

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 Bionde, 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