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The **Waterbird Society** will hold its 45th Annual Conference **virtually**. The Scientific Program will be **November 9 - 12, 2021**. Council will meet on November 8 and the Business Meeting followed by the Awards Ceremony will occur on the 12th. Social events are in the works, and we will work with international colleagues to support regional time zone sessions.

Abstract submission and Registration portals will open in mid-August with details to follow soon. Abstracts will be accepted until September 17.

For general program questions or to **propose symposia**, please contact co-chairs Patty Szczys (szczysp@easternct.edu), Jonathan Cohen (cohen14@esf.edu) or Danielle D'Auria (danielle.dauria@maine.gov).

Get your Society and 2021 Meeting merchandise now!! Several logo versions are available. <https://www.teepublic.com/stores/waterbirds>. **All profits support student travel awards for the 2022 meeting**. You can also purchase Waterbird Society hats: <https://www.bonfire.com/waterbird-society-hat/>

Help us Fund the Future. The silent auction is back! Like the meeting itself, the auction will be online and it will be fabulous. Remember: **the purpose of the Waterbird Society's silent auction is to raise money for students to travel to our annual meeting** where they can hang out with their peers and network with people who "wrote the book" on their species. *All we need is YOU*. Our goal is \$12,500 (roughly 5X the amount of money we usually raise). Why aim so high? The cost of travel has increased, and we need to keep up with the times by providing plenty of assistance to lower the barriers to participation. The goal is achievable. We are counting on us! We need you to start putting together items and experiences that you want to donate. Be creative and be generous. Offer a birding trip; ask for a field assistant for a day or week; offer your time-share for a holiday; search your bookshelves for classic books that you no longer use or want; donate an original painting, wood cut, or photo of yours; think about things easy to ship: jewelry, hot pads, scarves. Buyers pay shipping which we have arranged to be at minimal cost. Check the website, it will be updated soon with additional information. For general auction questions, please contact co-chairs Pat Baird (pab7@sfu.ca), Susan Elbin (susanelbin@gmail.com), or Chip Weseloh (chip.weseloh@yahoo.com).