

PROUTS NECK AUDUBON SOCIETY

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The PNAS Board thanks you for your generous donations in 2017. Over the past five years, the number of annual contributors has increased by 19%, as people have become more aware of the significance of the work of the PNAS. We look forward to continued support from our regular contributors, and we hope that those who have not given in the past will consider making a donation this year to help us fulfill our mission of supporting seabird conservation, science, awareness and education.

We had the opportunity to make a brief presentation about our mission at the PNA annual meeting this past August. In preparing for it, we were struck by many things, chief among which were 1) the rich history of volunteer and financial support of the PNAS from the PN community for the past 59 years and 2) the critical importance of the work that has been done on the Islands by National Audubon's Seabird Restoration Program ("SRP") for the past 30 years. The PNAS is a unique resource for the SRP; there is no other dedicated fundraising entity in its seven-island system. This past season we were able to provide approximately 50% of the funding for the field station on Stratton, of which we can all be very proud.

A few highlights from the summer season 2017:

- The federally endangered Roseate Tern population increased to 119 pairs, setting a new high count as the largest Roseate Tern colony in Maine. These pairs fledged just over one chick each.
- A total of 1,127 pairs of Common Terns nested but fledged just .68 chicks per pair due to a poor food supply and Black-crowned Night-heron predation. Ninety-three pairs of state endangered Least Terns nested.
- The heronry was full of life. This year's nest count included: 104 Glossy Ibis, 8 Black-crowned Night-heron, 43 Great Egret and 51 Snowy Egrets.
- Rare bird sightings for Maine included a Magnificent Frigatebird, Brown Pelican and Marbled Godwit.
- Field station crew's favorite Holy Donuts: Dark Chocolate Sea Salt and Sweet Potato Ginger Glazed.

Again, we hope you will consider supporting the world-class conservation and scientific work being done on the Islands.

Gratefully,
John Allen, President

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