



IMPACT REPORT



2025

NYC Bird Alliance protects birds and habitat across New York City, strengthening urban biodiversity through science, policy advocacy, and community engagement.

Birds are a vital part of a healthy environment – and they are in steep decline across the United States. 2025 was a critical year for our work, as environmental protections were stripped away and the need for climate solutions became indisputable. NYC Bird Alliance works to build a bird-safe city where wildlife and communities thrive by focusing on four goals:

- Protecting habitat for birds and biodiversity
- Reducing bird collisions
- Safeguarding waterbirds
- Mobilizing New Yorkers to conservation action

Thank you for helping us build a biodiverse, bird-friendly future.

PROTECTING HABITAT

As climate change and development intensify habitat loss, New York City Bird Alliance works to protect, restore, and improve the green spaces that birds depend on. From urban parks and shorelines to green roofs and street medians, our research guides the protection, management, and stewardship of our biodiverse habitat, creating a more sustainable city.

Our 2025 impact, by the numbers:

38,000,000 sq. ft.

Monitoring green roofs, gardens, and planted street medians, our scientists assess and enhance millions of square feet of urban bird habitat – equivalent to the size of Central Park.

58,000 birds

To boost local biodiversity, NYC Bird Alliance monitored and advised public and privately-owned green spaces where an estimated 58 thousand birds utilize the enhanced habitat.

24 species

Community members joined our first-ever “Drop-in Ecology” sessions at Jefferson Market Garden and counted 24 bird species utilizing this one-third-acre Greenwich Village garden.



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REDUCING COLLISIONS

NYC Bird Alliance is a national leader in reducing bird–building collisions through conservation science, policy, and partnership. Our research and advocacy have saved hundreds of thousands of birds and driven landmark solutions like New York City’s bird-friendly buildings law.

Our 2025 impact, by the numbers:

12,000 sq. ft.

In partnership with NYC Bird Alliance, buildings installed 12 thousand square feet of bird-safe glass, making the City safer for migratory birds.

494 volunteers

Nearly 500 volunteers monitored buildings for collision hazards and rescued injured birds as part of our Project Safe Flight program.

80 buildings

Our community-science volunteers monitored 80 buildings across all five boroughs to strategically address collision reduction.



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SAFEGUARDING WATERBIRDS

NYC Bird Alliance protects New York Harbor's waterbirds, including the largest wading bird colony in the Northeast and at-risk nesting shorebirds. Our long-term scientific monitoring and evidence-based advocacy safeguards these birds and the health of our harbor ecosystem.

Our 2025 impact, by the numbers:

1,138 actions

After more than a thousand of our "Avian Advocates" voiced their support, Governor Hochul signed the Horseshoe Crab Protection Act into law in 2025, protecting New York shorebirds that rely on horseshoe crab eggs as a vital food source.

409 volunteers

Supporting statewide efforts, NYC Bird Alliance volunteers tagged 625 Atlantic Horseshoe Crabs to help monitor the species and protect the shorebirds that rely on their eggs for migration.

40 years

Analyzing four decades of our wading bird surveys, NYC Bird Alliance scientists discovered that Black-crowned Night Heron (pictured) is facing critical decline and could disappear from NY-NJ Harbor by 2037. We're leading the effort to prevent the loss of this species, including advocating for it to be listed as threatened or endangered in NY State.



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MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES

The best way to get people involved in conservation is to instill a love of birds and nature. Through hundreds of public programs for New Yorkers of all ages and backgrounds, NYC Bird Alliance offers engaging opportunities across all five boroughs to enjoy the outdoors, learn from science, and protect birds.

Our 2025 impact, by the numbers:

9,500+ participants

Nearly ten thousand New Yorkers joined our year-round public programs, including guided bird outings, wildlife festivals, classes, and lectures.

80% free

Over three-quarters of NYC Bird Alliance's guided bird outings were free to attend, including 45 introductory, bilingual, and accessible events.

16 campuses

We engaged 16 New York City Housing Authority campuses as part of our NYCHA in Nature program, offering backyard birding opportunities to over 20,000 NYCHA residents.



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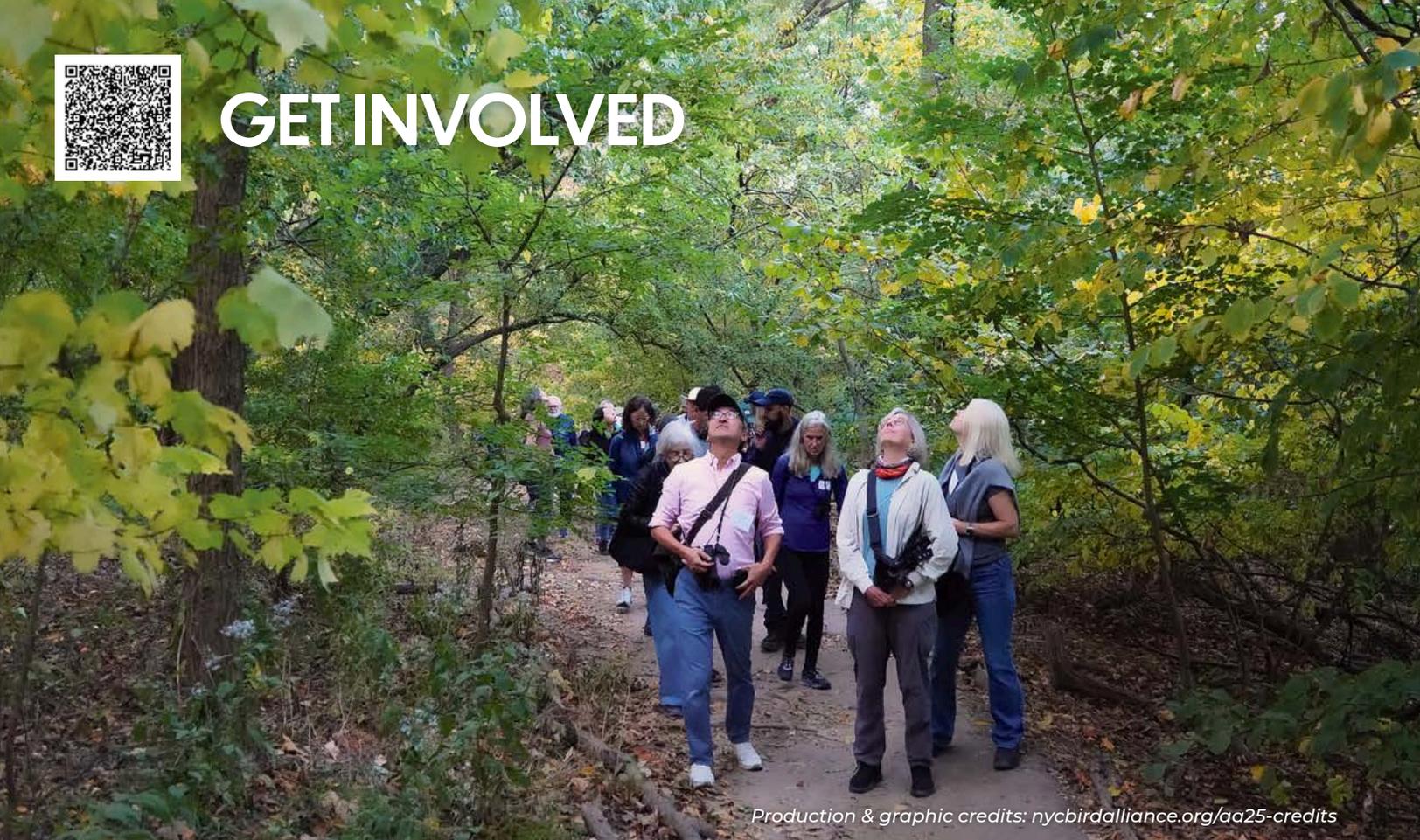
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