

BirdSafe Maine Campus Symposium 2026

Date: Thursday March 5

Time: 9 am-3:30 pm

Location: University of New England (UNE) North, 1075 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04103

Agenda

8:30 Check in

9:00 Welcome and introduction to the symposium

Nick Lund, Advocacy and Outreach Manager, Maine Audubon

Chris Maher, Professor and Dean, University of Southern Maine

9:30 Workshop #1: Guidelines for bird-safe buildings

Facilitator: Nick Lund, Advocacy and Outreach Manager, Maine Audubon

10:15 Break

10:30 Panel discussion: Lived experiences with bird collisions on campus and solutions

Moderator: Sonya Kahlenberg

Panelists:

Cady Netland, Coordinator for Bird Safety, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Caitlin Perrigo, artist

Aaron Witham, Director of Sustainability, University of Southern Maine

Noah Perlut, Professor and Assistant Academic Director, University of New England

11:30 Lunch and poster session

12:30 Workshop #2: Retrofitting buildings on college campuses

Facilitators:

Nick Lund, Advocacy and Outreach Manager, Maine Audubon

Austin Smith, Partner and Principal, Simons Architects

Cara Blonde, Architect, Kaplan Thompson Architects

Alex Haba, Architect, Whitten Architects

2:00 Break

2:15 Workshop #3: Monitoring programs on college campuses

Facilitators:

Sonya Kahlenberg, wildlife conservationist

Chris Maher, Professor and Dean, University of Southern Maine

Noah Perlut, Professor and Assistant Academic Director, University of New England

Brandon Tate, Visiting Assistant Professor, Bowdoin College

3:30 Optional field trip: tour of successful buildings