptions

