

**Publications - Robert A. Askins, Katharine Blunt Professor Emeritus of Biology,
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Akresh, M. E., D. I. King, R. A. Askins, W. K. Haynes, P. P. Marra, D. N. Ewert and J. M. Wunderle. Ecology and Conservation of Migratory and Resident Birds on San Salvador Island, The Bahamas. Bahamas Natural History Conference 2018, Nassau, March 19-22, 2018.

Askins, R. A. Understanding ecological drivers and natural disturbances: The key to effective grassland bird conservation – except when it isn't, invited talk for Grassland Bird Symposium, Joint meeting of the American Ornithologists Union and Cooper Ornithological Society, July 31, 2015.

Buchanan, M. L.*, R. A. Askins and C. C. Jones. Long-term changes in bird populations and vegetation in the Connecticut College Arboretum, Joint meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Society and the Association of Field Ornithologists, Newport, Rhode Island, May 30, 2014.

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Askins, R. A., C. M. Folsom-O'Keefe (M.A. '08) and M. C Gentz*, The effects of surrounding land cover on the abundance of shrubland birds in powerline rights-of-way, American Ornithological Union Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, February 8, 2010.

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