



2022 Annual Report



Maine Audubon works to
conserve Maine's wildlife
and wildlife habitat
by engaging people of
all ages in education,
conservation, and action.

In 2022,

as the world cautiously emerged from quarantines and closures, we were thrilled to be able to welcome people back to our programs and sanctuaries, ending the year in a position of strength and hope. We celebrated several highlights for Maine Audubon and Maine's wildlife and habitat.



- We're enjoying a return to in-person programming and camps as well as an increase in visitors to our sanctuaries, bird walks, and native plant walks. We were able to host our popular Native Plants Festival for the first time since 2019. Our education

staff visited preschools, elementary and middle schools, senior colleges, after-school learning centers, and other places, bringing programming well beyond our own centers and sanctuaries.

- Our engagement with new communities all over the state continues to grow, from teenagers planting native plants in Lewiston parks to town officials designing culverts in Cherryfield.

- We continue our position as ornithological experts; people from around the country looked to Maine Audubon for information and guidance when a rare Steller's Sea-eagle arrived in Maine. More than 129,000 people visited our Steller's Sea-eagle web page, 800 joined our live presentation, and more than 10,000 and counting have watched the recording.



- We celebrated the 50th anniversary of Scarborough Marsh, where we welcome thousands of schoolchildren and visitors every year to learn about and enjoy this Important Bird Area and spectacular habitat.

- We are working with partners to study new information we're now capturing from the Motus towers recently installed at two of our sanctuaries, as they track migratory birds, bats, and butterflies.

The results of our work can be seen across Maine's landscape, from an increase in vital populations of endangered and threatened species, to native plants in backyards and around solar installations.

Thank you for your commitment to Maine's wildlife and habitat. With your support, we look forward to another impactful year in 2023.



Spotlights



BIRD CONSERVATION

As a direct result of our 40+ years of work on the beaches, the number of endangered Piping Plovers nesting and fledging chicks in Maine continues to rise, and new records are being broken with each year. In 2022, 140 pairs nested and fledged 252 chicks, up from 125 pairs fledging 213 chicks in 2021. In 1983, there were just six nesting pairs of Piping Plovers in Maine!

WHAT'S NEXT?

Expanded outreach and education on the beaches, new Saltmarsh Sparrow research, and growth of Bird Safe Maine, an initiative to address the problem of bird-window strikes.

"I knew that by recording what we found it would help other birds in the future... I know I am young, but I want to make a difference."

Lilah O'Connor
age 11
Bird Safe Maine
Volunteer

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Maine Audubon sent our solar siting toolkit to 400 Maine towns and cities. As local decision-makers consider new proposals for development in their municipalities, this informative package suggests guidelines they may use for renewable energy projects to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat. Our solar siting mapping tool has been so popular that we recently expanded it to incorporate mapping information that can be used for wind power and transmission line proposals.

WHAT'S NEXT? Increased distribution of *Habitat Restoration and Native Planting for Maine Solar Development*, our guide for developers who want to design solar arrays that maximize co-benefits to wildlife and wildlife habitat; and advocacy for responsibly sited offshore wind.

"Maine Audubon helped us design a native plant buffer at our Monmouth solar project that will reduce visibility of the array and create a beneficial pollinator habitat."

Matt Kearns
Chief Development
Officer
Longroad Energy





THE NEXT GENERATION

Maine Audubon partnered with Bangor Public Schools to deliver hands-on learning and fieldwork to Bangor-area students, as they studied the Penobscot River watershed and investigated topics such as water quality, fish and wildlife passage, and native plant restoration. Funded by a grant from the North American Association for Environmental Education, the *River in My Backyard* program was implemented by Maine Audubon in partnership with the Maine Discovery Museum at first one, and now three, Bangor elementary schools.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Growing our work with teens in Portland, Lewiston, and beyond; in 2022 we piloted a program called Sprout Lewiston, engaging more than 16 teens in outdoor nature activities with a focus on native habitat restoration.

"Students at Vine Street loved participating in the River in My Backyard programs! Staff were thrilled with the quality of the programs."

Lynn Silk
Principal
Vine Street School
Bangor

COMMUNITY SCIENCE

Engaging people in conservation research is one of the cornerstones of our science-based approach. Many of our signature projects involve community scientists who collect the data which in turn fuels our research and advocacy work. For example, in 2022, staff and partners in our Stream Explorers program trained 77 people, who were then able to survey 41 streams for macroinvertebrates to assess water quality.

WHAT'S NEXT? New efforts to have anglers turn in lead tackle, one of the biggest threats to Common Loons; and celebrating the 40th year of the Annual Loon Count, which engages more than 1600 community scientists.

"This program has really helped to set the stage for my future. I now have experience and a new found passion for this topic."

Aroha Walsh
Kennebunk
Middle School
student,
Stream Explorers
Volunteer

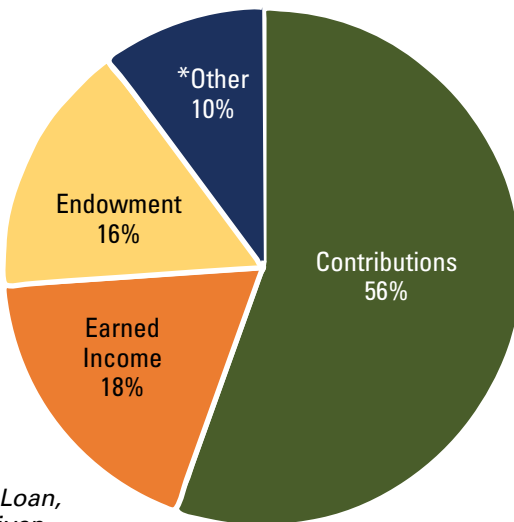


Income and Expenses

Despite the volatility of the stock market, we increased our overall financial position and performance with both increases in operating income from all sources, and investment portfolio performance.

Fiscal Year 2021-22
May 1, 2021 - April 30, 2022

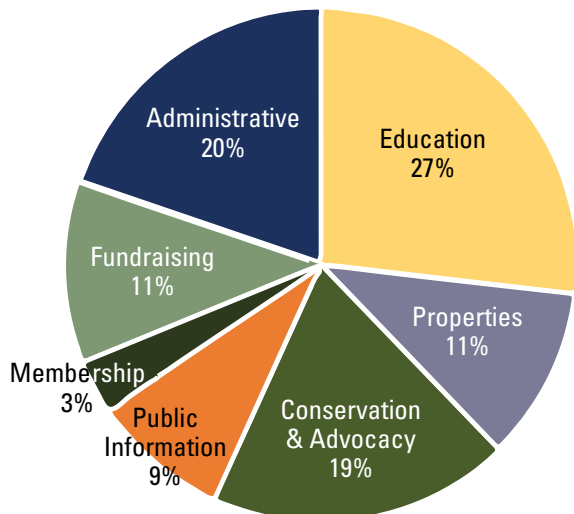
INCOME



*PPP Loan,
forgiven

Total: \$3,693,941.70

EXPENSES



Total: \$3,874,410.07



In June 2022, we were able to once again hold an in-person Native Plants Festival and Sale at Gilsland Farm Audubon Center in Falmouth. Over the course of the season, more than 800 people participated in "Bringing Nature Home" programs and we sold more than 6000 native plants.

MAINE AUDUBON SOCIETY BALANCE SHEET

As of April 30, 2022

ASSETS

Cash	\$1,332,315.85
Accounts Receivable	\$14,608.08
Inventory	\$97,832.18
Other Assets	\$279,600.83
Land, building, & equipment, net	\$1,609,029.84
Investments	\$17,967,814.85

Total Assets	<u>\$21,301,201.63</u>
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Liabilites

Total Current Liabilites	\$357,809.42
Total NonCurrent Liabilities	\$200,610.14

Total Liabilities	<u>\$558,419.56</u>
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Net Assets

Unrestricted Net Assets	\$13,982,549.26
Temp Restricted Net Assets	\$5,184,819.85
Permanently Restricted Net Assets	\$1,575,412.96

Total Fund Balance	<u>\$20,742,782.07</u>
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$21,301,201.63</u>
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Leadership

Staff Directors

Andrew Beahm, Executive Director
Eliza Donoghue, Advocacy
Erin Evans, Finance
Peter Grebowski, Properties
Melissa Kim, Communications
Kate Lewis, Development
Sally Stockwell, Conservation
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Centers & Sanctuaries

Borestone Mountain Audubon Sanctuary
Elliottsville

East Point Audubon Sanctuary
Biddeford Pool

Fields Pond Audubon Center
Holden

Gilsland Farm Audubon Center
Falmouth

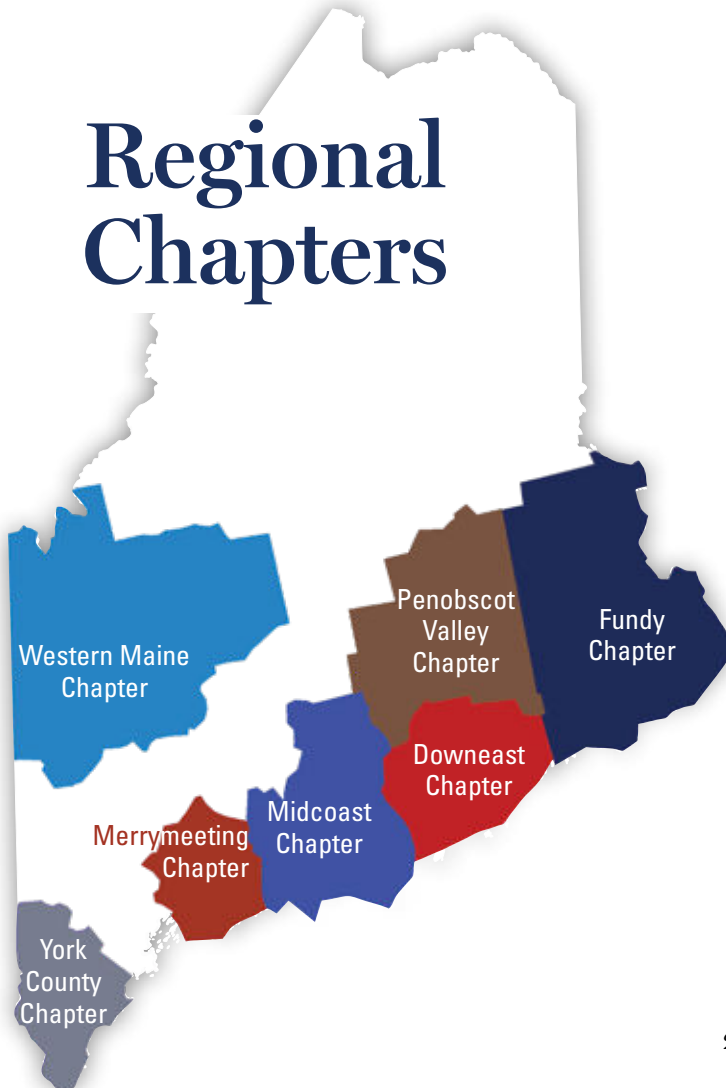
Hamilton Audubon Sanctuary
West Bath

Josephine Newman Audubon Sanctuary
Georgetown

Mast Landing Audubon Sanctuary
Freeport

Scarborough Marsh Audubon Center
Scarborough

Regional Chapters



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