

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The First Songbird Sanctuary in the Nation, founded in 1923.



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ABOUT US

The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center was established in 1923 in memory of the Conservation President, Theodore Roosevelt. Considered to be the oldest songbird sanctuary in the nation, the Sanctuary has 13-acres of forest habitat maintained for songbird conservation and environmental education.



Owned and managed by Audubon New York, the Sanctuary prides itself on providing high-quality, effective environmental education programs to audiences of all ages. Using hands-on, experiential, and inquiry-based methods, program participants will develop a deeper understanding and consideration for our natural world, gain a sense of stewardship for their local environment, and become informed decision-makers for the future.

Audubon New York's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROGRAM BASICS

At the Sanctuary = 90 minute program (including 30 minute trail walk)

At your location = 60 minute program

Programs correlate to New York State Core Curriculum Standards

CUSTOMIZING YOUR PROGRAM

Programs are flexible and can be adapted to special needs audiences or specific curriculum objectives.

To maximize your students' learning experience, invite us to your classroom before or after your program.



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For the Birds! (Grades 2-5)

For the Birds! is conducted at your school for a room-based or after-school program that teaches students about science, nature, and the environment through an in-depth study of birds. Some of the experiences available in this eight session program are field trips to local natural areas, habitat improvement, and research projects. Educators and volunteers visit classrooms to teach the *For The Birds!* curriculum. Educators can customize the lessons to better fit each teacher's needs. Please call to find out how *For The Birds!* can fit into your school's curriculum. *NYS Standard 4; Key Idea 3, 5, 6 & 7*



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World of Birds (Grades K-3)

The unique characteristics of birds separate them from other wildlife. In this program students learn how to identify common species based on color, shape, behavior, and song. Learn about Audubon's work to conserve our birds and how to help, then head out on the trail with binoculars and field guides to spot our feathered friends!

NYS Standard 4; Key Idea 1, 5

At your location:

Learn about the dangers of bird strikes and how to prevent them by making your own beautiful window cling decal!



Schoolyard Field Trip (Grades 3-5)

An opportunity for students and teachers to have a field trip experience in their own schoolyard. This 2-hour lesson and field trip includes basic bird identification, use of binoculars and reference materials, a 35-minute field walk, student data collection, and analysis with a trained staff member. Grades 3-5 will explore the world of birds using scientific inquiry and writing skills to organize observations made outdoors. Can be broken down into two 1-hour lessons.



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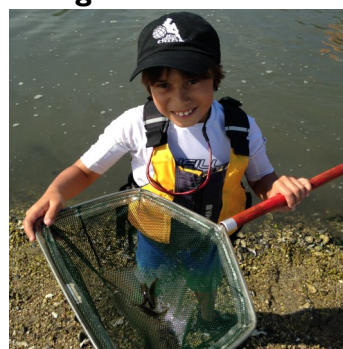
Forest Ecology (Grades 6-12)

Using scientific tools and methods, students explore the Sanctuary's 13-acre forest. They discover the characteristics of this fascinating ecosystem and learn about the plants and animals that live there from the soil below their feet to the canopy overhead.

NYS Standard 4; Key Idea 3, 5 & 6



Long Island Sound Studies (Grades 3 & up)



Long Island Sound is considered an Estuary of National Significance. It is home to 1,200 invertebrates, 170 species of fish, and dozens of migratory bird species. Through hands-on activities, students explore rocky beaches and salt marshes in search of birds, fish,

reptiles, crustaceans, and other invertebrates. We provide your students with a touch-tank of local marine animals that may include; a variety crabs, echinoderms, and snails! Students are also introduced to the ideas behind Audubon's Important Bird Area program and learn how they can protect this productive and valuable ecosystem. Ask us how we can bring this program to your classroom!

NYS Standard 4; Key Idea 2, 3 & 5

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Sea to Shore Science Lab (Grades 7 & up)

Students will take part in actual scientific research to help



Audubon wildlife biologists conserve the Piping Plover—an endangered species in NYS!

This multi-session program begins with a visit to your school where Sanctuary staff will teach students about our special shorebirds, the threats they face and how we work to

conserve their habitat and protect them from predators. Students then join us at a shorebird nesting site for a variety of data collection including transect walks, seine netting, water quality testing, and core sampling. A bonus beach walk to see these adorable birds rounds out the trip! (Program limited to 25 students or less)

NYS Standard

[T]o lose the chance to see frigate-birds soaring in circles above the storm, or a file of pelicans winging their way homeward across the crimson afterglow of the sunset, or a myriad of terns flashing in the bright light of midday as they hover in a shifting maze above the beach—why, the loss is like the loss of a gallery of the masterpieces of the artists of old time.

Theodore Roosevelt

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Wild Long Island (Grades 4-12)

Long Island has a wide variety of habitats, from forests to beaches to grasslands. Students meet some of Long Island's resident wildlife, learn about their adaptations and role in the web of life and discover how to improve natural habitats in their own neighborhoods.

NYS Standard 4; Key Idea 1, 5, 6, 7



Endangered Species of Long Island

Students learn about the special ecosystems and the endangered species of Long Island, focusing on birds and turtles, and find out what they can do to protect them. With options like a Healthy Backyard Pledge and organic pesticide experiments, students come away from the program with tangible ways they can make their lives and homes more environmentally friendly.

NYS Standard 4; Key Idea 3,5,6,7

American Oystercatcher



Jeff Nadler

RESERVATION INFORMATION

Please call (516) 922-3200 to schedule your trip.

Programs are booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

AT YOUR LOCATION:

Per 60-minute program:

COST: \$180 for up to 25 people
\$255 for 26-49 people
\$330 for 50+ people

PARKING FEES:

(if not provided)

General = \$20

Manhattan = \$30

TRAVEL FEES from OYSTER BAY:

0-10 miles = FREE

10-20 miles = \$30

20+ miles on Long Island = \$75

Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island = \$95

Westchester, SE Connecticut = \$120

AT THE SANCTUARY:

ADDRESS: 134 Cove Road, Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Per 90-minute program, starting daily at 9:30 a.m.:

COST: \$180 for up to 25 students,
\$7.50 per student after that

DIRECTIONS

By the Long Island Expressway (I-495):

Take exit 41 North, Route 106. Follow Rt. 106 North 4 miles to the village of Oyster Bay. Turn right onto East Main Street. Follow East Main Street for 1 mile (it turns into Cove Road). Park in the gravel parking lot on the right below Youngs Memorial Cemetery.

By Route 25A (Northern Blvd.):

Take 25A to Cove Road. Follow Cove Road north about 2 miles. You will see a green and white Theodore Roosevelt Nature Sanctuary sign on the left. Proceed past the sign to the gravel parking lot on the left.

From the parking lot, follow the brick sidewalk 100 yards to the entrance of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center.

