

**Birds for All**

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**Speakers:**

**Dr. Naamal De Silva- Chief Diversity Officer at ABC**

**Dr. J. Drew Lanham- author, poet, public speaker, and Alumni Distinguished Professor at Clemson University**

**Jaclyn Stallard- Curriculum Advisor and Network Lead, PLT, SFI Inc**

**Dr. Sidney Wade - poet, translator, and professor at the University of Florida**

**Kathy Abusow - President and CEO of SFI Inc**

**Mike Parr- President of the ABC**

**Highlights of the chat transcript:**

**Welcome!**

Danielle Beauford: Dani, Mile High Pines Camp, Angelus Oaks, CA

Donna Sherrill: Decatur, GA

Dan Pascucci: Dan Pascucci, Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest, Clermont, KY

Ana Ka'ahanui: Ana Ka'ahanui, CapitalNature.org, Burke, Virginia (outside DC)

Tara Happy: Tara Happy, Hollis NH - Hollis Primary School :)

Curtis Carman: Curtis Carman, The Parklands of Floyds Fork Louisville, KY

NAAEE Staff: Welcome to the webinar! We can't wait to learn from these incredible speakers. Please let us know your name and where you're from!

Heather Kordula: Heather - CT Audubon Society - Old Lyme

Mike Parr: Mike Parr, Washington, DC

Laura Branby: Laura Branby... Creek Connections, Allegheny College... I'm in the Pittsburgh area

Anne Swaim: Anne Swaim, Saw Mill River Audubon, Chappaqua, New York

Nancy Reppe: Nancy Reppe, Extension Program Coordinator 4-H DuPage County (Illinois)

Kerri Donohue: Fayetteville NC

Cynthia Madanski: Cynthia Madanski ~ Hawkins STEMM Academy in Toledo, Ohio

Keelyn Tougas: Hi my name is Keelyn. Living in Thunder Bay, Ontario!

Christopher Ziska: Chris, Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley, CA

Jen Moore: Jen Moore - PA Bureau of State Parks, Huntingdon, PA

Madeline Davis: Madeline Davis-University of Illinois Extension, Quincy, IL

Katie Sloan: Katie Sloan - Assateague Island National Seashore - Chincoteague VA

Lesley Newman: Lesley with Virginia Project Learning Tree in ... Virginia!

Brita Dempsey: Brita Dempsey, MA Envirothon, Holyoke Massachusetts

Sharon Burke: Sharon Burke representing myself Louisville KY

Christine Petersen: Christine Petersen, City of Minnetonka MN - Natural Resources

Eliezer Nieves: Eliezer Nieves from San Juan Bay Estuary, Puerto Rico

Rachel Kingsley: Rachel Kingsley with Maui Forest Bird Recovery Project in HI

Devin Guilfoyle: Devin, NH Audubon, Concord, NH

Makayla Norman: Wilkes, North Carolina

Sheila Webber: hi, Sheila Fort Collins Audubon Fort Collins, CO

Gina Sackman: Gina Sackman, Mansfield, Ohio OSU-Mansfield

Becky Stromfeld: Hello! My name is Becky Stromfeld, Wildlife Conservation Society, NYC

Sonia Nuss: Santa Rosa CA

Stephanie Sullivan: Stephanie - City Parks Foundation, NYC, OG. From RI!

Tish Roland: Tish Roland, University of Florida Extension, Naples, FL

Elise Cassie: Hi Everyone! Elise Cassie, Gainesville, FL

Pam Lyons Gromen: Pam Lyons-Gromen, Five Rivers MetroParks, Dayton, Ohio

Marty Wiggins: Marty Wiggins he/his NC Office of Environmental Education in Raleigh North Carolina

Rebecca Arnoldi: Rebecca from visit. And cape cod

Meghann Dawkins: Joe Budd Quincy Florida

Terrigeol Alexandre: Alexandre Terrigeol, Observatoire d'oiseaux de Tadoussac, Quebec, CA

Molly Gillespie: Hello! Molly Gillespie, Alaska Project Learning Tree Coordinator, joining from Ahtna Athabaskan land in interior Alaska

virginia holman: Virginia Holman, Wilmington, NC area

Ash Garcia Vasquez: Hello! Here from Idaho

Philip Witmer: Phil Witmer, Bird Town Pennsylvania in Philadelphia area

Rebecca Arnoldi: Boston and cape

Lavanya Selvam Alli: Lavanya Selvam Alli, Austin TX

Fran Howard: Fran Howard, Bird by Bird program, St. Paul, MN

Candice Holt: Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest in Clermont, KY

Michelle Sencibaugh: Michelle Sencibaugh, Teacher at Valley Park School District & Volunteer at World Bird Sanctuary, St. Louis, Missouri

Wren Smith: Wren Smith Bernheim Arboretum Clermont KY

Misty Murphy: Misty, North Carolina

Jaclyn Stallard, PLT/SFI: Aloha from Honolulu, Hawaii

Michelle Youngquist: Idaho Project Learning Tree

May Vang: Hello! May Vang from St. Paul, MN.

Angela rivera: Angela Rivera Madison, WI

Kelsey Griffin: Kelsey Griffin - Bell Museum at the University of Minnesota in Saint Paul, MN!

Amera Wild: Amera Wild

Esther Cowles: Hello to everyone and especially my PLT friends!! Joining you from central VT.

Monica Cooper: Monica Adelanto CA high desert proud public school teacher

Katie Antczak: Katie Antczak, Okefenokee Swamp Park & Adventures, Georgia

Amera Wild: Joplin, Missouri

Allison Sellitto: Allison Sellitto, Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve at Saint Vincent College,  
Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Stephanie Somerville: Steph - Cornell Lab of Ornithology K-12 Education in Ithaca, NY

Maria Betancourt: Maria - Fairfax County Park Authority in Fairfax, VA

Leslie Comnes: Leslie Comnes from Portland, OR

frankie zamora: Frankie Z Outward Bound Adventures Cali in the h@us! East LA

Maggie McBride: Hi! I'm Maggie! I'm the coordinator of the PLT Network over at SFI and I'm  
based out of Colorado :)

Kaitlynn Gootee: Kaitlynn Gootee, Frankfort, KY

James Locke: Greetings, James Locke, calling from Denver, NC

Faye Heilesen: Faye Heilesen Boise Idaho fsyes family daycsre

Roberta Hunter: Roberta Hunter Michigan State University

Breanna Kellogg: Breanna, naturalist interpreter for CA fish and wildlife

Jessica Schnell: Jessica Schnell, Black Rock Forest, Cornwall, NY.

Beth Garner: Beth Garner - PA State Parks, southcentral region

Janie Swift: Janie Swift, Worlds End State Park, Pennsylvania

Ricardo Lau: Ricardo Lau from Southern Brazil.

Basundhara Maji: Good evening! Basundhara from Germany.

Ash Garcia Vasquez: hi! I'm Ash with the Forest Service at the Sawtooth National Recreation  
Area in Idaho!

Kimberlyn Acevedo: Kim Acevedo, Staten Island, NY

Rachel Patton: Rachel with Bluegrass Greensource in Central Kentucky

Laura Langlois zurro: laura from central florida

NAAEE Staff: Hello all! What bird species can be found outside your window today? Is there  
anything you want to share about the bird's habitat or your own?

Amanda Bryant Brown: Illinois 4-H

Amy Burt: Amy Burt (she/her) Program Manager, Outdoor Experience with the Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England. Joining from Massachusetts!

Heather Kraus: Heather

Susie Frei: Susie - Hickman Charter School in California

Cyndi Chavez: Hi! Cyndi from CA Project Learning Tree

Lauren Knierim: Lauren Knierim, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, GA

Sarah Wolf: Sarah Wolf, Hendricks County Partnership for Water Quality, Indiana

Katrina Smith: Katrina joining from the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas Nevada

Paula Boothe: Paula Boothe Barstow California, BSA

Kimberly Winter: Kim Winter, NatureWatch National Program Leader, U.S. Forest Service, Washington DC

Patti Dugan-Henriksen: Patti Dugan-Henriksen, Groveton High School, Groveton, NH (Middle School Science Teacher)

Angela rivera: A Clark's Nutcracker has been in our park. Not even close to where they normally live!

Asha Shoffner: Asha (she/her) from Dakota homelands, currently called Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Angela rivera: WI

Melissa Breazile: Melissa in Ottawa, Ontario

Darlene Kehn: Darlene from Averill Park, NY

Lisa Bierer-Garrett: Lisa Garrett North Beach Nature Center, MD and president Prince Georges County Audubon Society

Roosevelt Robinson: Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Montgomery, Alabama)

Matt Felperin: yay ABC!

Sarah Sato: Sarah Sato from Landenberg, PA

Jessica Miller: Jessica from Rocky Mountain Raptor program in Fort Collins CO

Mer Mietzelfeld: Mer Mietzelfeld, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility in Northern, VA!

Kathy Abusow SFI/Project Learning Tree: Hi there, I am Kathy Abusow, with Sustainable Forestry Initiative/Project Learning Tree. I'm bringing the North to NAAEE, calling in from Ontario, the unceded traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg People.

Mandy Revak: Hi! Mandy from Pittsburgh, PA with Venture Outdoors :)

Lara Milligan: Lara Milligan from west-central Florida with UF/IFAS Extension :-)

Liz Virgl: Liz Virgl, Education Specialist for American Bird Conservancy TX

Jessica Miller: A different Jessica Miller in CO - Fountain Creek Nature Center

Janene Alleman: Hi! Janene, retired Science teacher, from Picabo, Idaho

Gretchen Engstrom: Gretchen Engstrom Minneapolis Parks

Hailey Levea: Hailey from Fort Wayne. Indiana - Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

Lara Milligan: love that quote

Clare Cunningham: Clare Cunningham with Manomet, Inc.

RaeAnn Nolander: WA state!

Steve Roels: Steve Roels, Kirtland's Warbler Program Director, American Bird Conservancy, based in Lowell, MI

Sarah Hooghuis (they/she) | Audubon Vermont: Sarah (they/she) Audubon Vermont in Huntington, VT

Clare Cunningham: Hi Lara!

Ashley Smith: Ashley Smith, Alabama PLT/SFI

Swapna Shepherd: Swapna Shepherd, Austin, Texas

Renee Strnad: Hello everyone from Durham NC!

Matt Felperin: Matt Felperin, NOVA Parks Roving Naturalist (VA) and park naturalist at Patuxent River Park (pgparks-MD) and visual storyteller through wildlife photography

Lara Milligan: Hi Clare! Hi Renee!

Ana Ka'ahanui: I saw Naamal's Facebook post about this event today!

Erin Dougherty: Erin Dougherty, public programs manager at Chanticleer a public garden in Wayne PA (outside Philly).

Jason Hall: Hello from In Color Birding Club in Philly.

Lisa Bierer-Garrett: Hi Matt

Tasha Simon: Tasha Simon, Alabama State Parks

Matt Felperin: \*Also ABC ambassador and board member of Patuxent Bird Club

Matt Felperin: Hi Lisa!

Erin Dougherty: @Jason Hall - in color birding - we want to host you at Chanticleer!

Tish Roland: I did not know my hand was up.

Ali Culhane: Ali Culhane, Fairfax County Public Schools, VA

Lara Milligan: ME!

Lara Milligan: everyone!

Nancy Reppe: serious birders are super strict

Tish Roland: A person that loves to watch birds.

Becky Stromfeld: Anyone can be a birder

Sharon Burke: Anyone interested!

### **What does birding mean to you?**

American Bird Conservancy: Tell us: What does the word "birding" mean to you? What about "birder"?

Molly Gillespie: A birder is anyone who notices birds!

Roosevelt Robinson: everyone

Janie Swift: anyone can be a birder

Gretchen Engstrom: someone who enjoys seeing and watching birds

Nancy Reppe: casual birders can be "chill"

Michelle Youngquist: Anyone who sees birds

Patti Dugan-Henriksen: I think of my grandmother who watched birds from her armchair by the window with many feeders in her yard!

Giovanna Reising: Birding always seemed like a hobby that people got into when they retire; but now people of all ages and walks of life are getting into it.

Ashley Smith: Everyone can be a birder! I LOVE learning the bird calls and seeing the birds in different stages of forest succession!

Gina Sackman: Noticing and appreciating the beauty and roles of birds

Jessica Miller: Yes - me and many people that visit my park! different from birdwatching - birders count and record species for their own records or perhaps eBird.

Renee Strnad: Noticing the birds around us - - may or may not know who they are, but at least seeing and observing them!

Ana Ka'ahanui: I love birds, love watching and listening to, photographing and sharing with others.

Laura Langlois zurro: is there a backyard birding curriculum for homeschoolers that someone knows about

frankie zamora: all who stop, look & listen

Lesley Newman: The flamingos brought in a lot of birders

Kirsi Johnson: Kirsi Johnson St. Lucie County (FL) Environmental Resources Dept 🙋

Jayne Strange: Anyone can be a birder - someone observing birds out in nature and connecting themselves to the world around them.

Kimberlyn Acevedo: Anyone who is interested in learning about birds and their behavior.

Alexandria Bishop: A birder is someone that appreciates what's going on in the background of our daily lives. Someone that recognizes the details that make life magical

Heather Kraus: I enjoy birds and going out to find them but I don't necessary think of myself as a bird. I've met true birders.

Mer Mietzelfeld: someone who spends time dedicated to observing birds

Matt Felperin: a wide spectrum of folks interesting in seeing and enjoying birds. Could be very passive and casual to borderline obsessive 😊

Janene Alleman: Birding is all about cultivating an appreciation for living things in nature!

Mike Parr: A friend told me that a good birder is someone who enjoys birds - a great birder is someone who enjoys birds a lot



Sharon Vorse-Yu: I am an inner-city teacher who is trying to turn some of my 9th graders into birders!

### **Dr. Naamal's story about bird habitats**

Matt Felperin: *Zizania aquatica* :-)

Kathy Abusow SFI/Project Learning Tree: I love this notion that anybody who enjoys birds is a birder....

Matt Felperin: shout out to Greg Kearns spearheading wild rice restoration efforts in the DMV and thanks to all those who have worked on these efforts!

Brantley Bissette: Congaree National Park in SC is one of the best!

American Bird Conservancy: What is one surprising thing that you have learned about the history of where you work or live?

Nancy Reppe: eagles are back!!

Angela rivera: Last Passenger Pigeon passed away in WI :(

Roberta Hunter: That sandhill cranes gather in such large numbers

Rebecca Arnoldi: I learned about the ponankanit of Wellfleet. We all hear about Wampanoag people and nauset but didn't know about the ponankanit

Anna Tobin: I learned that I live in the most diverse place in the continental United States to see raptors! We have over 30 species that live or migrate through here

Laura Langlois zurro: catbirds love coontie seeds. coonties were almost wiped out here in Florida but are now being used in home landscapes which is also feeding more catbirds

Devin Guilfoyle: Many of the roads between settlements Indigenous people built are now state highways!

Lesley Newman: that broad-winged hawks migrate in large groups called kettles

Patti Dugan-Henriksen: The alpine zone of NH's White Mountains is similar to the ecosystem at sea level 400 miles north of us.

Renee Strnad: My family is Czech, and my last name means "little bird" or "bunting"

Danielle Kulina: A town in the state I currently live now has a strong connection to the town my company that currently work for is located! In a complete different state!

Rita Delucco: Some species can sleep while flying

Tish Roland: I am by the Everglades in south Florida. I love to learn about the Miccosukee and Seminole Tribes. Their love of the land is amazing.

virginia holman: The dredge spoils along the lower Cape Fear River are important bird habitats. One spoil, called Battery Island, is an international IBA for white ibis.

Fran Howard: I live in a cold place that birds from farther north migrate to in the winter. I love to welcome our winter birds.

Tandin Wangdi: Greetings from the little Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan.

Siobhan Solkowski-Peacy: How birds and mice are using bison fur to line their nest since we have a herd of bison.

Sheila Webber: Birds have a strong sense of home place, coming back to their home places to nest and carry out their lives year after year.

Gina Sackman: Heron rockery on a local commuter route sharing nature's story daily,

Matt Felperin: I pass along the "rain crow" name of YBCU and love that name!

Michelle Sencibaugh: I volunteer at the World Bird Sanctuary in St. Louis, Missouri. It started as a rehab hospital for injured birds of prey and has grown to an important non-profit that has played a critical role in keeping some species from going extinct. The founder, Walter C. Crawford Jr., was mentored by Marlin Perkins from Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom who was responsible for bringing wildlife into the lives of children across the world in the 1960-1980s.

Judy Braus (she, her) NAAEE: Drew, you are amazing and we appreciate all you do for all of us! 💜

Fran Howard: I love your poems, Drew. I have one of your books (Sparrow Envy) and return to it often.

Matt Felperin: This is not new to me, but tying in with Naamal's wild rice story; a major reason why wild rice is disappearing from marshes where it once thrived is directly connected with resident (non-migratory) Canada Geese, which were introduced in the 1900s from the west. They chomp down on the annual plant as it grows in the spring, stunting its growth and preventing it from seeding. Fencing is in place along Jug Bay in the Patuxent River in order to keep the geese from feeding on it.

Janene Alleman: Hi Sharon Vorse-Yu! We used to take our 7th grade students on Bird Watching Field Trips. They loved it! I'd prep them with slides of local birds that we'd probably see, along with recorded bird calls from National Geographic. I made check lists

for them to check off the birds that they saw, and bird bingo cards for them to fill out while riding on the bus. It was a lot of fun and opened the kids eyes to the birds around them. I loved hearing comments like, "I've heard that bird call before, but didn't know what kind of bird it came from."

frankie zamora: I think of our bird relatives and how they too are impacted with human borders & war. What impact will these human destructive impacts have on them?

### **Dr. J. Drew Lanham's poetry reading**

NAAEE Staff: Beautiful, Drew. Thank you for sharing these lyrical words!

Judy Braus (she, her) NAAEE: We are grateful for you, Drew! :-)

Ana Ka'ahanui: Mahalo Drew! After hearing you speak several times I now follow you on Instagram and love your posts!

Kathy Abusow SFI/Project Learning Tree: Thank you Drew! Such wonderful words and so much to reflect upon. So important to meet people where they are!

Michelle Youngquist: Hi Janene Alleman and other Idaho peeps (bird pun intended). (Janene - it's been awhile! Congrats on your retirement.) We have a webpage with local resources to support the Together for Birds activities from PLT/ABC. Please share with your colleagues. <https://www.idahoforests.org/content-item/plt-featured-lessons/>

Renee Strnad: Awesome resource, Michelle!

Ana Ka'ahanui: <https://abcbirds.org/bird/iwi/>

Naamal De Silva: Thank you Ana - and aloha! Lovely to see you on here.

American Bird Conservancy: You can read about birds in Native American myths and legends: <http://native-languages.org/legends-bird.htm>

Janene Alleman: Hi Michelle! Thanks! I love retirement, but miss these creative activities. I'm going to use PLT activities with my granddaughter.

Ana Ka'ahanui: Mahalo nui loa Noah!

American Bird Conservancy: Check out Claudia's article "When Communities Lead the Way": <https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/when-communities-lead-the-way.htm>

Judy Braus (she, her) NAAEE: Thanks Noah and Claudia!!!

Ana Ka'ahanui: Reminder that you can save the chat by clicking the 3 dots in the upper right of the chat box. So much great info being shared!

**PLT and other resources**

Maria Betancourt: Hello! When 'purchasing' the free guide of activities on the PLT website, I'm required to provide a password to access the file. Does someone know what that is?

Megan Annis, PLT: It will be the same password you used to login to your account.

J. Drew Lanham: Thanks and congratulations to you Noah and Claudia! 🙌❤️ & 🐦 to all! Find my wandering work, creative words and wild bird loving life on IG @wildandincolor

Megan Annis, PLT: Find Project Learning Tree in your state:  
<https://www.plt.org/your-state-project-learning-tree-program/>

Renee Strnad:@Maria - It is password protected, so you will always have to enter your password when accessing the document. But it is the same as your account password.

Megan Annis, PLT: If you have one, please share a favorite PLT activity.

Stephanie Somerville: Love your materials!

Judy Braus (she, her) NAAEE: Congrats, Jackie and the entire PLT team! :-)

Jen Moore: Peppermint Beetle

Ashley Smith: So many good ones - hard to pick just one!!

Maggie Tucker: Maggie Tucker, W. C. Christian Academy,

Molly Gillespie: My favorite PLT activity is combining A Closer you Look with Trees as Habitats

Renee Strnad: Right Ashley - so hard to choose just one!

Lesley Newman: Renewable or Not. Because I love popcorn

Danielle Kulina: Web of Life is a classic that I have used across multiple grade levels and classroom settings, both formal and non-formal!

Sheila Webber: I used the "Jeop birdy" activity for Poudre River Fest

Michelle Sencibaugh: Requested! Thanks for sharing your IG name, Drew.

Megan Annis, PLT: Download your free copy of the "Together for Birds" activity collection:  
<https://www.plt.org/together-for-birds-activity-collection/>

American Bird Conservancy: Learn more about the book "Dawn Songs" and the authors' collaboration with ABC: <https://abcbirds.org/news/dawn-songs-abc-fellowship-program/>

Megan Annis, PLT: Get your copy of the “Journeys of Black Professionals in Green Careers” guide and access resources: <https://www.plt.org/journeys>

Sheila Webber: Thank you!! I'm excited to check it out!

Megan Annis, PLT: For other PLT resources, check out: <https://shop.plt.org/>,

NAAEE Staff: These are incredible resources and we are so appreciative of the dedication it took to create them. Now let's use them! 🙌

Lara Milligan: I'm trying to dual task :-O I downloaded the Birds for All for free, but now when i go to open the PDF it's asking for a password...is that my PLT login password?

J. Drew Lanham: 💕

Megan Annis, PLT: @Lara Milligan, yes your password to open is the same as your PLT login password :)

Lara Milligan: Phew, thanks! Got it :-)

J. Drew Lanham: Activism! Yes! Poetry is peaceful and powerful protest!

Lesley Newman: The pen is mightier than the sword!

### **What is your Spark bird?**

Renee Strnad: OOoohhhh.... What are other people's "gateway bird"??

Maria Betancourt: Ladderback Woodpecker ♥

Ana Ka'ahanui: Great Blue Heron is my spark bird

Molly Gillespie: Carolina wren is my gateway bird! Nothing more beautiful to listen to

Devin Guilfoyle: Indigo bunting!

Sheila Webber: Cedar Waxwing, I was absolutely squealing too!!

Angela rivera: Killdeer <3

Ashley Smith: EJ Williams introduced me to the summer tanager during a forestry birding tour - just beautiful!! Plus, EJ is so enthusiastic!!

Brady Thomas: Northern Harrier!

Stephanie Somerville: The great kiskadee (Pitangus sulphuratus)

Fran Howard: black-capped chickadee many decades ago

Lesley Newman: Vermillion flycatcher. A nice border species 😊

Jayne Strange: Eastern Phoebe was my gateway bird growing up on the St. Croix River in Minnesota.

Mary Mullen: Mine was a wayward Garganey in Norther Wisconsin

Matt Felperin: I've always loved birds... but holding an hour-old Osprey chick during banding operations in 2014, that changed my life! I'll add a bonus spark bird as Prothonotary Warbler because I am now obsessed with warblers :-)

Megan Annis, PLT: Learn about Sidney's books, including "Bird Book":  
<http://www.sidneywade.com/books>

Christine Petersen: Sanderling flocks on the beach in my childhood - then a feisty rusty blackbird brought me back to birds as a young adult!

Linda Gibbs: Eastern Bluebird

Steven Greenleaf: Gartered Trogon (Trogon Caligatus) is my favorite neighbor.

Jayne Strange: Beautiful. For someone who spends the summer with Loons - it is catching all my senses.

Janene Alleman: Western Meadowlark - beautiful to see and listen to. Sadly, I don't see as many as I used to.

Ana Ka'ahanui: Beautiful poem! Matt Felperin helped rescue a stranded Loon here in VA a while back.

virginia holman: Brown Thrasher--heard its lovely song before I saw it.

Linda Gibbs: Oh and the magical Wood Thrush!

Matt Felperin: Ana, definitely one of the greatest stories I shall continue to share for the rest of my life!

Maggie Tucker: Thank you, I am very excited

Maggie Tucker: I enjoyed the Poem

Mike Parr: Thank you Michelle. We really appreciate your support!

Patti Dugan-Henriksen: Catbirds! They always make me laugh.

Kristina Meek: I was just in Ottawa and saw so many red winged blackbirds!

## Questions & Closing

Naamal De Silva: Thank you for all the engagement, everyone! I know some of you might need to leave in 5 minutes but we have scheduled more time so we can get to a few questions from you all. Feel free to stay on if you can!

Molly Gillespie: Birding is calming..... YES!

Megan Annis, PLT: We'd love to hear from all of you! What is your spark bird?

Steven Greenleaf: Thanks for an excellent event.

Keelyn Tougas: Thank you!

Lisa Bierer-Garrett: excited to be with a great enthusiastic group today talking how birds are sparks in their lives and careers!

Heidy Urbina: Mine, El Quetzal. It's the national bird of Guatemala where I am from. I was able to see it 2 times in my life when I was little. this bird is hard to find. HE likes the solitude and silence. Also, now that I am here in Texas I love love hummingbirds.

Rebecca Arnoldi: Been into birds (and all wild beings )since I was a little kid. So many birds I love and have loved for a long time. I do remember spending a lot of time as a kid watching and drawing Blue Jays, and as a teenager I began getting really interested in Crows.

Lesley Newman: Thank you so much to the organizers and to Naamal for hosting. Delightful also to meet all the writers here <3

Maggie Tucker: Thank you

Ana Ka'ahanui: I enjoy the resources at <https://www.birdability.org/> for inclusive birding

Judy Braus (she, her) NAAEE: Thanks to all of you for being here! And thanks to our wonderful speakers! :-)

Patti Dugan-Henriksen: Thank you all so much--for the inspiration and the resources.

Melissa Ludwig: "Never not birding!"

NAAEE Staff: For those who need to miss the last 15 minutes of our webinar, please share your feedback in our webinar evaluation form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7ZQH62S>  
Thank you for joining us!

Sarah Davis: The book Have You Heard the Nesting Bird by Rita Gray is a favorite of my 3 year old and how we got into birds as a family.

Mary Mullen: Thank you for the wonderful webinar

Sharon Vorse-Yu: My inspiration was the Whippoorwill that would call at night in the valley behind our house in the 70's! It is no longer heard there...

Ana Ka'ahanui: Ornithery is a great book on mindful birding.

Matt Felperin: great suggestion, ana. thank you

Judy Braus (she, her) NAAEE: Love Ornithery!

Michelle Sencibaugh: I teach EL/ESL and my high schoolers think they are "too cool" for birds. I tell them about my bird rescue stories and then I play their bird sounds on the big apps and now we get the biggest chuckle laughing. The favorites are the owls. The class joke is now "Who cooks for you" from the Barred Owl which we have a ton of in St. Louis.

Cyndi Chavez: When I was a kid I got obsessed with watching crows and was amazed how they were smart enough to leave nuts in the street and wait for cars to drive by to smash the shells. Then would run and grab their snack.

Kristina Meek: I can't remember a "spark bird." Birds have just always been there...

Matt Felperin: love that, Cyndi!

James Locke: Loved the reference to Kathy's daughter, "Bird". | My mom's mom we referred to as "Gram Birdie." She was the spark to connect us and be interested in songbirds or backyard birds; Goldfinch, Cardinal, Chickadee. (My Spark Birds became the Birds of Prey, the Red Tailed Hawk, and Eastern Screech Owl.)

Wren Smith: thank you for this great webinar!

Lisa Bierer-Garrett: when I was a kid, the mall had an indoor duck pond/waterfall with wood ducks, a mandarin duck and a little green winged teal. I was so excited to tell my parents DID YOU KNOW THERE WERE DIFFERENT KINDS OF DUCKS? I was 9-10 and I was sparked!!

Michelle Sencibaugh: Something else I taught my students is what to do if they find an injured bird. So many students don't know what to do or who to contact. [www.ahnow.org](http://www.ahnow.org) or Animal Help Now is a great resource.

NAAEE Staff: These are such fun and inspiring spark stories! Thanks to everyone who is sharing.

Sharon Vorse-Yu: Where do I get these books? I teach 9th grade Environmental Science!

Judy Braus (she, her) NAAEE: We love working with PLT and SFI! :- ) Thank you, Kathy!



Jaclyn Stallard, PLT/SFI: Download your free copy of the "Together for Birds" activity collection: <https://www.plt.org/together-for-birds-activity-collection/>

Heidy Urbina: I do storytimes in English and Spanish. Today we celebrated Roots and Wings month here in Austin Public Library. One of the books I read in Spanish is Chepe. I cant recall the author but it is now one of my favorite books for little ones. !!!!!!!!

Naamal De Silva: I am loving all the stories in the chat - thank you all!

Lavanya Selvam Alli: As a mom of an autistic child, I am interested to understand more about specific resources that connect Autistic kids with birding activities and education.

Devin Guilfoyle: Yes!!!

James Locke: Thank you for compiling an outstanding cast of advocates (speakers) for birds and nature conservancy, and sharing the art, dedication, projects, research, partnerships, and sound bytes to encourage and inspire a love for birds. / Thank you.

Elise Cassie: Thank you so much! An inspiring way to end my day:)

Megan Annis, PLT: Thank you all so much for joining us today! We would love to hear your feedback. Please fill out our webinar evaluation form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7ZQH62S>

Naamal De Silva: we do have a few minutes for questions!

Kathy Abusow SFI/Project Learning Tree: Drew, Sidney, Noah, Claudia, NAAEE, ABC, thank you for your stories and leadership:)

Maggie Tucker: YES

Naamal De Silva: so please put those in the chat and we will gather a few responses!

Matt Felperin: thank you all for putting this together!

Rebecca Arnoldi: Thank you!

Rita Delucco: Thank you!

Sarah Davis: the survey link is broken

Lisa Bierer-Garrett: Audubon plush birds with sound are good start point for kids

Sharon Vorse-Yu: Thank you!

Sheila Webber: Thank you everyone! What a wonderful webinar!!

Melissa Ludwig: Excellent webinar. Thanks!

Heidy Urbina: I can't open the page to do the survey. :(

Gina Sackman: Thank you, this was wonderful! Loved the connection across so many areas.

Roosevelt Robinson: Excellent webinar

Megan Annis, PLT: Here is the link to the survey:

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Ana Ka'ahanui: I love the bird nerd community! Thanks!

Molly Gillespie: I am still buzzing about last week's conference!!

Michelle Sencibaugh: Will ABC offer a Conservation and Justice Fellowship for 2024?

Heidy Urbina: Any resources in Spanish will be greatly appreciated! Thank you so much for offering this amazing webinar. God bless you all!

Michelle Sencibaugh: Today was wonderful. Thank you soooo much!

Devin Guilfoyle: Thank you!!

Kim Fritz: Thank you! Looking forward to using resources.

Faye Heilesen: thank you 🥰

Tracy maxwell: Thank you all!

alison hillyer: Thank you so much to everyone who organised this event. Brilliant! I have to go but thank you from England!

Naamal De Silva: Michelle - yes we will have a new round of Conservation and Justice fellowship projects announced early next year, with applications opening in February. Topics will include lost birds and discovery narratives, neurodiversity, bird-centered environmental education, and more.

Maggie Tucker: I loved the pictures. How can I get a copy of those pictures for the children in my childcare? Maggie Tucker magtucker04@yahoo.com

American Bird Conservancy: Visit here for resources to help prevent bird collisions:  
<https://abcbirds.org/glass-collisions/>

Naamal De Silva: Lavanya - Birdability has many resources. Autism and neurodiversity will also be a focus of one of the Conservation and Justice Fellowships.

<https://www.birdability.org/access-considerations>

Jaclyn Stallard, PLT/SFI: I saw someone ask about Spanish resources. Please have a look at some items PLT has to offer: <https://www.plt.org/news/actividades-en-espanol/>

Lavanya Selvam Alli: Thank you Naamal.

Linda Gibbs: Thanks so much!

Maria Betancourt: Thank you all!

Pam Lyons Gromen: Thank you! Great and inspiring information today!

Ricardo Lau: Thanks friends for the US!