



\* \* \* **ANNOUNCEMENTS** \* \* \*

**SANDHILL CRANES RELOCATED IN HARDWICK**



In our last newsletter, we announced the first documented breeding of Sandhill Cranes in Worcester County, with the discovery of a pair with recently-hatched chicks in Hardwick. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, nearly a month after the young were hatched, the pair of adults was found in a large beaver pond wetland with a large shrub component, habitat they typically prefer. The pair was observed for several hours over a period of three days, and unfortunately the young birds were not seen. Young

birds are vulnerable to myriad predators, but often one chick survives. Sadly this was not the case for this pair. It is hoped that the pair will attempt to re-nest in the area in the future.

\* \* \* **UPCOMING EVENTS** \* \* \*

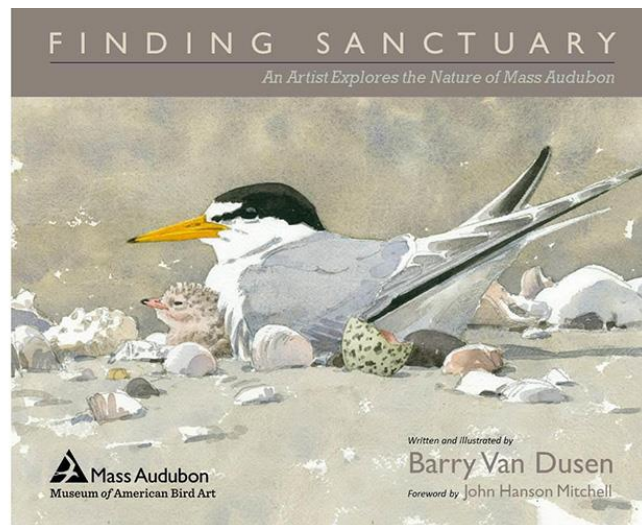


## Virtual Book Launch

### A Celebration of *Finding Sanctuary*

with artist & author Barry Van Dusen

**Wednesday, June 24th 7 - 8 pm**



Join internationally recognized nature artist Barry Van Dusen and Amy Montague, Director of the Museum of American Bird Art, for a virtual gathering to celebrate Barry's new book, *Finding Sanctuary: An Artist Explores the Nature of Mass Audubon*. This lively online celebration will feature an interview of Barry by author and artist Julie Zickefoose, comments from David Sibley, live discussion and viewing of Barry's work, and time for audience participation.

Over four and a half years, Barry visited all of Mass Audubon's 61 wildlife sanctuaries, nature centers and museums, creating drawings and paintings at each location.

**Registration is required.** After you register you'll receive an email invitation with a link and information on how to join the gathering.

[\*\*Register Now\*\*](#)

## MT. GRACE LAND TRUST

Nature Identification Workshop Series

Webinar

### LIFE IN A LEAF: THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF LEAFMINERS

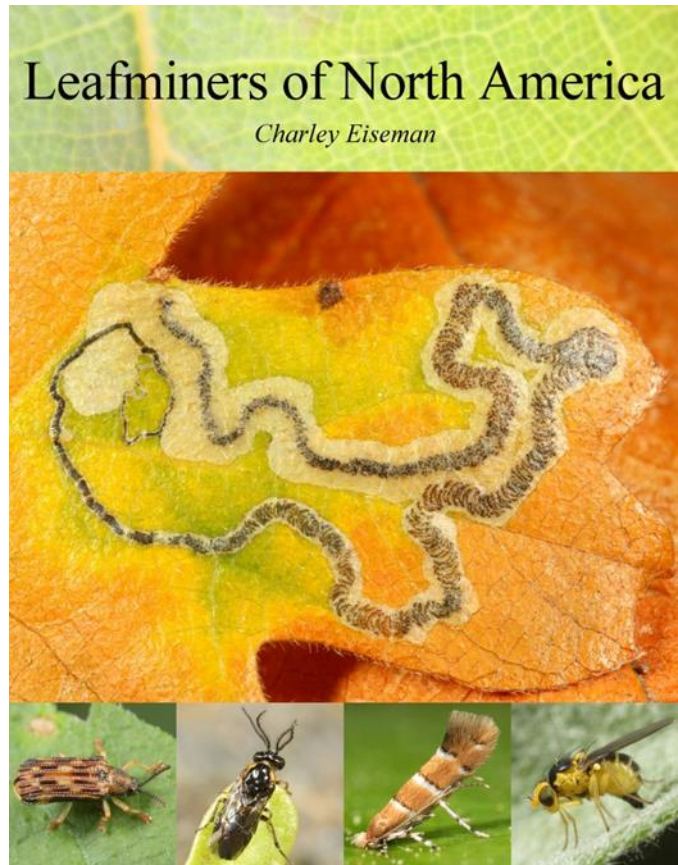
with Charley Eiseman

Wednesday, June 24th 7 p.m.

Join Charley Eiseman to learn the secrets of leafminers, insect larvae that spend at least part of their lives feeding between the epidermal layers of leaves. This presentation will introduce the major groups of leafminers, as well as share some new discoveries Charley made in the course of completing his guide to the North American species that includes keys to the mines found on each plant genus.

In North America they include over 2,000 species of moths, flies, beetles, and sawflies, belonging to over 50 different families. These insects are typically quite host-specific, and the form of the mine varies considerably depending on what insect produces it. As a result, it is often possible to identify the responsible insect using only the hostplant and mine characteristics.

Charley Eiseman is a freelance naturalist based in western Massachusetts. He has been conducting plant and wildlife surveys and natural resource inventories throughout New England for over twenty years, as well as teaching courses and workshops on interpreting animal tracks and sign (both vertebrate and invertebrate). He holds an MS in Botany (Field Naturalist) from the University of Vermont and a BS in Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation and Management from the University of Massachusetts. Charley is the author of *Tracks & Sign of Insects and Other Invertebrates* (Stackpole Books, 2010), *Leafminers of North America* (self-published e-book, 2019), and an insect-themed blog called "BugTracks." He has also published over 40 scientific papers on insect natural history, including the description of over 60 new species. <http://charleyeiseman.com/>



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**From Shawn Carey of MIGRATION PRODUCTIONS**



## **Latest Video: Tom Sayer's Kestrel Project**

Hello everyone, I'm happy to announce my latest video for my YouTube series *Exploring the Natural World*. This week we take a look at my friend [Tom Sayers and his Kestrel Project](#).

Tom Sayers has been helping to save and protect the American Kestrel for the past ten years with his [Northeast Connecticut Kestrel Project](#). To date he has fledged 1067 American Kestrels, work he continues to this day.

This video is from my documentary *A Wing and a Care* that I help produced with my friend Jim Grady several years ago. Along the way we met many wonderful people all of whom were gracious enough to allow us to help tell the story of three incredible men that have been working to help protect the birds they care so much about.

View on YouTube.

