

Executive Director’s Corner



Dear Friends,

We are having a terrific Heron Watch season with 5 nests with chicks on the island opposite the Boathouse and one nest with 3 chicks around the corner on the island with a dead tree and a healthy tree.

Our field trips for Families and Beginning Adults and Teenagers have taken off! We have two Saturdays left so please do come visit the Observation Site at the Boathouse and see the chicks. Also, we have 2 Saturdays left to sign up for Field trips for Families or Beginning Birding for Adults and Teenagers. Visit our website to sign up!

Our two interns Avery and Colette graduate on May 17th. Our June Newsletter is primarily devoted to their projects and training during the eight Saturdays of the Youth Internship Program.

We have now scheduled our Field Trips for the Summer- pls. see page 3 for dates and locations!

One sad note- due to unforeseen circumstances, we have postponed our 25th Anniversary Celebration that was scheduled for May 20th to a new date in the Fall. Stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you at Heron Watch and our upcoming field trips!

Please contribute to our Spring Campaign for our free Heron Watch program and Field Trips!

Best regards,

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Beginning Birding for Adults-leaders Chris, Elaine seated on bench, Poonam standing in middle. - SFNE



Adult birders at top of Strawberry Hill learn about the fate of Sweeny's Observatory- Chris, leader 2nd from left, Elaine -co leader, at far right -May 3, 2025 courtesy SFNEi

Checking the Waterfall for bathing hummingbirds



Heron Watch

Two Saturdays left to view the herons and chicks through our Spotting Scopes from 10-1pm: May 10 & May 17. Field trips for families with children 5-12 still open. Beginning birding for Adults and Teenagers still open. Check our website under Field Trips.



Two heron chicks in nest at Boathouse - courtesy Ian Reid

White-fronted Goose at Blue Heron Lake - Dan Seiden



Six new Mallard ducklings - Dan Seiden



Heron chick (with mohawk) with parents - courtesy Ian Reid

Ruddy Duck in breeding plumage



Upcoming Field Trips

Birding for Families & Children
ages 5 - 12

Binoculars loaned as available to participants
Don't forget water and snacks.

Adults: \$20
Children 5 - 12: \$5

Advance registration required.
Book your spot at sfnature.org
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13 & up
Beginners

Beginning Birding for Adults and Teenagers

Binoculars loaned as available to all participants. Don't forget water and snacks.

Adults: \$20.
Teenagers: \$10.

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