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AUDUBON UNITES TO TACKLE GLOBAL WARMING

“What are you doing about global warming?”

The question is increasingly urgent amid new reports from the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in which dozens of the world’s leading scientists conclude unequivocally that warming of the Earth’s climate is underway, is a result of emissions from the burning of fossil fuels, and is already causing serious consequences that will worsen as emissions build up.

The reports are sobering. Projected impacts include rising sea levels threatening coastal populations, increasingly extreme weather conditions, worsening drought and wildfire potential in the American West, and greater likelihood of floods in the East. Humans and wildlife may face expanded disease outbreaks and disruption of ecosystems. Scientists even project that a continuing rise in global temperatures may speed up to 40% of the world’s species along a path toward extinction.

The Time to Act is Now

“Some of the consequences are already inevitable and we will have to find ways to deal with them,” says Audubon President John Flicker. “But the good news is that we can avoid many of the worst outcomes by cutting global warming pollutants—provided we start right away. Rising public awareness and the change in congressional leadership offer new opportunities for progress.”

Scientists say our best hope for avoiding the worst consequences of global warming lies with cutting greenhouse emissions by two percent each year, steadily moving toward the total needed reduction of 60-80 percent by mid-century. That will mean abandoning the worst fossil-fuel technologies of the past and adopting clean, renewable energy solutions to drive economic growth and opportunity for the future. Increased energy efficiency and conservation efforts will be needed too. Together, these measures will not only curb our contri-

bution to global warming, they will also reduce air and water pollution, habitat damage from mining and drilling, and a host of other harms caused by fossil fuels. Many of the needed technologies already exist—now we just need to build the political and individual will to take action. That is where Audubon comes in.

“Our members and Chapters have always been credible and forceful agents of conservation,” says Flicker. “People know their information is based on sound science, not political doctrine. So when they talk, politicians listen. When they take action, their numbers add up to serious change.” The Audubon family, Flicker adds, is “ideally suited” to mobilizing the people who can make a real difference on this issue.

United for Action

Chapters and state offices nationwide are already working to cut global warming pollution at the state and local level. Now we need to build on these efforts across the Audubon network to help pass federal legislation capping and

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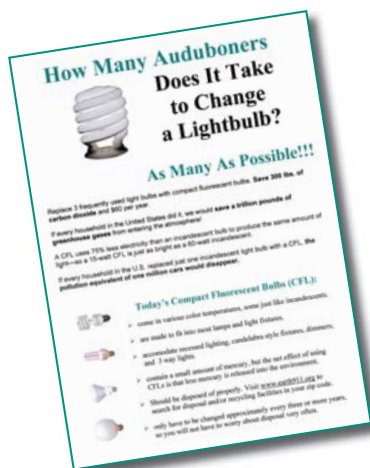
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Kingfisher by Steven D'Amato



Global Warming Outreach Materials Now Available on the Web

Many Chapters will be hosting upcoming Audubon events and festivals that offer a great opportunity to engage participants in the fight to curb global warming.

To support your efforts, Audubon has developed some basic outreach materials for upcoming events. Download at www.audubon.org/local/outreachEvents.html:

- Signup sheet to receive Audubon activist alerts (Completed sheets should be forwarded to Connie Mahan, Audubon's Policy Office: 1150 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 600, Washington, DC or cmahan@audubon.org).
- Handout exploring some of the impacts of global warming on birds.
- Handout listing 10 things everyone can do to help reduce global warming.
- Handout outlining legislative priorities.
- Handout promoting the switch to compact fluorescent bulbs.

FOR MORE INFO: On future updates or additional materials: Contact Paul Travis at Chapter Services, ptravis@audubon.org or (800) 542-2748.

Greetings to All Audubon Chapter Leaders!

My name is Paul Travis and I would like to introduce myself as the new Audubon Chapter Services Program Associate, recently replacing Carrie Cummings. I started my duties in March and am very

excited about the opportunity to work for such a well respected and influential conservation organization. I also look forward to working with many of you and providing support to Audubon Chapters. Please contact me at the Audubon Chapter Services office with any questions at ptravis@audubon.org or (800) 542-2748.

Birding Festivals and Events Calendar Posted on the Web!

Spring and summer months are a time of great birding festivals, celebrations, and events. Check out a calendar of upcoming festivals and events put on by local Chapters, state offices, Audubon Centers, and partners at <http://www.audubon.org/birdingcalendar/index.html>. Chapter leaders can also submit an event for posting provided it's an Audubon sponsored event with broad appeal to local and out of town participants, or a national event of general interest to the birding and conservation community.

A list of Audubon State Board, Regional, and Council Meetings is also posted on the web at <http://www.audubon.org/local/council/index.html>.

FOR MORE INFO: On details or to make updates and changes, please contact Lynn Tennefoss, ltennefoss@audubon.org, or Paul Travis, ptravis@audubon.org.

New Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations

Small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less are currently not required to file IRS Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. However, the IRS has given notice that, with the enactment of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA), these organizations will now be required to file electronically Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, with the IRS annually. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006. Many Chapters that have previously not been required to file a tax return will

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now need to file the e-Postcard.

The IRS will mail educational letters starting in July 2007 to notify organizations that they may be required to file the e-Postcard and will publicize filing procedures when the system is completed and ready for use. PPA requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet its annual filing requirement for three consecutive years.

FOR MORE INFO: Please see <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html> or subscribe to the email newsletter "Exempt Organization's EO Update" at <http://www.irs.gov/charities/content/0,,id=154838,00.html>.



Piping Plover by Daniel S. Kilby

California State Office Builds on Collaborative Funding for Chapters

During the past year, Audubon California has helped invest in the Audubon Chapter network in California by directing funding to priority conservation, restoration and education projects. During the past year, \$128,000 has been directed or allocated to Audubon Chapters and the state program intends to continue to grow this investment.

- Audubon California entered into an agreement with California State Parks to create an Audubon Endowment for State Parks, funded through the sale of the McVicar Sanctuary to State Parks for \$700,000. These funds will be held in an endowment with income used to make grants to joint projects between Audubon Chapters and State Park units across California. The goal is to grow this endowment to at least \$2 million through the sale of an additional property in FY08.

- Through the collaborative funding program, Audubon California made 11 grants to Chapters for a total of \$24,311. The Northern California Audubon Council will help the state office allocate an additional \$1,689 for a Chapter conservation project of their choice.
- Audubon California was able to provide Buena Vista Audubon with \$10,000 toward the acquisition of a key riparian parcel just upstream from Buena Vista Lagoon in San Diego County, from Audubon's Wimberly Fund.
- Thanks in part to an introduction by the State Office, the Marisla Foundation made a \$40,000 (2 year) grant to Santa Barbara Audubon to support the Coal Oil Point Snowy Plover Program.
- Audubon California secured a \$20,000 grant to pilot Audubon at Home projects and three grants were made to Santa Clara Valley, Palos Verde/South Bay and San Diego Audubon Chapters.
- National Audubon Society successfully secured a \$100,000 grant from the Packard Foundation to solicit and fund shorebird & seabird conservation projects submitted by Audubon chapters or partners in the Pacific Flyway. Three Audubon chapters' proposals in California were funded including \$8000 for Least Tern Restoration by San Diego Audubon Society, \$12,000 for Coal Oil Point Invasive Plant Removal in Snowy Plover Nesting Habitat by Santa Barbara Audubon Society, and \$12,000 for Mendocino Coast Audubon Society's Save our Shorebird Program to hire a coordinator to work with State Parks on a Snowy Plover program.

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New State of the Birds Report available soon!

In June, Audubon will issue a new State of the Birds Report "Common Birds in Decline." The report, which will focus on the 20 common North American bird species suffering the most severe declines over the past 40 years from the northern bobwhite to the ruffed grouse,



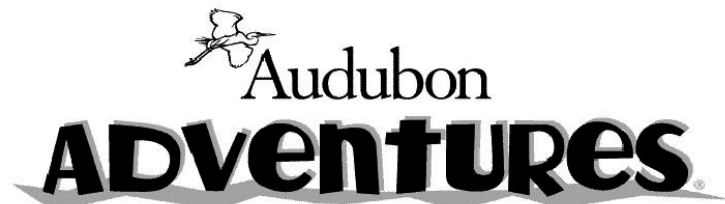
Western Tanager photo by Gary Kramer

will be featured in a special illustrated pullout in Audubon Magazine. This 5-page "State of the Birds" pullout, which will be produced by Audubon's science department and the magazine's editorial team, will appear in the July/August issue of Audubon. It will mark the first time that the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) data has been combined with Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) data to determine the best estimate of bird population changes.

Each species profile will detail that particular species' rate of decline, population estimate, physical and vocal characteristics, habitat, range, threats, and outlook. The "What You Can Do" page will give steps to keep common birds common. In addition to appearing in the bound magazines, we will be overprinting copies of the guide to be used as stand-alone handout pieces. They will be printed on heavier paper than the body of the magazine. Please note that the 6th page of the guide will be a full-page ad. These handouts will be available for ordering through the Chapter Services Distribution Center and should be available after June.

FOR MORE INFO: Please use the Chapter Services Distribution Center order form (see insert or download order form at: <http://www.audubon.org/local/outreachHome.html>). Available after June only, please call 800-542-2748 for more info.

Audubon At Home Materials



F. Pausen courtesy of Elaine O'Sullivan, Audubon Adventures

After School Handbook:

A growing issue in our country is how to provide quality educational experiences during after-school hours, when a lack of adult supervision can leave young people at risk. More and more communities are looking for high quality after-school programs to meet this growing demand. To help address the gap for high quality materials and programs, Audubon Adventures has published a syllabus, an activity guide, resources, and more to help Chapters, Centers, and other organizations use Audubon Adventures in an after-school setting. The web address for this new program is www.audubon.org/educate/aa/afterschool. Audubon Adventures After School is a new way to use Audubon Adventures—and get young people involved in conservation activities and action.

2007 Survey Results:

In February, we sent a survey to gather information from the Audubon Chapter network about their experiences with the Audubon Adventures program. We had an excellent response rate of 33%. The survey results help us understand how people are using the program and shows areas where we

can make improvements in the future. The survey explored a wide range of topics including how a Chapter decides which classes to enroll, what teachers say about the program, why Chapters sponsor classrooms, their favorite things about it, and more. We are still analyzing the responses, and here are some early results:

- (1) Seventy-four percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that sponsoring Audubon Adventures has helped their Chapter help young people form positive attitudes about conservation.
- (2) More than half of respondents agreed that Audubon Adventures helps their Chapter engage diverse audiences.
- (3) On average, the respondents have been actively using Audubon Adventures for over 12 years.

Current Numbers:

Through April 23, 2007, our national roster of registered Audubon Adventures classrooms stands at 4,716. This includes elementary classrooms, Chapters, nature centers, state offices, bird clubs, youth clubs, conservation agencies, and scout troops. Thanks to all who participated this school year.

New Themes for 2008: Audubon Adventures has announced a September release of four new themes in the Audubon Adventures series. The new series will focus on alligators, whales, bears, and bald eagles—all topics that illustrate success stories from the Endangered Species Act.

FOR MORE INFO: please call Bonnie Godfrey 860-364-1081 or send an email to bgodfrey@audubon.org.



Bald Eagle photo by Linda Kruger

Save The Date:

Audubon Upper Midwest Regional Conference: October 12-14, 2007

From October 12-14, the Audubon Upper Midwest Regional Conference will take place at the Embassy Suites in Bloomington, MN. Highlights will include sessions in three critical habitat tracks – grassland, forest and wetlands – as well as talks by scientist and author Bridget Stutchbury on “Migratory songbirds: Canaries in the mine?,” and by National Audubon Society President John Flicker.

On October 12, pre-conference attendees will explore “The Mississippi River: America’s Flyway.” The day will be full of informative and interactive sessions on Mississippi River habitat issues and opportunities as well as a sternwheeler boat ride on the Mississippi River IBA.

Conference hosts include Audubon Minnesota, The Upper Mississippi River Initiative, Bird Conservation Minnesota, Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis, Minnesota River Valley Audubon Chapter, and St. Paul Audubon Society. All members are welcome to attend.

FOR MORE INFO: On sponsorship and exhibit space, contact Audubon Minnesota at 651-739-9332. Conference details are available on the Audubon Minnesota website - <http://mn.audubon.org/>. Registration materials will be available after June 1.

Columbus Audubon Chapter Makes \$100,000 Donation to Grange Insurance Audubon Center

Columbus Audubon, the largest Audubon Chapter in Ohio, is showing its commitment to community (urban) nature center education by donating \$100,000 to assist in the construction of the new Grange Insurance Audubon Center in Whittier Metro Park, South Columbus, Ohio. The Chapter will make its donation over a five year period through community fundraising efforts starting with their 2007 Birdathon. This year, Columbus Audubon will donate 100 percent of the amount received plus an additional dollar-for-dollar match of the first \$15,000 to the Grange Insurance Audubon Center to help fulfill its pledge.

"This donation from Columbus Audubon affirms the Chapter's commitment to the Center project and its value to central Ohio residents," said Heather Starck, director of the Grange Insurance Audubon Center. "The Columbus Audubon Chapter will have an active role in the future of this one-of-a-kind urban nature education center through its financial contributions, volunteer efforts and educational resources."

Columbus Audubon Chapter members will continue to play an active role in the programmatic development of the Center and have already contributing more than 600 hours of volunteer service to the Center. Chapter volunteers have helped develop an online database to track trends of birds species spotted at the Whittier peninsula; provided monthly bird walks, and helped the facilitation of birding programs with local youth, in partnership with the Grange Insurance Audubon Center staff.

"The Columbus Audubon Chapter is very excited about our financial commitment and participation to help make the Center a reality," said Darlene Sillick, president of the Columbus Audubon Chapter. "This Center will provide outstanding opportunities for students, residents and tourists to experience nature in the heart of downtown Columbus."



Prairie warbler photo by Steve Maslowski

The facility will be within a five-mile radius of 76 schools and will serve as an educational resource to Columbus Public Schools and other schools in the area. The Center is slated for opening in late 2008-early 2009.

FOR MORE INFO: Please contact Heather Starck, Center Director. Phone: 614-224-3303 or visit www.audubonohio.org.

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reducing emissions, boosting vehicle fuel economy, and implementing new renewable electricity standards. "We've got solid, workable measures introduced in the Senate and the House, so our representatives need to hear a clear and constant call for passage from their constituents," says Audubon Policy VP Betsy Loyless.

The Washington, DC-based policy office is working closely with state programs and Chapters to mobilize grassroots support in key swing districts and states. In collaboration with other conservation groups, Audubon staff are developing public education, policy and communications campaigns to equip and mobilize our shared grassroots to build support for global warming solutions. Local input, expertise and creativity are essential to success.

New Audubon research suggests there is great opportunity to broaden the involvement of birders, nature lovers and others who may not normally consider themselves to be issue activists. Focus group interviews with Center visitors, IBA volunteers, Christmas Bird Count

and Backyard Bird Count participants show they want access to clear, factual information and consider Audubon a credible source. Most important, many are ready to help get the word out and move people and policy-makers to action.

Audubon staff are working with the National Wildlife Federation to develop introductory presentations for local use. These will help interested Chapters tell a clear and compelling story about what global warming means to local target audiences, and what can be done. Information shared will open the door to opportunities from advancing beneficial federal legislation and state policies, to taking individual action such as switching to mass transit or using energy saving appliances and lighting.

Flicker notes that working together as a network, the Audubon family can really make a difference on global warming. "Some thought we couldn't save the Arctic refuge or the Endangered Species Act, but we pulled together and helped stop attacks on both," he adds. "Now, global warming represents an unprecedented threat to all we've worked to accomplish for birds, other wildlife, and for our children's future. When someone asks what we're doing about it, let's tell them Audubon and its members are united in taking the policy and personal actions that will protect the nature of our world for future generations."

FOR MORE INFO: We'd love to hear from you if you have an interest in joining the Global Warming campaign. For details, please contact: Connie Mahan, Director, Grassroots Outreach, cmahan@audubon.org or 202-861-2242, ext 3036

Chapter Leader Report Forms

Just a reminder – as your Chapter holds its annual meeting and election or has changes in Chapter leaders, please send your state office and the Chapter Services Office an updated Chapter Leader Report Form (CLRF). It is important that we receive your changes as quickly as possible so you don't miss out on any information mailed or emailed regarding National Audubon Society programs, and can keep up-to-date on the latest happenings in the conservation world. To download a CLRF form, go to the Audubon Web site at <http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/chapter-ar/doc/chapterleaderreport.doc>

FOR MORE INFO: Please contact Paul Travis at ptravis@audubon.org.

2007 Regional Elections Underway

Chapter Presidents in the new Eastern, Southwest, and Southeast Election Regions have received ballots this spring 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, 2007!

FOR MORE INFO: Please see details on the Web at <http://www.audubon.org/local/elections/2007-elections.html>.

Amazing Audubon Adventure Participation

Top Audubon Adventures Sponsors for 2006-2007

We recently compiled an amazing chart, displayed below, about Audubon Chapters whose involvement this year has been out of this world. Below is a listing of 23 Audubon chapters that are providing the Audubon Adventures program to 50 classrooms and above! Couer d'Alene Audubon Society in Idaho, is at the top of the list with 137 classrooms! Congratulations and thanks to all who have worked so hard this year.

Chapter	City/State	Classrooms Sponsored
Couer d'Alene Audubon Society	Couer d'Alene, ID	137
Washington Crossing Audubon	Trenton, NJ	120
Thorn Creek Audubon Society	Crete, IL	111
Jackson Audubon Society	Jackson, MI	105
Wasatch Audubon Society	Ogden, UT	100
Litchfield Hills Audubon Society	Litchfield, CT	96
Mesilla Audubon Society	Mesilla, NM	80
Gifford Pinchot Audubon Society	Milford, PA	75
Murie Audubon Society	Casper, WY	73
Greater Ozarks Audubon Society	Springfield, MO	72
Hartford Audubon Society	Newington, CT	72
Vancouver Audubon Society	Vancouver, WA	67
Kalamazoo Audubon Society	Kalamazoo, MI	67
North Central Arkansas Society	Midway, AR	64
Apalachee Audubon Society	Tallahassee, FL	64
Northwest AR Audubon Society	Fayetteville, AR	61
Tri-Moraine Audubon Society	Lima, OH	60
Venice Area Audubon Society	Venice, FL	59
Delaware Audubon Society	New Castle, DE	58
Sea & Sage Audubon Society	Irving, CA	57
Wachiska Audubon Society	Lincoln, NE	53
Albert Lea Audubon Society	Albert Lea, MN	51
St Petersburg Audubon Society	St Petersburg, FL	50
Buena Vista Audubon	Carlsbad, CA	50

* Each classroom sponsored translates to 32 students.

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AUDUBON INFORMATION AND PINS				
Audubon Membership Brochure	50		No cost	
2006 Annual Report	1		No cost	
Audubon Informational Brochure – Connecting People with Nature	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	
STATE OF THE BIRDS				
2004 State of the Birds pullout section	100		\$ 5.00	
2004 State of the Birds pullout section	500		\$ 20.00	
2007 State of the Birds pullout section (available after June 30)	100		\$ 5.00	
CAMPAIGN & SPECIAL EVENT MATERIALS				
Top Ten Endangered Birds in the US Booklet (limit 1 per chapter)	1		(no cost)	
Top Ten Endangered Birds in the US Brochure	100		\$ 3.00	
Teshkepkuk Lake (Alaska) Booklet	25		\$ 3.00	
How to be an Effective Advocate In Less Than 5 Minutes	50		\$ 3.00	
International Migratory Bird Day Online Catalog http://www.birdday.org/shop_index.html	n/a		n/a	
AUDUBON AT HOME PULLOUTS/BROCHURES				
Audubon Guide for a Healthy Yard and Beyond (English) - singles	100		\$ 5.00	
Audubon Guide for a Healthy Yard and Beyond (English) - box	500		\$ 20.00	
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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	
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