



### **JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES**

The Cavendish Community and Conservation Association is a Vermont non-profit corporation committed to a vibrant Cavendish and Proctorsville community supporting it's human and natural resources and building a legacy of health, integrity and vitality for future generations.

We act as an umbrella organization supporting various committees and community endeavors. Our current active committees include:

### **STREETSCAPES**

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

### **SUMMER CONCERTS**

### **CONSERVATION**

**C.A.T.** Cavendish Association of Trails

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

You can find out more about our activities and how to reach us, participate or contribute by going to our website or facebook page.

Let us know if you would like to be part of our evolving work!

[www.cavendishccca.org](http://www.cavendishccca.org).

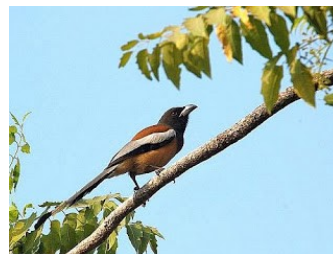
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### **The Bob O Link Project**

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department and Audubon Vermont are encouraging landowners give these birds a chance to complete their nesting season by altering the times of year that they mow large fields. Bobolinks build nests from May through July among the grasses and wildflowers of fields and meadows. John Buck, biologist for the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says "Mowing is the most common means of maintaining the grasses but if mowed too soon in the summer, many grassland bird species will lose their nest and any hatchlings." According to Buck, landowners can maintain these fields and accommodate the nesting birds simply by cutting later in the summer. He recommends an August 1 start date. For farmers who maintain commercial hayfields and grazing pastures the Bobolink Project uses donated funds to provide financial assistance to participating farmers who modify their mowing schedules so that grassland nesting birds can successfully raise their young.

For more information, go to [www.bobolinkproject.com](http://www.bobolinkproject.com) or for landowner management assistance, see [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com).



# **CAVENDISH BRANCH**

## **MOUNT ASCUTNEY AUDUBON SOCIETY**



Each Spring the Cavendish birders and the Audubon Society go for a walk and a chance to identify the birds that return to our woodlands and fields to nest and raise their young

Getting to know our birds, their environments and amazing migration patterns and what they need to survive and thrive is important and fun.

***Learn about the ways you can join  
us and the Mount Ascutney  
Audubon Society!***

**THE BIRDERS DOZEN** represent 12 of the 39 responsibility birds the Audubon Vermont Forest Bird Initiative is working to protect. Many of these birds show decline in population and those that are stable should remain so through good forest management. These birds are fairly easy to identify by sight and sound. We are encouraged to explore our environment to see who is residing there!



WOOD THRUSH



CHESTNUT-SIDED  
WARBLER



BLACK THROATED  
BLUE WARBLER



BLACK THROATED  
GREEN WARBLER



CANADA WARBLER



WHITE THROATED  
SPARROW



SCARLET TANNER



AMERICAN WOODCOCK



YELLOW BELLIED SAP-  
SUCKER



EASTERN WOOD PEE-  
WEE



BLUE HEADED VIREO



VEERY

## WHAT WE CAN DO

*In 2019 scientists documented North America's staggering loss of nearly 3 billion breeding birds since 1970. Here is a list of simple actions you can take to help birds.*

**Brew a bird friendly roast** Drinking a shade grown coffee is one of the most direct ways you can fund habitat conservation in the Central America where songbirds winter on coffee plantations. Go to [Save our Song Brds Coffee Club](http://www.amasvt.org) at [www.amasvt.org](http://www.amasvt.org) and find out more.

**We love our pet felines** An estimated 2.6 million birds die in the U.S. and Canada each year when caught by cats. Cats are cherished companions—but keeping them inside keeps the cat safe and is good for the local wildlife.

**Become a citizen scientist** learn how at [www.ebird.org/vt/home](http://www.ebird.org/vt/home) it's a great way to get involved.

**Garden with native plants** Plants you grow can make a difference for birds. Evidence shows that native plants support more insect food than non-native.

**Check the AMAS or the CCCA website for current events and more news**

**Download a free app** such as [Merlin Bird Id](http://Merlin Bird Id) from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

**ENJOY THE SONGBIRDS AND HAVE FUN**

***Get in touch with the Cavendish Band of Birders!***

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