

The Connecticut Ornithological Association represents Connecticut's birds and birders. We publish a quarterly scientific journal "The Connecticut Warbler," are responsible for keeping the official Connecticut Bird List and perform many conservation and bird related activities throughout the State. We strongly support any action that can be taken to protect Plum Island and to keep it wild.

With the exception of the Federal Research Facility which occupies one end, Plum Island has never been developed. As a result it is a breeding place for many bird species including the federally threatened Piping Plover and federally endangered Roseate Tern. It is an important way station for thousands of migrating birds and has been named an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society. Now that the research facility is being closed, the Federal Government has decided to auction off this environmental treasure to the highest bidder. This travesty must be stopped. Please take whatever action you can to protect this gem which lies just a few miles from our border. Thank you.

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