

Snowy Owls to Saw-whet Owls

A Special Earth Day Lecture

The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts

Presents a free Zoom lecture with Norman Smith

Thursday April 22, 2021 at 10:00 am

Open to all members of the GCFM. *Please register for this event at [GCFM.org](https://www.gcfm.org)*

Since 1981, Norman Smith has spent countless days and nights, in every imaginable weather conditions, observing, capturing, banding and color marking Snowy Owls at Logan International Airport. Data has been collected on roosting, hunting and behavior while on their wintering grounds. Most recently satellite transmitters have been attached to owls to learn more about their movements.

Find out what has been learned to date about these endangered birds, what questions remain and how this project developed to include research on Saw-whet Owls.

Norman Smith, Raptor Specialist Mass Audubon

Norman Smith is a self-taught naturalist who has worked for the Massachusetts Audubon Society since 1974. He recently retired as Director of Blue Hills Trailside Museum and Norman Smith Environmental Education Center in Milton, Massachusetts where he had worked for the past 50+ years and has taken on a part time role to continue his research on raptors. Norman has studied birds of prey for over 45 years, including rehabilitating the injured and successfully fostering over 1,000 orphaned hawk and owl chicks into adoptive nests. His ongoing long-term projects include trapping and banding migrating hawks and owls in the Blue Hills Reservation, banding nestling hawks and owls, and doing research on snowy owls and other raptors wintering at Boston's Logan International Airport. He has also traveled to Alaska to study snowy owls in their native tundra habitat. His research work has been published in National Geographic, National Wildlife, Ranger Rick, Yankee, Massachusetts Wildlife, Bird Observer, Birding, Sanctuary, Geo, Nature, Grolier Encyclopedia, Owls of the Northern Hemisphere and Owls of the World.