



# Citizen Science

VINS' research program supports citizen scientists in their survey of New England landscapes with the goal of achieving an increased understanding of the natural world.

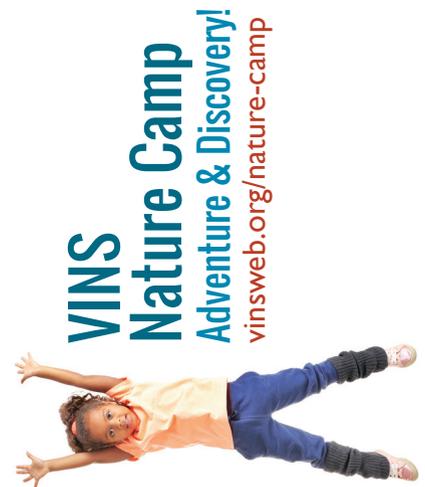
For as little as 15 minutes once a year, or a portion of time every day, you can help conduct real scientific research. All you need to do is submit observations to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to become a critical resource for scientists. VINS teaches visitors to make observations in the field as citizen scientists, to help better understand diverse wildlife species in the natural world.

Visit us at [vinsweb.org/citizen-science](http://vinsweb.org/citizen-science) for more information on how you can get involved.



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# Our Mission

The Vermont Institute of Natural Science's mission is to motivate individuals and communities to care for the natural world through science and environmental education, avian wildlife rehabilitation, and citizen science research.



## Center for Education

Our education programs teach about the conservation of our natural world with the assistance of VINS' resident raptors, making an indelible impact on thousands of children and adults from Vermont, New Hampshire and many other places each year.

With a new Outdoor Classroom in the works – made possible by Jane's Trust – hundreds of students from across Vermont and New Hampshire will be physically immersed in the natural environment, and the activities in this space will launch them on a journey of discovery on the VINS campus.

All VINS Field Trips incorporate hands-on, place-based education aiming to engage students with the world that surrounds them. With the new immersive Outdoor Classroom, place-based education will become even more real for participating students.

As plans for the coming Forest Canopy Walk and Outdoor Classroom take shape, we explore how these spaces will allow us to expand our programs – whether it is through additional field trips or Nature Camp opportunities.

For more information on our education programs, visit us at [vinsweb.org/education](https://vinsweb.org/education).

# Wild Bird Rehabilitation

Birds that we rehabilitate and release and those that we house permanently all serve as valuable educational lessons in responsible and thoughtful environmental stewardship.

Thanks to the generosity of the Davis Foundation, Sarah K. de Coizart Article TENTH Perpetual Charitable Trust, and two anonymous supporters, VINS can move forward with critical additions and improvements to our existing wild bird hospital facility this spring.

These improvements will:

- enhance our ability to provide quality care for our avian patients,
- increase efficiency in admitting patients to the rehab center,
- accommodate a larger number and higher diversity of avian species, and
- augment the experience members of the public have when bringing an injured bird or visiting the rehab center.

With a record 652 patients intakes in 2018 at the Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation, 150 more birds than our average year, we look forward to the increased capacity this renovation provides.

*Baby bird season, here we come!*

For types of species intake this last year, visit our blog at [vinsweb.org/nature-blog](https://vinsweb.org/nature-blog).

