Saint Paul Bird Alliance

2025-2026

Annual Report

Greetings, Friends!

Thank you for your interest. Your generosity directly supports the Bird Alliance's programs, events, advocacy, conservation projects, and grant funding to community-based non-profits. Together, we are active in hands-on environmental work.

Saint Paul Bird Alliance welcomes everyone to participate in our activities and events. Membership is not required. All can get involved--join our field trips, go birding at Warbler Weekend, participate in the Winter Bird Count, take in an educational program, help with a project, or explore committee work to set policies and encourage change that enables birds to flourish.

To get started, check out Events on our website: saintpaulbirdalliance.org

This report shares information on the year's finances, activities highlights, and a list of donors.



"Almost everyone who sees birds at all knows and loves the little Chickadee. Its confiding ways and cheery notes, winter and summer alike, endear it to all." Dr. T. S. Roberts, *Birds of Minnesota*, 1932
Black-capped Chickadee: photographer Lucas Lin

Our Mission

Saint Paul Bird Alliance's mission is to engage a diverse community in enjoying, understanding and protecting birds and the habitats all living beings need to thrive.

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- Sign up to receive emails and the newsletter
- saintpaulbirdalliance.org
- Join our Facebook group and check out our YouTube Channel
- Contact us at:
  P.O. Box 7275, Saint Paul, MN 55107

FY26 Financial Overview*

Our financial position is strong, thanks to the generosity of our donors. We put our resources to work to support local efforts to enjoy, understand and protect birds.



Great Blue Heron: Photographer: Neil Carlson

Revenue – Total: $31,783

$20,648 – Individual and corporate donations
$6,182 – National Audubon Society Support
$4,953– Warbler Weekend, miscellaneous and interest

Investments and cash on hand -- $68,796

Expenses – Total: $35,496

$12,420– Grants, sponsorship, honoraria
$17,437– Operating expenses
$5,639-- Warbler Weekend
$3,329.24– Program and miscellaneous expenses

*For the period June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

Highlights by the Numbers*

2,450
students introduced to birding and habitat adaptation through the Big River Journey boat trips run by the National Park Service and aided by 7 Bird Alliance volunteers.

9
speakers provided interesting information about birds and natural habitat by in-person programs or via Zoom.

9
nonprofits received grants to further their work in environmental improvement, community outreach, native pollinator plantings, and bird protection.

120
birders went afield for the annual Winter Bird Count and found **13,815** birds of 53 species.

20
Baby American Kestrels have fledged from 4 nest boxes out of 7 in summer 2026. Bird Alliance Conservation Committee volunteers maintain the boxes and observe the birds.

19
species of **butterflies,** as well as the very rare Ghost Tiger Beetles, were tallied by Bird Alliance volunteers at the annual count in July 2026 at the Arden Hills Army Training Site.

478
people attended **44** field trips. In addition to typical birding afoot, some trips included field sketching, feeder watching, Birdability, Big Sit, and birding after dark.

19
members of Urban Bird Collective received funding to attend Warbler Weekend

Photographer: Monica Bryand



"I attended my first Warbler Weekend in May. I had a fantastic experience and appreciated the welcoming atmosphere—not to mention adding a handful of lifers to my list! I appreciated the food provided and liked that there was a running list of species observed. I'm already marking my calendar for next year!" Adam Smith

Thank You Donors

Your gifts help make Saint Paul Bird Alliance activities possible and support projects through grants to organizations that are aligned with our mission. We thank and recognize the following individuals and organizations for their gifts.

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House Wren
Photographer: Bob Metzger

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Become a Chapter Member

We invite you to become a Saint Paul Bird Alliance Chapter Member by making an annual gift of $25 or more. Your donation goes directly to our chapter's local efforts to enjoy, understand, and protect our birds.
This includes:

- Awarding grants to local organizations focused on conservation, education, and environmental action
- Bringing speakers to our monthly chapter meetings, September through May, who educate and excite our passion for birds and the environment
- Creating and supplying educational opportunities for students.
- Supporting critical community science activities
- Protecting populations of at-risk bird species through habitat restoration and special projects
- Providing fun and informative field trips

Make a gift by mail or online

Send a check with your contact information to
Saint Paul Bird Alliance, PO Box 7275, St. Paul, MN 55107

Go to saintpaulbirdalliance.org/get-involved/donate and make a gift online or print out a gift form that you can use to mail in with your check.

Thank you to our volunteers

We are grateful to the many people who give their time and expertise voluntarily. Volunteers serve on committees, perform conservation activities, help with events and field trips, and make things happen behind the scenes.

Our volunteers are essential for building a strong and active birding community.



Great Grey Owl
Photographer: Lucas Lin



Children from Twin Cities area schools learn about birds on the Big River Journey
Photographer: Allison Jensen

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