



Connecticut Ornithological Association

37th Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Virtual meeting hosted on ZOOM

- 10:00-10:55 Welcome and Business Meeting. Chris Loscalzo, COA President, will present a brief overview of the year's activities.
- CT Bird Atlas update
- Presentation of COA Awards
- Mabel Osgood Wright Award – presented to a person or persons in Connecticut who have made a significant contribution to the knowledge, study, and conservation of birds.
 - Betty Kleiner Award – honors the memory of Betty Kleiner, whose name is synonymous with *The Connecticut Warbler*, COA's flagship publication. The award recognizes a deserving author or artist in the field of ornithology.
 - President's Awards
 - COA Mini-grants Award – awarded annually to the applicant(s) whose project most benefits Connecticut birds.
 - Zepko Audubon Camp Scholarship – awarded annually to a young birding enthusiast through a written application process.
- Election of officers and board members.
- 10:55-11:00 INTERMISSION
- 11:00-12:00 **Keynote Speaker**
Scott Weidensaul – A World of Wings: Migratory Birds on a Changing Planet
- Even as scientists make astounding discoveries about the navigational and physiological feats that enable migratory birds to cross immense oceans or fly above the highest mountains, go weeks without sleep or remain in unbroken flight for months at a stretch, humans have brought many migrants to the brink. Based on his forthcoming book *A World On The Wing: The Global Odyssey of Migratory Birds*, author and researcher Scott Weidensaul takes you around the globe – with researchers in the lab probing the limits of what migrating birds can do, to the shores of the Yellow Sea in China, the remote mountains of northeastern India where tribal villages saved the greatest gathering of falcons on the planet, and the Mediterranean, where activists and police battle bird poachers – to learn how people are fighting to understand and save the world's great bird migrations.
- Scott Weidensaul is the author of nearly 30 books on natural history including the Pulitzer Prize finalist *Living on the Wind*, *Return to Wild America* and *The First Frontier*. Weidensaul is a contributing editor for *Audubon*, a columnist for *Bird Watcher's Digest* and writes for a variety of other publications, including *Living Bird*. He is also an active field researcher, studying saw-whet owl migration for more than two decades, as well as winter hummingbirds, bird migration in Alaska, and the winter movements of snowy owls through Project SNOWstorm, which he co-founded.
- 12:00-12:15 Questions and answers

ATTENDANCE REQUIRES ONLINE ACCESS AND PRIOR REGISTRATION!

Registration information will be sent to members via email and posted on the COA website in February

Registration fee is \$10.00 per membership (e.g. fee for individual or family memberships are both \$10)