



SFI Inc. 2011 Conservation and Community Partnerships Grant Program 2011 Audubon New York: Linking Forest Management to Bird Conservation

[The New York Program of Audubon](#) will receive a total of \$14,000 over two years, beginning in 2011, to create a stronger link between forest management and bird conservation, and transfer the knowledge and methods to seven other states along the Atlantic Flyway.

Supporting the SFI Standard

The project will directly meet two principles of the SFI 2010-2014 Standard -- Principle 4: "To manage forests in ways that protect and promote biological diversity. . ." and Principle 11: "To improve the practice of sustainable forestry through training and education programs." It also meets Objective 4: Conservation of Biological Diversity including Forests with Exceptional Conservation Value and Objective 8, Landowner Outreach.

Project Partners

In addition to Audubon New York, project partners include the Empire State Forest Products Association, which leads the SFI Implementation Committee in New York State.

Project Details

The project will advise landowners how to integrate bird habitat considerations into their forest management plans and practices. Forest-breeding birds require large, unfragmented forests for successful breeding, and different species need forests with different structural characteristics. A landscape that includes a mix of forest successional stages can support a diversity of forest birds, promoting successful reproduction and providing quality habitat for brood-rearing and migration. The project will encourage landowners to get professional advice about managing their woodlot and forest stands to produce a win for wildlife and forest landowners.

Audubon New York's forest conservation and stewardship work is part of a larger effort being undertaken by Audubon throughout the Atlantic Flyway region, with similar work underway or planned in Maine, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Virginia, and North and South Carolina, as well as at wintering sites for priority migratory species in Central and South America.

About the New York Program of Audubon

Audubon New York, the 50,000-member State program of the National Audubon Society, is dedicated to protecting birds and other wildlife and the habitats that supports them. As part of a national network of community-based nature centers and chapters, scientific and educational programs, and advocacy on behalf of areas sustaining important bird populations, Audubon New York helps to engage millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in positive conservation experiences.