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**Eric Lind photography exhibit “Revealed: Hidden Lives of the River”
at Beacon Institute Gallery**

Exhibit opens Saturday, March 12 with reception 5-7 pm

Beacon, NY — Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries is proud to showcase the photographs of Eric Lind in his exhibit *Revealed: Hidden Lives of the River*; at the Institute’s Gallery at 199 Main Street in Beacon, New York.

The exhibit opens with a **[free public reception](#) for the artist on Saturday, March 12 from 5-7 p.m.** Then, on **[Sunday, April 2 at 4pm](#)**, Lind will discuss the inspiration and creative process behind his photography in a Creative Process artist talk, also free at the Gallery at 199 Main Street in Beacon. Register online for both events at <http://www.bire.org/events/>.

Lind, a Beacon resident and Director of Constitution Marsh Audubon Center & Sanctuary in Garrison, NY, developed his collection **[Revealed: Hidden Lives of the River](#)**, to bring to light some of our region’s lesser-known and inconspicuous wild residents. In his daily work as a conservationist, Lind has had the privilege of years of study and observation of the river’s stunning but often unseen diversity of life. As a life-long student of the natural world, the exhibit also includes select images from the woods and waters of the great Atlantic watershed.

The exhibit, ***Revealed: Hidden Lives of the River***, emerged from Lind’s internal response to an anti-wildlife sentiment heard at a forest conservation lecture. “At one point in the lecture, a critic of wildlife studies dismissed birds by saying they were ‘ornaments in trees’ – not really valuable in the natural scheme of things,” recalls Lind when describing the inspiration for ***Revealed***. “Although this exhibit is not a direct response to that critic’s limited viewpoint, the comment has

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always remained in the back of my mind. My intent has been to recognize the immense value of all creatures to the natural web of life while revealing their unusual beauty.”

Constitution Marsh Audubon Center & Sanctuary is a unique and beautiful 270-acre tidal marsh managed by Audubon as a wildlife sanctuary since 1970. It is located in Putnam County, New York on the east shore of the Hudson River, just south of the village of Cold Spring. As Lind’s work at Constitution Marsh Sanctuary hinges upon the delicacy of human interaction with nature, his photography is equally tuned to sensitivity and respect for the wildlife he protects.

Beacon Institute gallery hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.–5 p.m. (closed Friday); Saturday 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (second Saturday until 8 p.m.); and Sunday 12-5 p.m. For more information call (845) 838-1600 ext 16 or visit www.bire.org.

About the Artist:

Eric Lind is the Director of the [Constitution Marsh Audubon Center & Sanctuary](http://www.bire.org) in Garrison, New York. Lind oversees all aspects of the Center's operations, including fundraising, education and habitat management. His professional highlights include leading eco-tour programs to Canada, the Caribbean Sea, Venezuela and Central America. He serves as Chair of the Philipstown Conservation Advisory Council and is a member of the Hudson River Estuary Management Advisory Committee.

About Beacon Institute:

Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, with offices in Beacon and Troy, New York, is a not-for-profit environmental research organization engaging scientists, engineers, educators and policy experts in collaborative work focusing on real-time monitoring of river ecosystems. It aims to make the Hudson Valley a global center for scientific and technological innovation that advances research, education and public policy regarding rivers and estuaries. www.bire.org

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