

Bob Prescott recently retired after 37 years as director, and is now *Sanctuary Director Emeritus* of the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Over those years, he has been actively involved in coastal issues and research. He transformed Wellfleet Bay from a nature reserve to a center for ongoing education and research. The day camp program expanded, in-school, pre-K to high school, programming was developed, programs for all ages were expanded and numerous citizen science projects focusing on horseshoe crabs, nesting terrapins and oyster reef habitat restoration, to name a few, were developed.

Bob has a degree in Wildlife Biology from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and has studied such diverse topics as seal and marine mammals around Cape Cod, home range of box turtles, restoration of the osprey population by erecting osprey nest platforms and started and continues to direct the sea turtle rescues and studies. Bob's particular interests are in coastal ecosystems and the wildlife, both vertebrate and invertebrates, associated with them.

Bob has co-authored a number of peer reviewed papers, presented at conferences and co-authored posters on Diamondback Terrapins, Eastern Box Turtle and sea turtles.

Bob has led trips bird watching and nature tours national and internationally, primarily focusing on north, south and central America.

He is on the board of the Friends of the Herring River, was past President of the Orleans Conservation Trust and still serve on their Land Management Committee. He is currently Vice President of the newly formed Sipson Island Trust. Bob also is the Southeastern Massachusetts coordinator for NOAA/NMFS's Northeast Sea Turtle Stranding Network.