

Spring Council Meeting, April 24th – 26th, 2026
The Heritage Hotel, Southbury, CT

Hemispheric partnerships and Wood Thrush conservation

Join us for a wonderful chapter event in conjunction with the CT/NY regional program advisory board where we'll plan to:

- Make new connections with our Audubon Network, including the CT/NY Advisory board.
- Enjoy the fabulous Bent of the River Audubon center, learn about Audubon CT/NY's developing Wood Thrush project and brainstorm potential chapter involvement.
- Continue conversations and learning from recent meetings related to hemispheric conservation and connecting with international partners.
- Brainstorm ideas for next year's grant cycle, perhaps including potential joint projects we can explore at the fall retreat.

Note: Draft Agenda. Precise timing and topics TBD

Friday, April 24, 2026

- 4:30p.m. – 5:30p.m. **Audubon Council Board Meeting** (board members)
- 4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. **Registration/Check in for all attendees**
- 6:00 – 7** **Cocktails and networking!**
- 7:00p.m. **Joint Chapter Council and CT/NY Advisory board Dinner**
(All attendees: Chapter leaders and CT/NY advisory board leaders)
Evening speaker/activity TBD

Saturday, April 25, 2026

- 6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m. **Breakfast & Networking**
(All attendees: Chapter leaders and CT/NY advisory board leaders)
- 8:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. **Morning Program and Field Trip – Bent of the River Audubon Center**
What to expect: Carpooling, all attendees, chapter leaders and CT/NY advisory board leaders. Opportunities for birding and site visit(s), as well as indoor programmatic meetings.
11:30 am: Full group photo!
- 12:00p.m. **Buffet Lunch at hotel**
(All attendees: Chapter leaders and CT/NY advisory board leaders. This concludes the formal CT/NY board meeting portion of the event, though the advisory board is encouraged to stay on through Sunday.)
- 1:00p.m. – 1:30p.m. **Council Meeting welcome, objectives and Audubon CT/NY ED report**

1:30 p.m. – 3:00p.m. **Afternoon programming TBD**
Including:
Wood Thrush/Forest Presentation and chapter brainstorm.
Chapter Roundtable
International Partnerships

3:00p.m. - 3:15p.m. **Break (coffee/refreshments)**

3:15p.m. – 5:00p.m. **Afternoon programming continued**

5:15p.m – 6:00p.m. **Free Time**

6:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. **Cocktail Reception**

7:00p.m. **Plated Award Dinner & Quiz**
Emcee: Susan O’Handley, Council Chair
Quizmaster: Dennis Riordan
Award Presentation: Norman I. Stotz Award

Sunday, April 26, 2026

7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m. TBD: Before breakfast bird walk
Breakfast & Networking

8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. **Morning program**
Including:
Policy
Working together: steps for joint projects/international projects

10:00a.m. – 10:15a.m. **Break (coffee/refreshments)**

10:15a.m. – 11:00a.m. **Morning Program Cont.**
Raffle drawing!
Old and New Council Business

11:00a.m Meeting Adjournment