



The Harriers
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Calling all Naturalists!

Springtime's here, and with it comes the chance to explore the woods, fields, marshes, and ponds that have been locked up under ice and snow all winter. Do you like the outdoors? Do you like exploring? Are you interested in seeking out the birds and wildlife that live there, learning them by name? Do you think you might be half-bird yourself? Join *The Harriers* and connect with other kids who feel the same.

The Harriers are New Hampshire's Young Birders Club, a new, student-run organization that wants to connect you to the wild places in your state, and to the community of birders, naturalists, and conservationists that look out for them. Watching birds is a fantastic way to get to know the natural world. Have you seen an adult Bald Eagle feeding fish to its young? Have you heard an American Bittern making a sound exactly like a large rock dropped into a deep well, over and over? Whether you've loved birds for years or have never had the chance to look through a pair of binoculars, the Harriers is for you.

If you're between the ages of 10 and 18 and you'd like to see new birds, learn to identify them by sight and by sound, and understand more about how they fit into the larger web of life around us, sign yourself up! New Hampshire's Young Birders Club will bring you to some of the region's most ecologically rich and diverse habitats, on outings led by experienced birders and naturalists. Tell your parents about it, and have them get in touch with the club's organizers.

A year's membership costs \$25—this is what helps us arrange the best possible schedule of Young Birders Club outings for members all around New Hampshire. When you become a Harrier before the end of this school year, you'll also receive:

- Your own copy of the brand-new *Stokes Field Guide to Birds* (Eastern Region) [\$20 list price]
- One "Rite-in-the-rain" notebook for your field notes and observations
- A checklist of New Hampshire's birds
- A membership sticker featuring the Harriers' logo
- A subscription to the YBC's newsletter, *The Harrier*
- Best of all, you'll be able to participate for free in any YBC event you like: look for nesting peregrine falcons in the White Mountains; watch young loons on New Hampshire ponds; hammer together nest-boxes for wood ducks; learn how to band migratory songbirds...the opportunities are endless!

For a full schedule of events this spring and summer, and for more information about the Harriers, visit our website at www.nhyoungbirders.org. Have questions? Email us (address above) or call us at (603) 525-3572.

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Please sign me up with the *Harriers*, New Hampshire's Young Birders Club!

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Name _____

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Parent or Guardian's Email _____ Phone _____

Annual membership dues are \$25. You may pay when you first attend a YBC outing. Parents, we also have a few permission slips, waiver forms, and emergency medical information for you to complete when we meet you. In order to save money on postage, we'll deliver your full package of membership materials to you at your first YBC outing.

Mail this form to: NH Young Birders Club, c/o Henry Walters, 178 Willard Pond Rd., Hancock, NH 03449.