**York County Audubon announces Hog Island Educator’s Scholarship**

**For August 2025 Program**



York County Audubon (YCA) is seeking an educator or community leader to participate in a one-week program on famed Hog Island off mid-coast Maine in July 2024. YCA will sponsor one participant who can benefit from the Hog Island experience and use it to teach others. **Complete information is available at** [**www.yorkcountyaudubon.org**](http://www.yorkcountyaudubon.org)**/scholarships and** **applications are due by Wednesday, February 19, 2025.**

**The program is entitled “Sharing Nature: An Educator’s Week” and will run from August 10th through August 15th.** Program details and descriptions are available at <http://hogisland.audubon.org/sharing-nature-educator-s-week>. The YCA scholarship will pay 80% of the recipient's cost for program tuition, room and board.

Since 1936, some of the world’s most well-known and highly respected naturalists have come to Hog Island and inspired thousands to learn about and protect birds and the environment. Roger Tory Peterson was among the first teachers on the 335-acre island. Rachel Carson described her visit to Hog Island in her landmark book, *Silent Spring*. Kenn Kaufman, only nine years old when he read Peterson’s account of Hog lsland, is now an international authority on birds and nature.

YCAS’s 2023 June Ficker Hog Island Educator’s Scholarship winner was Lorraine Aromando, who teaches Video Production, Yearbook Publishing, and Photojournalism at Scarborough High School. She described her program experience in an article for the Autumn 2024 issue of The Harlequin, which can be accessed through the YCA website. Reports from prior years’ winners can be found in previous Autumn issues of The Harlequin on our website.

York County Audubon fosters understanding, appreciation, and conservation of the natural world through the education of present and future generations. This Hog Island scholarship is dedicated to June Ficker, bird bander extraordinaire, who shared her love for birds with thousands of York County residents and visitors. YCA is a chapter of Maine Audubon.