

Calendar

Bird Friendly Maple Woods Walk – Uihlein Maple Research Forest

Saturday, August 3rd

10am-12noon

Lake Placid, NY

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Currans Renewable Energy Pellet Mill Tour

Saturday, September 6th

9am-12noon

Massena, NY

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Other Non-NAC Calendar Events

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Paul Smith's Vic Center

Multiple events weekly through the summer on a variety of forestry topics.

www.paulsmithsvic.org/events/

ESF Events

Most are open to the public. The Newcomb campus has several interesting events year-round.

www.esf.edu/calendar/index.php

Adaptability & Resilience Highlighted In First Two NAC Woods Walks

Adaptability is the cornerstone of resilience, whether in nature or daily life, adaptability ensures progress even when plans falter. In addition to the Black Ash and forest management, that's what our inaugural Woods Walk of the 2025 season highlighted.

Our headline presenter had a serious family emergency and was therefore unable to attend. However, we still had 40 attendees, favorable weather, and an ideal location. Just as we work to enable forests to adapt, we were given the chance to demonstrate our adaptability.

We shuffled things around, and Dan Zajak, the Family Forest Carbon Program Forester from American Forest Foundation jumped in and gave a presentation on carbon programs. Then Scott Bonno stepped in and lead the investigation of the Black Ash stand. What ensued was a far-ranging discussion and Q&A session coordinated among our six attending foresters. Six foresters! Attendees had many far-reaching questions answered by this gracious and knowledgeable crew.

At lunch new connections were established, and opportunities for collaboration unfolded. Afterwards Scott took us on a tour of an *EQUIP* oak regeneration site, his billion-dollar rock collection, an old clear cut, some prized cherry and maple trees, and a utility right-of-way debacle.

The day ended with a group discussion, door prizes and lots of help with the breakdown of the cookout setup. Our thanks go out to new member Mark Brackett and to Sandy and Jerry Browning for helping with numerous tasks!

So, while no Black Ash logs were pounded, no baskets weaved, "Basket Making with the Mohawk" Woods Walk was a good example of the benefits of being adaptable. *(continued next page)*

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Some exciting news! Beth Daut, a forester and NYFOA board member, has volunteered to become part of our team! She will be an amazing addition. Also, stay tuned for news on the effort to reschedule the Black Ash Woods Walk rescheduling.

Two weeks later we gathered at the Grand Lakes Reserve for the Audubon sponsored Golden-Winged Warbler Woods Walk. Some came as far as the Syracuse area. Claire Mann, the Forest Program Senior Associate from Audubon, lead the group through the Golden-Winged Warbler Habitat established by the Grand Lakes Reserve volunteers.

Attendees were introduced to the habitat characteristics needed by the GWW and its associated Warbler species. Discussions about the precipitous decline in Golden-winged Warblers and how to establish and maintain this habitat were discussed. We then witnessed the success of this kind of forest management with visits by Warblers and numerous other species. The success of this program was inspiring! It confirms that we are not helpless in addressing threats to ecological sustainability.

After a Q&A session we travelled to the Trailside Learning Center for our cookout, door prize drawing and a quick tour of some of what the impressive Reserve has to offer.

Successes like this show us that we can change the trajectory of the declines we are seeing in the natural world. By taking positive, proactive steps as caretakers, we can partner with nature for the benefit of birds, all wildlife, and people. We can build a resilient planet.

On a separate topic that I'm calling "*Labor For Learning*", for now, I received a request from a member who is interested in exchanging their labor to acquire hands-on skills related to thinning, milling or anything relating to active forest management. Interested forest owners can contact Isaac at isaacm1231@gmail.com.

Submitted by

Frank Catanzarite – NAC Chair

For additional information regarding Golden Winged Warbler:

https://gwwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/GWWA-GLRegionalGuide_190711.pdf



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Claire Mann outlines the specific needs of the Golden Wing Warbler and how multiple organizations have joined efforts to reach this objective.

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The importance of having a mature forest stand in the proximity is discussed with the 25 event participants. Join us at August 23rd at Uihlein to see how to balance multiple objectives in your forest!



Bird-friendly Maple Woods Walk – Uihlein Maple Research Forest

Join the New York Forest Owners Association (NYFOA), Audubon New York, and Cornell's Uihlein Maple Research Forest for a *Woods Walk Workshop* focused on the **Audubon Bird-Friendly Maple Program**.

Through the Bird-friendly Maple program Audubon partners with maple producers to enhance sugarbush habitat for forest birds—supporting bird conservation while maintaining productive maple operations. Recognized Bird-Friendly Maple producers commit to managing their forests in ways that improve habitat conditions for priority bird species, without compromising syrup production.

During this workshop, we will tour Cornell's Uihlein Maple Research Forest—an officially recognized Bird-Friendly Maple site—and explore how forest management practices can benefit both birds and maple producers. While the event is geared toward maple producers, forest landowners and managers who do not produce syrup will also gain valuable insights into habitat-friendly forest stewardship.

Date: **Saturday, August 23rd**

Location: **Uihlein Maple Research Forest, 157 Bear Cub Lane, Lake Placid NY**

Coordinates: **44.255226, -73.983168**

Restroom: **Indoor facilities on site**

Event Schedule

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| 9:30am | Check In: Maple Coffee & Pastries |
| 10:00am | Welcome: NYFOA introductions and membership talk -
Audubon/Cornell Introductions: Claire/Adam |
| 10:10am | Uihlein Maple Research Forest Overview: Review history of site and discuss work that Cornell does there |
| 10:25am | Bird-friendly Maple Program Overview: Review Audubon as an organization and give a overview of the bird-friendly maple program |
| 10:30: | Forest Bird Population Trends: Review bird population trends highlight threats to forest breeding birds. |
| 10:45am | Stand Characteristics in the Sugarbush: Highlight stand conditions that program aims to achieve <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stand Level<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Vertical Structural Diversity○ Species Diversity○ Softwood Inclusions○ Snags and Cavity Trees○ Downed Woody Material○ Leaf Litter |
| 11:30pm | How to become a recognized producer: Review process for enrolling in program |
| 11:45pm | Wrap up and Q&A |
| 12:00pm | Program Ends |

Registration: Space is limited to 40 participants, pre-registration is required

To Register Contact: Scott Bonno Email: glenmeal@yahoo.com Phone: 315-854-7788

Currans Renewable Energy Pellet Mill Tour

The Curran Difference - We are a family-owned and operated group of companies with over 40 years of experience in the forest harvesting industry. We produce premium wood products like wood fuel pellets, BBQ pellets, and cedar mulch from locally and sustainably harvested timber sourced in the North Country.

Our History - With only a few chainsaws, one used logging truck, and a doodle-bug built to operate as a skidder, Patrick Curran and his brothers started a family logging business in Massena, NY, in 1976. Curran Logging, Inc. came together in 1984, and Seaway Timber Harvesting, Inc followed in 1990. The companies are owned and operated by brothers Pat, Tim, and Lee. Other family members have worked for the company from its early days, and some continue today, along with over 100 dedicated employees.

Vertical Integration - Seaway Timber Harvesting and Curran Logging harvest timber for paper and board plants in NY, Ontario, and Quebec, Canada. Due to changes in paper market demands, Curran looked to opportunities in the biomass industry to keep hardworking North Country locals employed. Seaway Timber's history and expertise paved the way for the establishment of Curran Renewable Energy, LLC in 2009. Curran Renewable Energy produces Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI) certified - premium grade wood pellet fuel. CRE purchases the necessary feedstock from our sister company, Seaway Timber Harvesting, to manufacture our pellets. This relationship allows CRE to control the supply, wood species, and the parts of the trees that end up in the products, giving higher quality wood pellets to meet the demands of our customers.

The Future of Biomass - Curran Renewable Energy has been producing renewable biofuel for 14 years. We at CRE are proud of our products because they come from our backyard. Stewardship of the land drives Seaway Timber Harvesting, Curran Logging, and Curran Renewable Energy to be innovative leaders in harvesting and manufacturing forest products today.

Date: **Saturday, September 6th**

Location: **Currans Renewable Energy Pellet Mill, 20 Commerce Drive, Massena, NY 13662**

Restroom: **Indoor facilities on site**

Event Schedule

8:45am **Registration**

9:00am **Tour Begins**

12 noon **Tour Concludes**

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Content from website of our Event Host: www.curranpellets.com/

June 2025 Events in Pictures



Frank Addresses the group at Black Ash Walk



Upland View into the Black Ash Stand



DEC Forester Steven Sherwood ankle deep in Black Ash Habitat while NAC members take a closer look



Trailside Learning Center at Redwood Hill Reserve

Welcome New NAC Members

Paul Roux – Baldwinsville, NY **Isaac Matlock** – Watertown, NY

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