

**Connecticut Ornithological Association**  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Saturday, March 24, 2018  
Chapman Hall, Middlesex Community College  
100 Training Hill Road, Middletown, CT

- 8:00-8:45 Registration/COA Marketplace – includes continental breakfast and Birds and Beans coffee, plus tea.
- 8:45-9:15 Welcome/Business Meeting. Stephen Broker, COA President, will present a brief overview of the year's activities, followed by election of officers and board members.
- 9:15-10:15 **Chris Elphick – Connecticut Bird Atlas**  
Chris Elphick is an Associate Professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Connecticut. He will discuss field work for the new Connecticut Bird Atlas project which begins in the spring 2018.
- 10:15-10:40 Presentation of COA Awards.
- Mabel Osgood Wright Award – presented annually 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.
  - 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.
- 10:40-11:10 Break – COA Marketplace – time to socialize, purchase COA Raffle tickets, and check out vendors' offerings of bird-related items.
- 11:15-12:15 **John Himmelman – Birds: Their Side of the Story.....**  
John Himmelman is an author, Illustrator, naturalist, and popular lecturer. John shares light-hearted stories of birds and bird watching. You'll be given a whole new look at the avian friends we so admire.
- 12:20-1:25 Lunch at Founders' Hall Cafeteria. Hot buffet lunch including a vegetarian option.
- 1:30-2:30 **Scott Weidensaul – Of a Feather: A (Brief) History of American Birding**  
Scott Weidensaul is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist "Living on the Wind," about bird migration. Based on his book "Of a Feather," this whirlwind history shows how ornithology and birding grew from eccentric hobbies into something so completely mainstream they're now (almost) cool.
- 2:45-3:30 COA Raffle – the ever popular Raffle concludes our day with many prizes including avian artwork and valuable birding equipment donated by generous artists, vendors, and friends of COA. Raffle tickets will be available throughout the day.

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