

Advocacy Corner: **Flock to Raleigh to Speak Up for Birds on Tuesday, March 26!**

by Nancy Casey

Elisha Mitchell Audubon's advocacy efforts have really taken flight! With a deep commitment for championing birds, we adopted our formal advocacy plan last year and immediately got busy sending out Advocacy Alerts. Take a look at our [Advocacy page on the EMAS website](#).

Audubon North Carolina Lobby Day is coming!

Now, EMAS is gearing up to flock to Raleigh on **Tuesday, March 26** to take part in Audubon North Carolina's 3rd annual Lobby Day. Together, we'll meet with our state legislators at the capitol to voice our strong support for birds. You don't need to be an expert to speak up for birds! Audubon North Carolina will be hosting webinar trainings and providing us with talking points in advance. Please consider joining EMAS and other Audubon chapters around the state for ANC Lobby Day on March 26 in Raleigh! [Click here](#) to sign up!



Re-cap: Audubon Advocacy Training

In other news.... EMAS co-hosted a phenomenal weekend advocacy training last month as part of our Audubon in Action grant with High Country Audubon Society (HCAS) in Boone. Led by passionate and knowledgeable National Audubon and Audubon North Carolina staff members, almost 50 attendees met in Morganton, NC to learn effective tools for advocating for birds.



EMAS and HCAS members were thrilled to welcome 22 motivated students from UNCA, Appalachian State and Lees-McRae. Together we got energized learning valuable skills we can use to promote clean energy in our state on behalf of birds.

EMAS Advocacy Success!

One final bit of good news.... thanks to YOU -- our EMAS members and supporters -- for speaking up about state conservation funding. With your help, Audubon played a critical role in saving conservation trust funds that have provided millions of dollars to protect Important Bird Areas, state parks, and other natural areas across the state. Back in December, the EMAS Advocacy Committee sent out this [**Advocacy Alert**](#), and boy, did you all respond big-time! Thank you. Check out this tweet by Representative Chuck McGrady (R-Henderson County)!



Rep. Chuck McGrady

@ChuckMcGrady



Thanks. Audubon's email thanking the cosponsors of H 1120 was really helpful. I heard about it from several colleagues. We often get castigated for actions that are taken, but aren't often thanked. It was a good use of your grassroots.

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Thank you @ChuckMcGrady for helping to protect the bipartisan and overwhelmingly popular @NCCleanwater and @NCparks Trust Funds. We greatly appreciate your leadership.
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EMAS Advocacy Needs You!

Lastly, if you're interested in getting involved with EMAS' advocacy efforts, please email me, Nancy Casey, at nancywcasey@gmail.com. Thank you!