

Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon Society Presents

Birds & Climate Change

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Audubon's Birds and Climate Change Report, published in September 2014, confirmed that climate change is the single greatest threat to North American birds. Seven years in the making, the report warns that 314 North American bird species could lose more than half of their current ranges by 2080 due to rising temperatures. For those of us who care deeply about birds, from the Wood Thrush in eastern forests to the Burrowing Owl in western grasslands, this is a warning call that demands urgent action. The situation is indeed dire—more than half of bird species on the continent are at risk—but there are **reasons for hope**. By identifying which birds are most sensitive to climate change and where those changes are most likely to occur, this research provides a roadmap for future conservation and advocacy efforts.

Tonight we will learn about more about the Report, as well as Audubon's Climate Initiative, the organizational response to this threat, which taps into its members' love and commitment for birds to build population resilience and demand solutions to slow the pace of warming. The audience will learn what steps they can take to address the climate change threat in their backyards, in their communities, in the Important Bird Areas (IBAs) near their homes, and in the state houses.

In September 2014, a Huntington-Oyster Bay Audubon contingent was proud to join 400,000 other concerned citizens in the greatest climate change march of our time, The March for Climate Change. Join us tonight to learn more about this significant threat to the state of our birds, and what steps we can take to address the issue of climate change.

Linsy Smithson-Stanley, joined Audubon in 2015 after three years with Climate Nexus, a nonprofit focused on climate change communication, where she directed media strategy and help execute strategic messaging about climate impacts. As deputy director of the climate initiative, her responsibilities include: leading strategic communications around Audubon's climate-related science and new climate initiative; assisting state offices, centers and chapter leaders design and execute local climate plans and accompanying climate-specific communication strategies; working with content, grassroots and policy teams to maximize visibility and applicability of Audubon's new science.

All meetings are free and open to the public!
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