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New York City Audubon is a grassroots community that works for the protection of wild birds and habitat in the five boroughs, improving the quality of life for all New Yorkers.



Message from the President *Bird's-Eye View*

New York City Audubon has always valued the bird's-eye view. In a city of canyons and subways, where it can be hard to see the sky, this perspective is expansive and allows us to see the opportunities that might be missed by more myopic views.

This year, the NYC Audubon perspective informed some major changes in the city. Working with partners in Lights Out NY, we inspired building owners to turn off their decorative lights during spring and fall migration. We also advocated successfully for legislation to develop a task force to review all city-owned wetlands and recommend which properties should be turned over to the Parks Department for protection.

It is clear the bird's eye view is catching on. The NYC Audubon community continues to expand: membership grew and so did the number of volunteers who actively participated in projects like the Christmas Bird Count, Project Safe Flight, and Harbor Herons. Supporters of NYC Audubon made remarkably generous contributions of time and money, as you can see in the list of donors in this report.



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NYC Audubon's perspective is making a difference for the city's birds and natural areas and it will continue to make a difference because of your support. Thank You.

Peter Rhoades Mott
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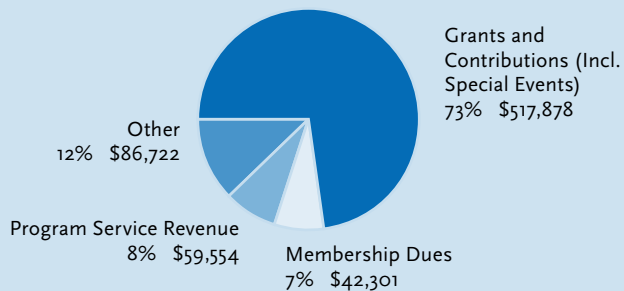
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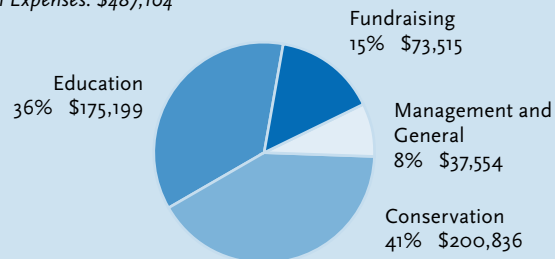
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Total Support and Revenue: \$706,455



Expense

Total Expenses: \$487,104



End of Year Net Asset Balance: \$923,225

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Wetlands are essential bird habitat – but many of the city's remaining wetlands are unprotected. NYC Audubon worked closely with Council Member James Gennaro to draft a bill requiring the creation of a task force to study the feasibility of transferring city-owned wetlands to the protection of the Parks Department. The Mayor signed this bill into law and City Council appointed NYC Audubon to the task force.

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Over the course of the summer, NYC Audubon staff and volunteers used the Fujifilm blimp to track several egrets as they flew from their colonies to foraging sites in the Harbor region. The longest flight was registered by an egret that left its nest on Hoffman Island to fly 15 miles out to the wetlands at Nevasink River in New Jersey.

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City lights attract birds – sometimes with deadly results. Working with the City and other real estate partners, NYC Audubon launched Lights Out NY. Buildings in the program committed to turning off their lights at midnight during the peak of spring and fall migration. Lights Out NY reduced bird collisions and energy bills for building owners.

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