As part of the New Haven Harbor Urban Refuge Partnership, habitat improvements are taking place at New Haven parks, schools and other urban green spaces. Native trees, shrubs, and flowers have been planted to provide cover, food, and habitat for wildlife and a place to learn, relax, and connect with nature for people. Audubon Connecticut is looking for help monitoring birds at these Urban Oases to determine whether habitat restoration is working.

To participate, visit an Urban Oases and keep a record of all the birds you see or hear. Then enter your observations for just the demonstration site into www.eBird.org. You can visit as many times as you'd like, at any time of the day. Mornings, particularly in Apr.-May and Aug.-Oct. when migrating birds will be using the sites, are recommended.

Driving and Parking Directions for Edgewood Park: Coming from the West, take the Merritt Parkway to Exit 57 and merge onto Rte 34 E (Derby Ave). Continue on Derby Ave. for 4.1 miles, then take a left onto Yale Ave. Continue for 0.5 miles, then take a right onto Edgewood Ave. Park on the street near the New Haven Park Dept. Office.

Coming from the North, take I-91 to exit 1 for Route 34 W. Stay on Rte 34/N. Frontage Road for 1.9 miles, then take a right onto Ella T. Grasso Blvd. After 0.2 miles, take a left onto Derby Ave, then take a your first right onto Yale Ave. and follow the above directions.

Coming from the East, take I-95 to exit 47 for Rte 34 W, then follow the above directions.

Getting to the Demonstration Site: Follow the trail that leads from the New Haven Parks Office to the soccer field. The Urban Oases is where the trail bends to the left by the ponds.

When entering data into eBird, choose the hotspot: Edgewood Park Urban Oases