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CHAPTER LEADER UPDATE | October 13, 2017



Pacific Loon in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. Photo: Peter Mather/National Geographic Creative

Recording: October Policy Briefing

Here's the [recording](#) of the October 2017 policy briefing call for chapters (28mins). The focus of this call was on protecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Get an overview of the current threat and how your chapter and members can advocate with your Congress representatives to protect this iconic landscape, which is home to more than 200 species of birds. Below are links referenced during the call:

[Audubon Works Resource Toolkit: Arctic Refuge](#)
[Audubon Action Alert: Protect the Arctic Refuge](#)
[Audubon Report: The Arctic Refuge Is Facing Its Biggest Threat Yet](#)
[Where to find out how your U.S. Representative voted on the budget resolution \(No is the correct vote\)](#)

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Audubon Society of the Everglades Plants for Birds event in collaboration with local partners. Photo: Vicki Rogerson/Audubon Society of the Everglades

Upcoming Webinars: Plants for Birds Retail Partnerships and Schoolyard Habitats

Here are the dates for the next series of Plants for Birds peer-to-peer webinars. These network-led calls are a great opportunity to hear from fellow Audubon leaders on native plant programming and models of success.

Tuesday, October 24: Creating Native Plant Retail Partnerships (2p.m. ET/11a.m. PT): This webinar will feature a discussion on creating retail partnerships with Alexia Maneschi from Wake Audubon, NC; Peter Buesseler from Mississippi Headwaters Audubon, MN, and Cathy Wise from Río Salado Audubon Center, AZ. [Register here.](#)

Monday, November 13: Schoolyard Habitat Programs (4p.m. ET/1p.m. PT): Hear from Carrie Barron of John James Audubon Center, PA on their schoolyard habitat initiatives. [Register here.](#)

Contact [Tod Winston, Plants for Birds program manager](#) if you have any questions or are interested in sharing your chapter's native plant program successes during the next webinar series.



Two types of marsh grasses in Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Cambridge, Maryland. Photo: Camilla Cerea/Audubon

Climate Highlights From the Network

A round-up of the latest [climate highlights from across the network](#) can be found on Audubon Works. Get links to updates such as the climate adaptation work that Audubon Maryland-D.C., Pickering Creek, and Chesapeake Audubon Society are doing on a 700-acre restoration to bring back habitat for Black Rails and Saltmarsh Sparrows, both declining species. Climate adaptation is also in the spotlight in a new [What's at Stake series](#) on Audubon.org. The series is a collection of in-depth reporting on how proposed cuts to conservation funding would harm birds, the places they need, and human communities.

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Mountain Bluebird. Photo: Diane Taylor/Audubon Photography Awards

Interested in Signing-up for Climate Watch?

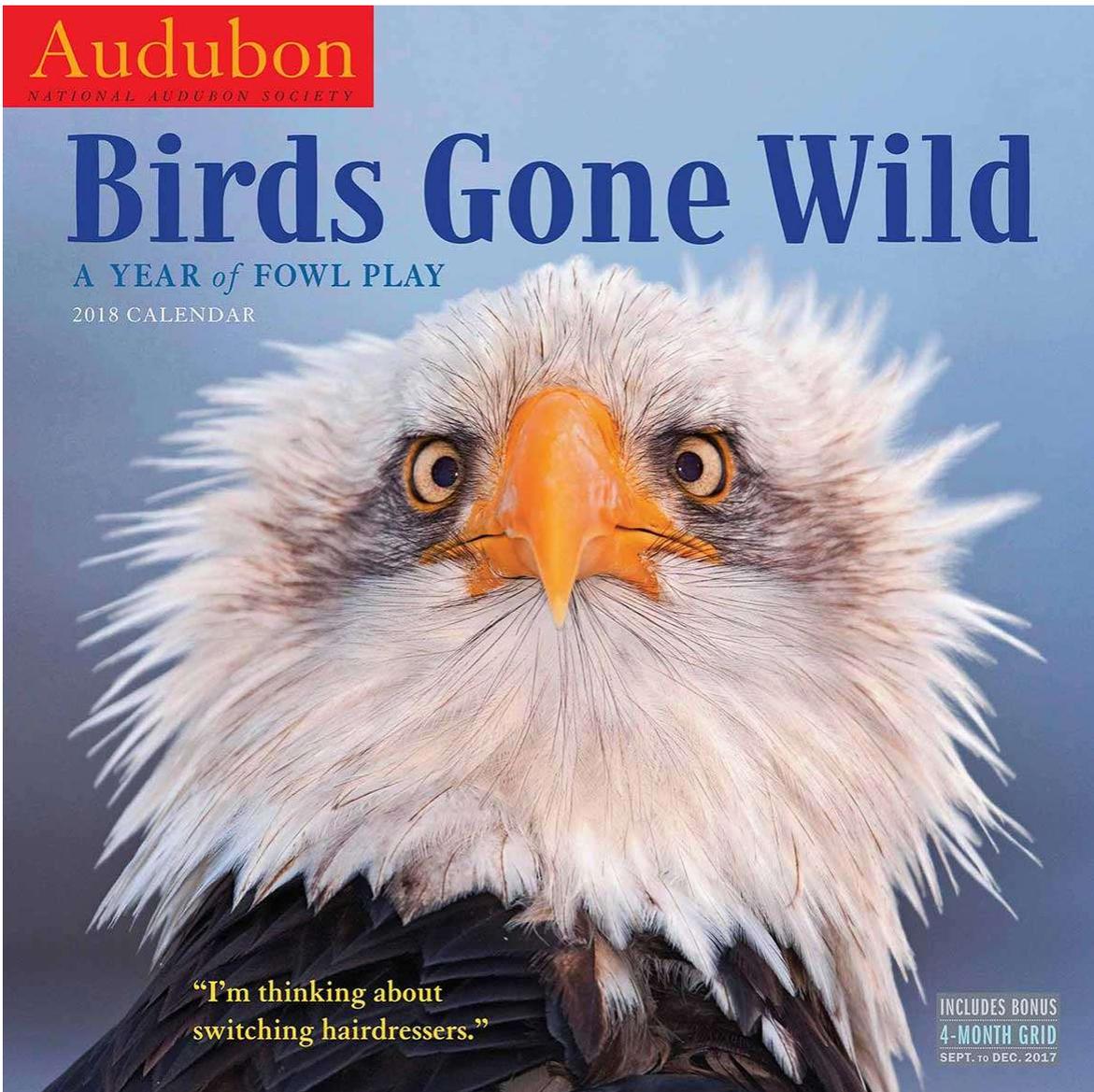
Take a look at [this map](#) to see how bluebirds and nuthatches are responding to climate change in the areas where volunteers have been conducting Climate Watch surveys. If your chapter is interested in participating in the next round of Climate Watch, Audubon's latest community science program, be sure to check out the [introductory webinar and survey materials](#) on Audubon.org. The next survey will take place January 15 - February 15, 2018 and is open to all Audubon chapters and organized groups with an interest in birds. Sign-up to have your chapter participate [here](#) and feel to reach out to the Climate Watch team with any questions at climatewatch@audubon.org.



2018 Hog Island Audubon Camp Registration Save the Date

2018 Hog Island Audubon Camp Registration Opens Soon!

Registration for Hog Island Audubon Camp birding and nature programs for adults, teens, and families opens on Wednesday, October 18! The legendary camp in Maine offers perennial favorites such as Field Ornithology, Mountains to Sea Birding for Teens, Raptor Rapture, Maine Seabird Biology and Conservation, and more. [Go to the Hog Island website for the full schedule.](#) Why not consider sending someone to a Hog Island program in 2018? Space can be reserved in your chapter's name with a \$100 deposit until you choose a participant in March.



2018 Audubon Calendar: Birds Gone Wild

Don't Forget to Order Your 2018 Audubon Calendars

The Audubon [calendar collection](#) delivers stunning photography and compelling information on birds and their habitats to over 4 million bird lovers each year. It is a bestseller and stocks run out quickly, so be sure to order soon to guarantee calendars for any end of year gifts or events. As a chapter, you receive a 40%-60% discount on bulk orders of 10

copies or more. Contact Gabriella at (212) 614-7509 or gabriella@workman.com to place an order.



Audubon Chapter SquareSpace Template video

Step-up Your Chapter's Web Presence

As shared in an update earlier this week, we're excited to make available a new website template for chapters, styled with Audubon's brand colors and fonts. If you're looking to refresh your chapter's website to make better use of it as a digital tool for engaging and recruiting new members, learn more about how you can make use of the template by [watching this video](#) and going to audubon.org/chapter-template.



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