

# Audubon Training & Endorsement Program for Foresters & Natural Resource Practitioners

Friday, June 14, 2024, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Yale-Myers Forest Camp

150 Centre Pike, Eastford, CT

## Registration required!

To register, or for more information, please contact Rosa Goldman at [rosa.goldman@audubon.org](mailto:rosa.goldman@audubon.org)

## TRAINING OVERVIEW

Habitat for birds and other wildlife is one of the primary management objectives for Connecticut forest landowners. Audubon is excited to assist you in meeting these goals through our Forester Training and Endorsement Program. In this training, participants will learn about birds in decline, landscape and stand-level planning and management to improve forest habitat diversity, and resources available to assist foresters.

Audubon's Forester Endorsement Program aims to create a network of professional foresters working in partnership with Audubon to promote healthy forest ecosystems that provide high-quality habitat for priority bird species. This training will fulfill Steps 1 and 2 of our endorsement process, after which foresters can choose to continue with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final step to become endorsed. For more information about the program, please visit <https://ny.audubon.org/conservation/audubon-forester-training-and-endorsement-program>.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

We welcome foresters, forestry professionals, and natural resource practitioners from across CT. Information from this training can be applied to private and public land and is compatible with many objectives, including timber production, water quality, recreation, and climate forestry.

## Limited to 30 participants

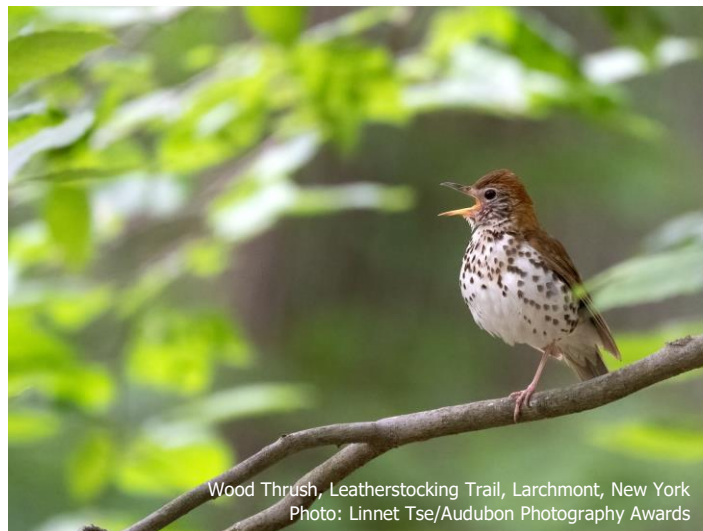
Bring your own lunch; coffee and snacks provided.

**This program is approved for 2.0 CEUs for CT Certified Forest Practitioners and 4.5 Category 1 SAF CFEs.**

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## Additional program support and partners:

*CT DEEP Forestry Division; Woods, Wildlife, and Warblers Program; Yale Forests; Great Mountain Forest; Forest Stewards Guild*



Wood Thrush, Leatherstocking Trail, Larchmont, New York  
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## WORKSHOP AGENDA

### Morning: Classroom Presentations

#### Forest Bird Habitat Management Planning and Assessments:

Audubon's approach to assessing habitat diversity for forest birds at landscape and stand levels; quick guide to assessing landscape forest cover and estimating age class diversity; applying forest habitat management while reducing threats to breeding birds.

#### Forest Management for Birds:

Applying silvicultural approaches to create desired habitat conditions for mature and young forest birds to meet their full breeding season needs; creating canopy gaps and patch cuts of varying sizes to benefit the most birds.

### Afternoon: Exercises and Discussion in the Field

Stop 1: Habitat assessment exercise in mature forest stand, incorporating content from morning presentations.

Stop 2: Example stand prescription exercise in mature forest stand. This fulfills Step 2 of the process for foresters seeking Audubon endorsement.

Stop 3: Further discussion of integrating stand-level and landscape-level management planning and prescriptions.