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Audubon and Wind Power

With wind farm development spreading quickly across the country, you may be asking what is Audubon's position on wind power, and how is Audubon addressing issues related to wind power, birds, and habitat? First of all, Audubon supports responsible and carefully sited wind power development as an important step in reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to Global Warming. You can find more details about Audubon's position at: <http://www.audubon.org/campaign/windPowerQA.html>.

Due to concerns that wind power development could cause significant impacts on bird habitats and bird populations could be affected in some cases by collisions with wind turbines, over 40 National Audubon Society staff members

across the country are working to ensure that wind power development proceeds in accordance with environmental laws and that wind power projects minimize impacts on bird populations and bird habitat. These Audubon staff members are working together under the umbrella of Audubon's Global Warming campaign coordinated by Julia Levin, Global Warming Campaign Director (jlevin@audubon.org). Julia is working with Audubon's public policy office and science division to develop a mapping approach that would identify the most important bird habitats that wind developers should be encouraged, and in some cases required, to avoid.

In the Washington DC public policy office, Mike Daulton (mdaulton@audubon.org), Director of Conservation Policy, is serving on a federal Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee chartered to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on developing effective measures to avoid or minimize impacts to wildlife and their habitats related to land-based wind energy facilities. The committee was formed in October 2007 and is expected to provide recommendations to Secretary Kempthorne by October 2009.

Rob Fergus (rfergus@audubon.org), Senior Scientist for Urban Bird Conservation based out of the Science Office in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, serves on the steering committee of the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative (www.nationalwind.org), a consensus-based collaborative of agency, nonprofit, and business interests formed in 1994 to identify issues affecting the use of wind power, establish dialogue among key stakeholders, and catalyze appropriate activities to support the development of environmentally, economically, and politically sustainable commercial

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2007 Audubon Annual Report Now Available

The 2007 Audubon Annual Report is now available from the Chapter Services office and online. The report highlights the many accomplishments of Audubon from this past year, including the Common Birds in Decline analysis, citizen science projects, the work of Audubon Centers and Education, projects to safeguard bird habitat and wildlife conservation, and Audubon's commitment to curbing Global Warming. Fiscal year 2006-07 financials, donor list, and Audubon directory are included as well. To view key sections of the report online, go to <http://www.audubon.org/nas/ar/>.

FOR MORE INFO:

To receive a copy by mail, contact the Chapter Services Office at chapter_services@audubon.org, (800) 542-2748, or use the outreach materials order form insert.

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FY07 Chapter Annual Report Summary Available Online

A summary of the FY07 Chapter Annual Reports may now be found on the Audubon Chapter Resources webpage at <http://www.audubon.org/local/index.html>. With 79% of all Chapters reporting, find out many fascinating details about what Audubon Chapters accomplish in a single year. This includes offering over 3110 meetings and 7165 field trips, and providing close to 580,000 hours of volunteer work for conservation! Discover how many Chapters participated in the Christmas Bird Count, which policy issues are important to Chapters, and much, much more!

FOR MORE INFO:

To view or download the summary report, visit <http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/chapter-ar/doc/Chapter%20Annual%20Report%20Summary%202006-2007.doc> or go to the Chapter Resources main page <http://www.audubon.org/local/index.html>. If you have any questions on the report contact the Chapter Services Office at chapter_services@audubon.org or (800) 542-2748.

Chapter Awards Program

National Audubon Society offers awards for Chapters to recognize special individuals, organizations and/or businesses who aid in the accomplishment of Audubon goals and support local Chapter efforts. Award certificates include the Meritorious Service Award, the Great Egret Award and the Presidential Recognition Award.

Meritorious Service Award - Publicly acknowledge and thank outstanding Chapter activists.

Great Egret Award - Awarded to individuals who have made significant long-term contributions to Audubon and conservation in pursuit of the Audubon mission.

Presidential Recognition Award - Awarded to individuals or businesses within a Chapter who have made significant contributions.

FOR MORE INFO:

Go to Chapter Awards on the Audubon website at <http://www.audubon.org/local/chapter-awards.htm> for more information on awards, including the eligibility, sample awards, and nomination process. Contact the Chapter Services Office with any questions: chapter_services@audubon.org or (800) 542-2748.

Audubon Published Guidebooks Available from Chapter Services

The Chapter Services Distribution Center now has limited Audubon Guidebooks, Pocket Guides, ball caps, and coffee table books available after the New York office move. Consider these items for fundraisers, outreach, or giveaways at your next event. Prices are discounted for Chapters! Contact the Chapter Services Office to find out what's available, and hurry as supplies are limited.

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A Message from John Flicker



How often do you find yourself thinking “if only?”

For many of us, it’s an all-to-familiar response to our best hopes running head-on into the reality of limited resources.

“We could probably save that habitat, if only we could get the community involved.” “That new person is so talented. Just think what they could do, if only we had the money to get them some training and support.” “We’ve got an amazing opportunity to team up on a new conservation project, if only...”

You get the idea. But the time has come to start thinking beyond “if only...”

Audubon’s new *TogetherGreen* alliance with Toyota offers the chance to realize your most creative conservation ideas and your highest capacity-building hopes.

Chapters, programs, Centers, sanctuaries and even independent Audubon groups are all eligible to submit funding proposals for innovative year-long projects designed to engage diverse audiences in conservation actions leading toward tangible results in land/habitat, water and energy conservation. Approximately 50 grants ranging from \$5,000-\$100,000 each will be awarded annually for each of five years. Full information can be found at www.togethergreen.org/grants. Applications can be submitted until June 27 for the first year of Innovation Grants.

Though these grants are limited to non-advocacy activities and cannot be used

for land acquisition, they offer tremendous opportunities to flex your creative muscles in tackling conservation issues and building a broader, more active constituency. Applicants are expected to work with an outside partner to expand their reach and effectiveness, but beyond these few restrictions, the sky is the limit for your conservation creativity. Focus on IBA restoration, Audubon at Home activities, or something entirely new. Just think of how this kind of funding could jump start programs you’ve long imagined.

Innovation Grants are just the beginning. The *TogetherGreen* Fellowship program offers opportunities to provide training, networking, and assistance to those who can become the future leaders of our movement, while serving as conservation heroes and role models today. They might be mid-career staff members or committed volunteers. What they will share is the passion for conservation, the desire for growth and the potential for leadership. Fellowships are 16-month commitments, but are highly flexible and well-suited to those with full time work obligations. Those selected will also receive funding to assist with a conservation project of their own. With 40 fellows to be chosen each year, this is a huge opportunity to build the skills of our most valuable assets. More details can be found at www.togethergreen.org/fellows.

If you have ideas for on-the-ground volunteer activities, there’s opportunity there too. *TogetherGreen* will help support Volunteer Days at 40 sites across the network to get communities out and active in hands on conservation. Toyota is also anxious to mobilize its workforce to help, as they have at Audubon Cen-

ters in San Antonio, Brooklyn, and Los Angeles. Now there will be opportunities to reach out to more employees in dozens of locales across the country. We expect that Toyota dealers, and business associates will get involved too, helping you to forge broader and more effective efforts across your communities.

The alliance with Toyota is bigger and more ambitious than any Audubon has undertaken before. It involves some challenges and the need to do a lot of learning as we go; that means it may not be for everyone. Yet for many in the Audubon network, it’s the conservation opportunity of a lifetime—an opening to build our skills, our capacity and the diversity of our constituency. Most of all, it’s the chance to do the work that will yield tangible conservation progress, transforming the dream of “if only” into reality and results. The true promise of the *TogetherGreen* alliance is captured in its simple admonition to Audubon and the world: Act Today, Shape Tomorrow. We invite you to do both. Get involved.



John Flicker
President

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markets for wind power. The NWCC wildlife work group has the latest information on birds and wind power impacts online at <http://www.national-wind.org/workgroups/wildlife>.

FOR MORE INFO:

If your Chapter has questions or concerns about a wind power development issue, please contact your state Audubon office, or feel free to contact Julia, Mike, or Rob by email.

Audubon Outreach and Educational Material



Audubon Pocket Backyard Birdwatch

Audubon's licensing department is pleased to announce *Audubon Pocket Backyard Birdwatch* by Steve Kress, a visually rich guide for beginning birdwatchers to use at home or in the field. Included are more than 30 photographs and a full-color foldout chart that features over 30 North American bird species. For more information, check out <http://us.dk.com>.

Chapters interested in ordering for resale or promotional use will receive a discount of at least 40% off the retail value (discounts vary depending on purpose and quantity). Contact Miriam Mitchell at (646) 674-4038 or via email to Miriam.Mitchell@dk.com to place your order. For resale purposes, a copy of your Chapter's State Resale Certificate will be required.

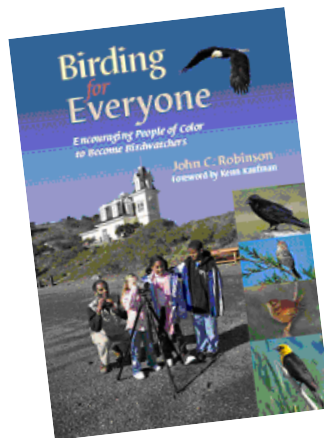
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Western Meadowlark photo by John and Karen Hollingsworth

Birding For Everyone

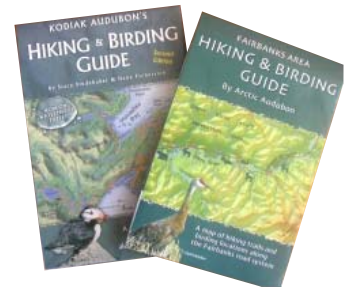
Bird watching is the favorite hobby of millions, and a perfect activity for families to share, so why don't more people of color choose to become birdwatchers? *Birding for Everyone*, by John C. Robinson, explores the reasons and offers effective solutions. This book is not about the endangerment of a particular species or habitat, but about the endangerment of conservation itself. It pinpoints outreach programs that invite more people of diverse cultures to enjoy nature through birds. Also, it encourages birders and the birding industry to join forces in supporting efforts to ensure that today's precious natural resources remain available for generations to come.



Wings-on-Disk, the publisher of *Birding For Everyone* has reserved a limited number of books for distribution to individual Audubon Chapters who are interested in encouraging more people of color to become birdwatchers and enjoy nature.

To receive your complimentary copy, while supplies last, please contact Wings-on-Disk at Logshrike@Comcast.net

Please limit one copy per Audubon Chapter.



Alaska Birding Maps Now Available

Audubon birding maps are now available for the greater Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Kodiak areas of Alaska. These are great resources for your next visit to the Great Land.

- The Anchorage Birding Map is authored and published by Audubon Alaska along with Anchorage Audubon Society. This map features a detailed road map, site descriptions, and driving directions for 34 birding spots on public lands, as well as an updated checklist with seasonal abundance of likely birds.
- The Fairbanks Area Hiking and Birding Guide is authored and published by Arctic Audubon, and features a topographic map and site descriptions of 35 birding and hiking spots on public land.
- Kodiak Audubon's Hiking and Birding Guide is authored and published by Stacy Studebaker and Hans Tschersich. It features a topographic map and site descriptions of 40 birding and hiking spots and is printed on waterproof paper.

All three maps are 2' x 3' when unfolded but fold down to a handy 6" x 9" pocket size.

FOR MORE INFO:

Find details about all three maps at www.audubonalaska.org. To order maps, please call the numbers listed below:

Anchorage: Call Audubon Alaska at 907-276-7034

Fairbanks: Gail Mayo at (907) 479-2954

Kodiak: The Kodiak Convention and Visitors Bureau at (907) 486-4782

Growing Your Education Committee

For small Audubon Chapters, a youth education program is not possible without dedicated volunteers, but recruitment can be a challenge. Eastside Audubon, located in the suburbs of Seattle, faced such a challenge when the committee chair (and only member) of the Education Committee moved. Because I was a beginning birder and new to Audubon, I was hesitant to accept the president's invitation to become the education chair. Finally I accepted but realized I needed all the help I could get.

How could I recruit and keep the volunteers needed to expand our youth education program? I first approached retired teachers who were also avid birders and nature lovers. We started writing lesson plans and giving presentations at schools, camps and science fairs. But we needed more volunteers to fill the increasing number of requests, and that meant publicity. Members needed to know who we were and what we were doing. Hopefully, some would join us in our important work with children. In the ensuing months, I found the following to be the most effective means of adding to our committee:

- Writing articles for our monthly chapter newsletter (descriptions of presentations, invitations to join the committee, book reviews, requests for



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donations to our camp scholarship for low income students, articles written by scholarship recipients). We keep our work in the public eye.

- Announcements at monthly membership meetings
- Demonstration class at a membership meeting with one of our team dressed up as a student while I did a shortened version of a class presentation
- Attendance at orientation meetings for new members (a handshake and a personal invitation to join the committee work well)

Keeping the volunteers was another challenge. We learned to get new members involved in educational activities immediately. While several members do not have teaching experience, most were willing to assist the lead presenter with classroom presentations or science fairs. Some wanted only to observe before getting involved. We asked each person to volunteer but to set his/her own pace. The banker is now our computer guru while the physician does classroom presentations.

Frequent communication is a key component to keeping volunteers involved. In addition to monthly meetings, the following contribute to sustaining member interest:

- Frequent e-mails re: education business and chapter information
- Curriculum meetings to write lesson plans, to design presentations and for fun (most recently, to examine owl pellets)
- Thank-you notices to education volunteers in the chapter newsletter
- Thank-you note to each person who does a presentation or helps in some way
- Attendance at the state Audubon conferences
- Last but not least, potlucks in December and August

I am no longer a committee of one but one of twelve members of our education committee, an amazing group of volunteers who make possible our ever-improving youth programs.

*Submitted by Mary Britton-Simmons
Eastside Audubon, Kirkland, WA*

Announcing New Audubon At Home Listserve!

Do you participate in Audubon At Home activities? Or are you just interested in learning more about Audubon At Home? If so, join our new Audubon At Home listserve. The listserve is designed for leaders to share information among Chapters, and other groups who are interested in Audubon At Home programs and principles. You can join the listserve by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/audubonathome/>.

FOR MORE INFO:

If you have questions, please contact Mary Ford at mford@audubon.org or 202-861-2242 ext 3023.



Audubon Optics & Accessories

On behalf of Audubon's licensee, Sheltered Wings USA, the Audubon licensing department would like to announce a 50% discount off the retail price of Audubon products for Audubon Chapters.

Magnify your connection to nature and benefit from an even greater appreciation of its wonders with a pair of Audubon binoculars!

Audubon optics and accessories are designed by Sheltered Wings USA and tested by Audubon field staff to give you the best performance and value.

FOR MORE INFO:

Visit www.audubonbinoculars.com to view the entire collection of Audubon products by Sheltered Wings USA/Vortex Optics.

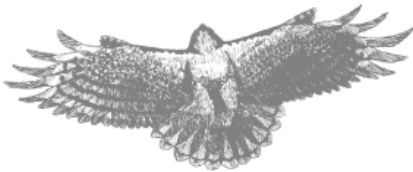
To order, use the order form on the Licensed Products for Chapters webpage, <http://www.audubon.org/local/licensed.html>.

Chapter Leader Report Form Reminder

Attention all Chapter Leaders! As your Chapter holds its annual meeting and election and there are changes in Chapter leaders, please make sure to send your state office and the national Chapter Services Office an updated Chapter Leader Report Form (CLRF). It is very important that we receive your changes as quickly as possible so you don't miss out on any information mailed or emailed from National Audubon Society and you keep up-to-date on the latest happenings in the conservation world. To report changes in Chapter leadership or to download a CLRF form, go to the Audubon Web site at <http://www.audubon.org/local/changeForm.php>.

FOR MORE INFO:

Please contact the Chapter Services Office at chapter_services@audubon.org, (800) 542-2748.



Red Tailed Hawk image by Steven D'Amato

2008 Regional Elections Underway

Elections for regionally nominated National Audubon Board Members are now underway in the Northwest, Central Great Lakes and Mid-Atlantic Election Regions. The election regions, their corresponding states and nominees are as follows:

Northwest Region – AK, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY – Nominee: Marina Skumanich, Seattle Audubon Society.

Central Great Lakes Region – IL, IN, MI, OH – Nominee: Alan Dolan, Canton Audubon Society.

Mid-Atlantic Region – D.C., DE, KY, MD, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV – Nominee: Caroline Coe, Richmond Audubon Society.

Chapter Presidents in each of these regions received ballots in April in order to elect regional representatives to the National Audubon Society Board of Directors. Each Chapter is encouraged to vote and return the ballots by mail before the deadline of June 30, 2008!

FOR MORE INFO:

Go to <http://www.audubon.org/local/regional.html> or contact the Chapter Services Office at (800) 542-2748 or chapter_services@audubon.org



National Audubon Has Moved

At the end of March, Audubon relocated to its new headquarters at 225 Varick Street in New York's dynamic Hudson Square district.

The move will result in a solid combination of financial, employee, and energy efficiency improvements that will benefit Audubon and its conservation mission well into the future. The new home office was designed and constructed applying the highest green design standards. Audubon is once again raising the standard for environmentally responsible workplaces and anticipates that our new office will be viewed as the greenest rental in New York City!

FOR MORE INFO:

To learn more about the office's new green features, please visit: <http://www.audubon.org/nas/NewOffice.html>

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AUDUBON INFORMATION AND PINS				
Audubon Membership Brochure	50		No cost	
2007 Annual Report	1		No cost	
Audubon Informational Brochure – Connecting People with Nature	25		No cost*	
Audubon DVD- 100 Years of Conservation: The Story of Audubon	1		No cost	
Audubon Lapel Pins (\$1 ea; 5 for \$4; 10 for \$7.50)	1, 5 or 10		\$1, \$4, \$7.50	
Audubon Birdathon Pins (\$1 ea; 5 for \$4; 10 for \$7.50)	1, 5 or 10		\$1, \$4, \$7.50	
Audubon Centennial Birdathon Pins (\$1 ea; 5 for \$4; 10 for \$7.50)	1, 5 or 10		\$1, \$4, \$7.50	
Audubon Junior Member Pins (\$1 ea; 5 for \$4; 10 for \$7.50)	1, 5 or 10		\$1, \$4, \$7.50	
NEW - Audubon Logo Decal (\$0.75 ea; 5 for \$2; 10 for \$3)	1, 5 or 10		\$.75, \$2 or \$3	
STATE OF THE BIRDS				
2007 State of the Birds pullout section	100		\$ 5.00	
CAMPAIGN & SPECIAL EVENT MATERIALS				
Top Ten Endangered Birds in the US Booklet (limit 1 per chapter)	1		(no cost)	
Teshekpuk Lake (Alaska) Booklet	25		\$ 3.00	
How to be an Effective Advocate In Less Than 5 Minutes	50		\$ 3.00	
Birds Can't Vote, But You Can brochure	50		\$ 3.00	
Carbon Trading Guide pullout section	100		\$ 6.00	
NEW - Waterbirds on Working Lands brochure	50		\$ 3.00	
AUDUBON AT HOME PULLOUTS/BROCHURES				
Audubon Guide for a Healthy Yard and Beyond (Spanish) - singles	100		\$ 5.00	
Audubon Guide for a Healthy Yard and Beyond (Spanish) - box	500		\$ 20.00	
Healthier Choices – The Audubon at Home Guide to Healthier Pest Control – singles	100		\$ 5.00	
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Audubon Bird Feeding Basics Brochure - singles	100		\$ 8.00	
Audubon Seed and Feeder Selection Guide - singles	100		\$ 8.00	
Birds, Bats & Butterflies Poster - Healthy Yard - singles	100		\$ 6.00	
Birds, Bats & Butterflies Poster - Neighborhood - singles	100		\$ 6.00	
Birds, Bats & Butterflies Poster - Apartment - singles	100		\$ 6.00	
Birds, Bats & Butterflies Poster - School Yard - singles	100		\$ 6.00	
Birds, Bats & Butterflies Poster - County Home - singles	100		\$ 6.00	
CHAPTER SERVICES SUPPORT MATERIALS				
Chapter Leader's Guide	1		\$ 4.00	
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Guide to Chapter Planning	1		\$ 3.00	
Membership Committee Guide	1		\$ 3.00	
Membership Recruitment Handbook	1		\$ 3.00	
Chapter Conservation Committee Guide	1		\$ 3.00	
Chapter Guide to Planned Giving	1		\$ 3.00	
Annual Appeal DVD- Santa Clara Valley A.S.	1		\$ 5.00	
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