



Biennial Report

2018 - 2019



Yellow-billed Cuckoo - Photography by Joe Sebastiani

Our Vision and Mission

Delaware Nature Society envisions a healthy and sustainable environment. Our mission is to connect people with the natural world to improve our environment through education, conservation, and advocacy.

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In the last two years, we honored the retirement of several beloved staff members at Delaware Nature Society. Their significant impact on our organization has left an indelible mark, and we will be forever grateful for their dedication, creativity, leadership and support:

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Judy Montgomery (27 years)

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Welcome and Thank You

Thank you for your commitment to Delaware Nature Society (DeNature). We are pleased to share the 2018-2019 Biennial Report which highlights our achievements these last two years made possible with your support. Founded in 1964, we continue our focus to educate, conserve and advocate to protect and improve the environment, reaching tens of thousands of individuals and families each year. As of the writing of this report (July, 2020), we acknowledge the extraordinary circumstances in which we're living. From a global pandemic, to the economic challenges and social, racial and cultural inequities, it's fair to say the past few months have been like no other in recent memory. At this difficult time we believe our work remains as vital today as ever. Nature remains a respite during these difficult times and an important teacher, reminding us to honor our connection to each other and every living thing on this planet as essential to our survival.

Our country is having a long overdue reckoning about systemic racism.

We recognize that environmental non-profits have traditionally not been as inclusive or welcoming as we should have been. We are expanding our work to ensure that diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion are interwoven into all that we do. We are challenging ourselves to ask how we can do more to make certain that all people have access to clean water, healthy food, parks, natural areas, and open space, while striving to ensure diverse voices in our community are heard. Outdoor recreational spaces and environmental policy are not exempt from the racism and inequality that is perpetuated throughout the nation, and as a leader in environmental work in our region, we are compelled to take action in this important movement.

As a donor, supporter, member, volunteer and friend of DeNature, we welcome your input and involvement as, together, we evolve to meet the needs of our community. We hope you will continue to be inspired by our vision to create healthy, sustainable communities.

Coverdale Farm Preserve CSA Fields - Photography by Christi Leeson

3-6 acres converted to biointensive organic growing methods

Bird Conservation and Research

DelNature's conservation land management ensures the protection of native habitats and preserves biodiversity and places where wildlife can thrive. In recent years, numerous studies have reported that many North American birds are experiencing a steady or sometimes drastic decline. One of the most common reasons is due to the loss or degradation of their habitat. DelNature is actively involved in habitat restoration at several of the sites we own or manage.

Through our ongoing Bird Conservation and Research program, we are ensuring our practices are based in science and protect biodiversity. Helping to make this possible is Dr. Ian Stewart, our staff ornithologist, and six volunteers. Collectively they banded 1,460 birds of approximately 50 species in 2018 and 2019. New species banded for the project were Marsh Wren, Mourning Warbler, Northern Mockingbird, Scarlet Tanager, Blackpoll and Tennessee Warblers. Bird banding helps scientists track individual birds and their movements.

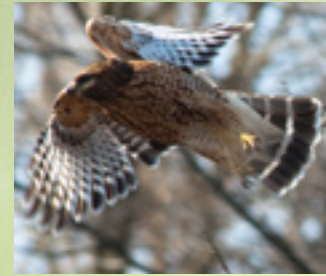
Regional Bird Conservation Partnerships

In 2018, Dr. Stewart helped researchers from Willistown Conservation Trust place transmitters on eight Wood Thrushes at Bucktoe Creek Preserve to collect data on the migration and survival of this near-threatened species using the Motus Wildlife Tracking System Network of bird detecting stations spread across the continent. The Motus System is a collaborative research network that uses coordinated automated radio telemetry arrays to study wildlife movements. Wood Thrushes spend the winter in Central America and one of these same tagged birds was detected at Bucktoe Creek Preserve on May 10, 2020! In addition, the Bucktoe Creek Motus station detected 33 birds tagged birds in 2018 and another 52 in 2019, including 3 Rusty Blackbirds, a rapidly declining species.

In 2019, Dr. Stewart began conducting bird surveys in 3 meadows in the agricultural lands and 3 meadows in the natural areas at Coverdale Farm Preserve. This aims to compare biodiversity in our fields that use regenerative agriculture methods with the preserve lands. Dr. Stewart started bird counts and banding, documenting several species of conservation concern that use these habitats during

**1,400+ birds banded
for research at our
properties**

Red-shouldered Hawk - Photography by Harold A. Davis
Young Mourning Warbler - Photography by Ian Stewart



migration, such as Eastern Meadowlarks. His work continued into summer where he confirmed breeding by several species including Red-winged Blackbirds, Common Yellowthroats and Field Sparrows, a declining species of conservation concern. Most of these breeding birds were found in the natural areas as these remain un-mowed to allow birds to breed successfully.

The counts continued into fall where he found significant numbers of sparrows and insect-eating birds such as Palm Warblers and Ruby-crowned Kinglets in the meadows of the natural areas. These meadows were not mowed until the following spring which provided an excellent resource for these birds to feed and shelter during the winter months. This research highlighted the bird diversity found throughout Coverdale Farm Preserve and illustrated the value of preserving meadow habitat year-round. This comparative meadow field study work will continue throughout 2020.

Nest Watch and Ashland Hawk Watch

Through our Nest Watch program, in 2018 a remarkable total of 753 young birds fledged and were mostly Tree Swallows, House Wrens, and Eastern Bluebirds. The network of over 200 nest boxes spread across our properties are monitored weekly by a team of dedicated volunteers. The data is shared with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Nest Watch to study the current condition of breeding bird populations and how they may be changing over time as a result of climate change, habitat degradation and loss, expansion of urban areas, and the introduction of non-native plants and animals.

For more than a decade, the Ashland Hawk Watch continues to provide important data about bird migration. In 2018-2019, more than 100 volunteers helped as spotters and data recorders for a combined 1,700 hours. A total of 27,813 migrant raptors were counted including fourteen raptor species such as Sharp-shinned Hawks and American Kestrels.

The Bird Conservation and Research Program is made possible through the funding, generous support and numerous partnerships including: Starrett Foundation, The Brokaw Family, Shrieking Meadow Foundation, Delaware Ornithological Society, Bird Watcher's Digest, Longwood Gardens, and individual donors.



Photograph: Wood Thrush Singing

Coverdale Farm Preserve ~ Growing Forward with Nature

Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation

~4,300 pounds of Thanksgiving turkey produced by conventional and heritage pasture-raised turkeys

Flowering Meadow in Coverdale Farm Preserve's Burrow's Run
Photography by Christi Leeson

Since 2018, DeINature began Phase 1 of the implementation of our Coverdale Master Plan with a vision to build an integrated regenerative farm that works with nature to improve soil health, protect water and critical wildlife habitat all while producing healthy food for our community.

In the fall of 2018, DeINature completed a Business Plan. Then, in summer of 2019, we completed an Operations Plan with consultant, Ground Plan Studio, laying the foundation for the implementation priorities of Phase 1.

Coverdale Master Plan Phase 1 Implementation projects and priorities:

- Capital and Infrastructure Improvements to the Grazing Program
- Converting the Vegetable Production Fields to Biointensive Organic Methods
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- Capacity Building – Hiring and Training New Farmers in Regenerative Farming Methods

The 2019 growing season instituted new farming processes and systems that were not without challenges. The 6-acre CSA fields, which have been consistently farmed for the last 10 years, needed soil remediation and, in some instances, complete rest. Some fields were transitioned to nutrient-dense cover crop, while others were remediated with hand-working organic compost, and new tractor-less farming methods. After a visit by JM Fortier, author of *The Market Gardener*, the farm team enrolled in Fortier's online course for organic farmers,

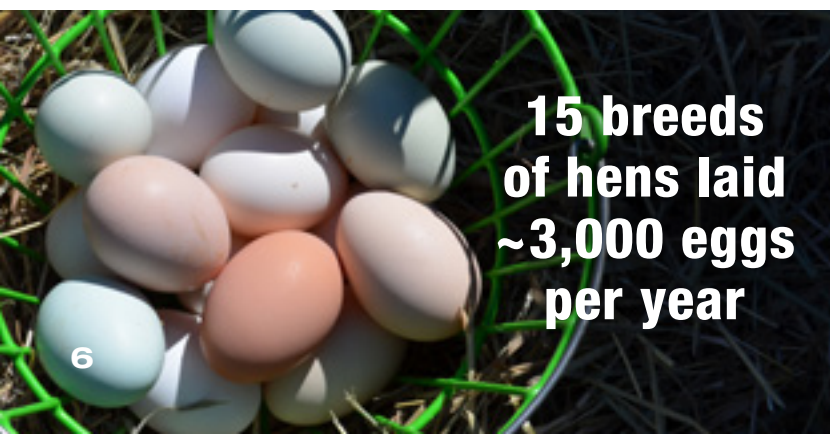
The Market Gardener's Masterclass. Extensive farm plans were made and input into a new agricultural software project management system called TEND.

Integrating new organic growing methods, hiring a new lead Vegetable Farmer, and training all farm staff in these methods made 2019 an important transition year. It also marked an important milestone; adherence to our new business and operations strategies, planting plans, and economic drivers that could be tracked and evaluated through TEND software. These updates

ensured that the 2020 growing season would have a strong foundation for success.

In July of 2019, Coverdale Farm Preserve also began to advance the pasture grazing program with the installation of perimeter fencing along the pasture fields identified in the Coverdale Master Plan. Approximately 9,475 feet of perimeter fence was installed.

Approximately 60 acres of grazing pasture were enrolled in the New Castle County Conservation District's Winter Cover Crop Program. This seeding of forage (Continued on page 8)



15 breeds of hens laid ~3,000 eggs per year



60 acres of fenced pasture for cattle, hens, goats, sheep, and turkeys to graze and forage



35,000 pounds of produce at Coverdale Farm Preserve's CSA

Growing Forward with Nature (Continued from page 7)

radish, crimson clover, and cereal rye aids in controlling weeds, decreasing soil erosion, fixing nitrogen into the soil, breaking up soil compaction, increasing plant diversity, and creating a nutrient-dense green manure.

We are further advancing our vegetable production through construction of a new Agriculture Education Building that will serve as the hub of our growing operations and farmer education with the goal of extending the growing season in 2020.

Funding for the Coverdale Farm Preserve Master Plan Implementation Projects has been made possible by the generosity of foundations, corporations, and individual donors including: Crystal Trust, Longwood Foundation, Welfare Foundation, Marmot Foundation, Patagonia, Corteva, NextEra, Harvest Market, Calvert Retail, Brinsfield Family Foundation, Allen Marsha Barnett, Francis Bayard, Hank & Mary Davis, Margaretta Frederick & Michael Martin, Barbara Greenewalt, Dr. H. Theodore Harcke, Bill & Melinda Hardie, and June Robbins.

Land & Biodiversity Management in Coverdale Farm Preserve

- Two pair of American Kestrels are nesting in boxes this spring and each pair has produced five eggs. Two of these adults were banded last year at nearby Mt Cuba Center. The eggs and nestlings will be monitored by staff and volunteers until fledging.
- Controlled burns were performed. Our fall burn was used as a field study for fire school students.
- A 7-acre native meadow was installed in 2019, providing improved habitat for meadow nesting birds.
- 100 cedar trees were planted within our Red Cedar Grove which is a great habitat for owls. Two Long-eared Owls were found in the grove this past winter.

“Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature, it will never fail you.”
~ Frank Lloyd Wright

- A grove of invasive alien Ailanthus trees was removed to reduce the food source of invasive Spotted Lanternflies.
- A large American Chestnut tree was discovered in fall, 2019. The tree’s DNA will be analyzed to determine if the tree is 100% American Chestnut or if it is an American and Chinese Chestnut hybrid.
- Sandhill Crane and Summer Tanager migrated through this year increasing the total bird species list for Coverdale Farm Preserve to 190.

Celebrating 10 Years of DuPont Environmental Education Center

All photography on this page by Hank A. Davis except ariel shot

Wilmington Riverfront Vision

DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC) is a key part of the realization of the Riverfront Development Corporation of Delaware’s (RDC) vision of a thriving and revitalized riverfront.

Since 1996, RDC has worked to transform the Wilmington Riverfront from an industrial wasteland along the Christina River into a thriving destination rich in history and filled with recreational, cultural, and culinary attractions.

As part of this transformation, RDC worked with Delaware Fish and Wildlife to restore the wildlife refuge named for former Governor Russell W. Peterson, environmental activist. The wildlife refuge is a 212-acre urban, freshwater tidal marsh.

At the centerpiece of the refuge is DEEC, which celebrated its 10-year anniversary in 2019. It was built by RDC and operates under a partnership with DelNature.

DEEC engages 40,000-50,000 visitors annually and offers panoramic views and a ¼ mile accessible pond loop and serves as a popular trailhead of the Jack Markell (JAM) Trail. The JAM trail, a scenic walkable, bikeable trail connecting the Wilmington riverfront to New Castle, Delaware, allows the public greater access to outdoors and

recreation and enhances our ability to engage the local community with nature through programs like RENEW (Reaching and Engaging Through Nature to Empower Wilmington).

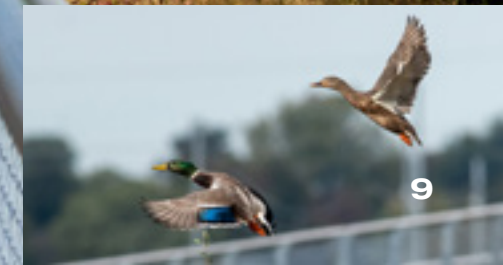
RENEW Program

RENEW works with youth to increase their connection to the outdoors and awareness of environmental health, improve understanding of careers available, and develop job and career readiness skills. Through afterschool clubs, internships and summer programs,

RENEW introduces youth to natural spaces, environmental issues, hands-on environmental work and career skills that help participants learn the relationships between healthy water, healthy land, healthy food and healthy living.

We worked with committed program partners to make RENEW a success including H. Fletcher Brown Boys and Girls Club, Kingswood Community Center, Wilmington Parks and Recreation, Hicks Anderson Community Center, Delaware Futures, and Neighborhood House.

DEEC’s activities have been enhanced by its involvement in the Alliance for Watershed Education (AWE) of the Delaware River. AWE shares a mission to collectively increase and enhance constituent appreciation, knowledge, (Continued on page 10)



Celebrating DuPont Environmental Education Center (Continued from page 9)

and stewardship of the Delaware River Watershed. Support from the Alliance brought about the development of the highly popular NatureMobile, River Days, and Watershed Fellowship. The Watershed Fellowship provides critical support for outdoor engagement on the Wilmington Riverfront and is helping to create a new youth development program for 2020 based in Southbridge called Trail Ambassadors.

DEEC and the marsh trails are open year-round from dawn to dusk.

Visit DelNature.org/DEEC to learn more.

Celebration

In the fall of 2019, DelNature, along with RDC, celebrated DEEC's 10-year anniversary.

In addition to a fun run, crafts, music, and canoeing, the Delaware Division of Natural Resources and Environmental Control unveiled a new upland trail system in the Russell Peterson Urban Wildlife Refuge. The ribbon cutting occurred just 1 year after opening the Jack Markell Trail.

DEEC 10 Year Anniversary Funders: Artesian Water, Dogfish Head, DuPont Corporation, EDiS Company, RK&K, and Pike Creek Valley Running Club.

Programs at DEEC are provided by the generous funding of numerous partners, foundations and corporations including: Riverfront Development Corporation, Chichester du Pont Foundation, DuPont, BlackRock, SL Gimbel Foundation, William Penn Foundation, Chemours, and individual donors.



Photography by Nicholas Tonelli

Advocate for Nature

DelNature advocates on wildlife and habitats, land conservation, clean water, renewable energy sources, climate change, and protection of our region's natural resources.

DelNature's advocacy work in 2018 – 2019 remained as strong and impactful as ever. We worked extensively with state legislators, DNREC, New Castle County and the congressional delegation on a variety of environmental issues.

We successfully advocated for millions of dollars in State funding for Clean Water,

open space, and farmland preservation. DelNature also became more active in county and local environmental and land use policy. We worked with 3,000 water warriors, added climate change as one of our priority issues, and fought for the passage of the successful state plastic bag ban.

At our Clean Water Rallies, more than 300 Water Warriors and Clean Water Alliance members flooded Legislative Hall in blue in support of Clean Water Funding

To learn more, email us at Advocacy@DelNature.org.

Slaughter Beach Boardwalk & Delaware Bayshore

Since 1981, DelNature has engaged Delmarva students, families, and adults in hands-on experiential field studies at Slaughter Beach, with over 2,800 participants in 2018-2019. The abundance of fledgling Osprey, spawning Atlantic Horseshoe Crabs, foraging Saltmarsh Sparrows, and nesting Diamondback Terrapins are a welcome sight to the visitors to the nearby 110-acre Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve in Slaughter Beach, DE. Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve, established in 1989 when the property was donated to DelNature by the Marvel Family, is a pristine saltmarsh landscape that enriches the scenic nature of the Town of Slaughter Beach and serves as a natural flood buffer for the Bayshore Byway community.

Introducing the Slaughter Beach Board Walk and Observation Deck

In April, 2019, DelNature celebrated the opening of the Slaughter Beach Board Walk and Observation Deck. Made possible through partnership, support and funding from Delaware Department of Transportation, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Dogfish Head Craft Brewery, Delaware Ornithological Society, Milford Lions Club 22-3, the Marvel Family and the Town of Slaughter Beach, the new boardwalk offers exceptional access for birders, tourists, school children, and

the public to view wildlife habitats in Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve. Previously, the marshlands were only accessible through a small collection of wooden pallets that left shoes muddy and curiosities unanswered.

A Hotspot for Migratory Shorebirds and Spawning Horseshoe Crabs

Perhaps the largest draw to Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve is the globally significant convergence of migratory shorebirds and spawning horseshoe crabs that occurs every spring at the mouth of the Mispillion and Cedar Creek Rivers. This group of long-distance migratory shorebirds, including Rufa Red Knots, Ruddy Turnstone, Sanderling, and Semipalmated Sandpipers, migrate from their wintering grounds as far south as the tip of South America to their summer nesting grounds in the Canadian Arctic and back, with some traveling as many as 5,000 non-stop miles during their journey. Their mid-point layover in the Delaware Bay coincides with the mid-May to early-June horseshoe crab spawning, during which a single female crab can lay up to 100,000 eggs at a time. The shorebirds rejuvenate and feast for about 2 weeks, devouring double their body weight in eggs before heading north to the Arctic.

Abbott's Mill, Marvel Saltmarsh Preserve, and Slaughter Beach Boardwalk are open year-round from dawn – dusk.

More at DelNature.org/MarvelSaltmarsh

Honor Roll list of Donors

We extend sincere thanks to our many friends and donors whose combined commitment and loyalty make possible Delaware Nature Society's ongoing work to connect people with nature and improve the environment through our mission through education, conservation, and advocacy. The following contributions reflect donations received by Delaware Nature Society in Fiscal Year 2018 (January 1 through December 31, 2018) and Fiscal Year 2019 (January 1 through December 31, 2019).

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of these listings. If there is any omission or a misspelling, please excuse our error and contact Joanne McGeoch, Chief Development Officer & Deputy Executive Director at (302) 239-2334 to update our records.

Endowment Gifts

Endowment Gifts are planned gifts that provide perpetual annual support for DelNature's education programs, conservation stewardship, and advocacy initiatives. The following are endowment gifts received between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019.

The Estate of Virginia Merryman
The Estate of Robin C. Ruth
The Estate of Edward Eugene Wilson

Monarch Legacy Society

The Monarch Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have made long-term provisions for DelNature through an estate planning arrangement. All known members of the Monarch Legacy Society are listed. If you have intentions to plan an estate gift or would like more information, please contact Joanne McGeoch at JMcGeoch@DelNature.org.

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Abbott's Mill Nature Center in Sussex County, DE, hosts a series of friend- and fund-raising events. The following donors were event or table sponsors.

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Bird Conservation & Research

DelNature's Bird Conservation & Research Program is comprised of on-going bird banding studies of the Red Clay Valley conducted by staff ornithologist Dr. Ian Stewart which includes bird hikes, bird counts, and the banding of nesting and migratory birds.

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Clean Water Campaign

DelNature, along with our collaborators Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and Center for Inland Bays, has been running a statewide clean water campaign to ensure sustainable governmental funding and citizen outreach and education.

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Coverdale Farm Preserve Master Plan

DelNature is executing Phase I of the Coverdale Farm Master Plan which will expand our regenerative farming practices.

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DEEC 10th Anniversary

DuPont Environmental Education Center (DEEC) located at the Russell Peterson Wildlife Refuge in Wilmington is owned by the Riverfront Development Corporation and works in partnership with DelNature. DEEC's tenth anniversary was celebrated in the Fall of 2019.

Artesian Water
Dogfish Head
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Farm to Fork is Delaware Nature Society's premier fundraising event. Donors reflect event or table sponsors at Farm to Fork.

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Reaching & Engaging with Nature to Empower Wilmington (RENEW) Program

RENEW is a community engagement program focused on connecting Wilmington youth and their families to

nature to improve their quality of life and the environment.

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Gifts received during FY 2019, January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

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Guardians provide leadership support of \$1,000 or more to advance organizational priorities in fulfillment of our mission.

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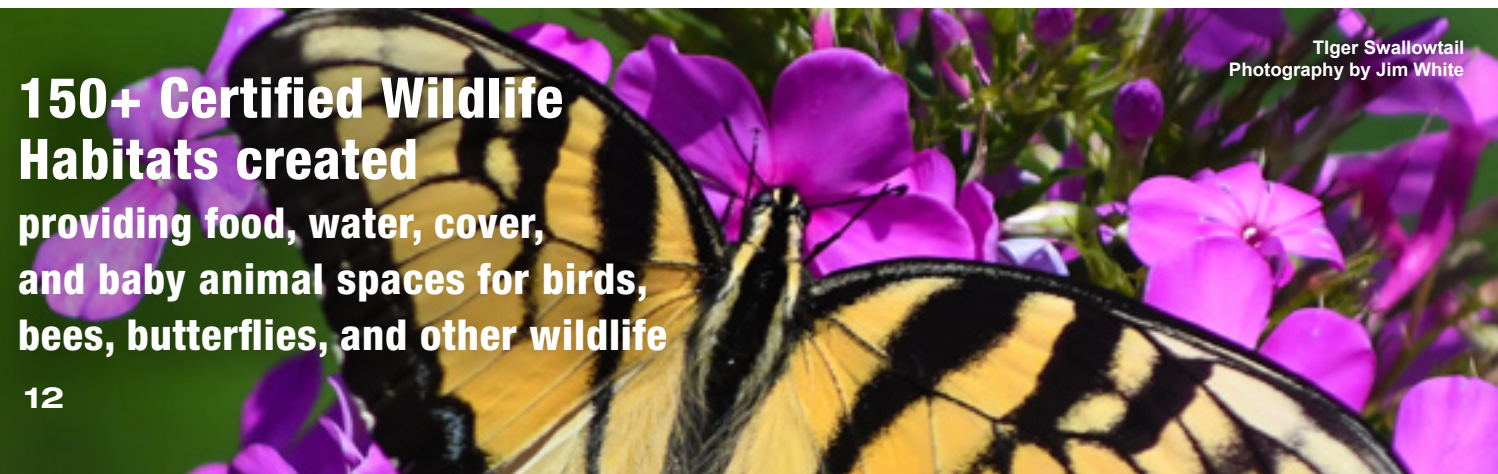
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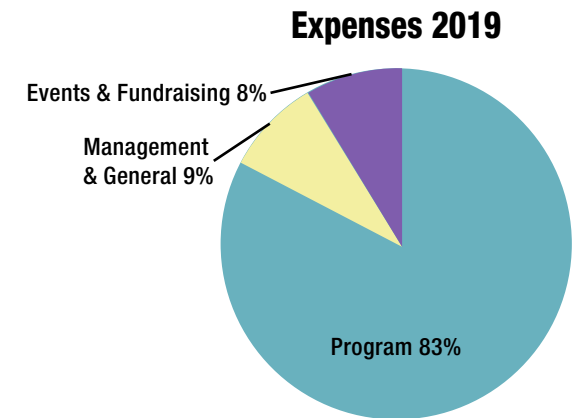
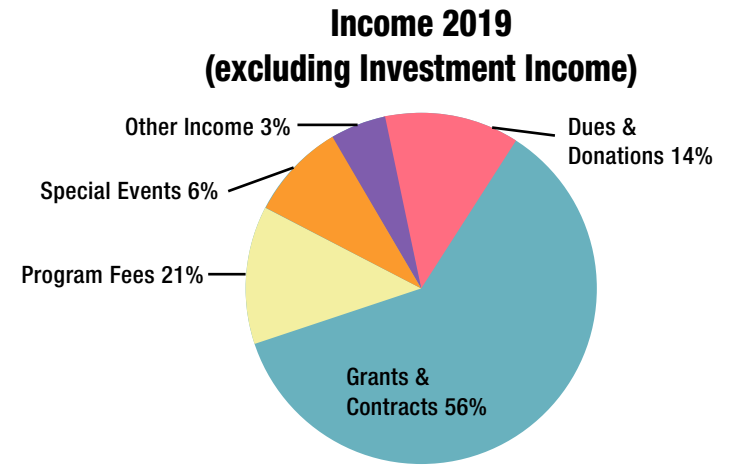
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	2019*	2018
Support & Revenue*		
Dues & Donations	551,197	527,299
Grants & Contracts	2,104,939	980,582
Program Fees	786,868	758,069
Special Events	221,136	198,278
Other Income	106,572	64,914
Investment Income (Includes Unrealized Gains/Losses)	3,694,420	(1,157,734)
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	7,465,132	1,371,408
Expenses		
Program	3,528,158	3,790,317
Management & General	368,547	491,040
Fundraising & Events	349,580	234,893
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,246,285	4,516,250
Change in Net Assets	3,218,847	(3,144,842)
Net Assets, beginning of year	44,205,026	47,349,868
Net Assets, end of year	47,423,873	44,205,026
Assets, Liabilities, & Net Asset Summary		
Cash & cash equivalents	719,266	1,366,108
Marketable securities	21,489,244	17,911,967
Accounts & grants receivable	1,306,155	1,076,067
Prepaid expenses	40,737	67,977
Property & equipment, net	23,976,010	23,885,986
TOTAL ASSETS	47,531,412	44,308,105
Total Liabilities	107,539	103,079
Total Net Assets	47,423,873	44,205,026
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	47,531,412	44,308,105



* Support not reflected above: Appropriation of Endowment Assets for Expenditure in 2019 was \$470,109 and in 2018 was \$655,540.
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