

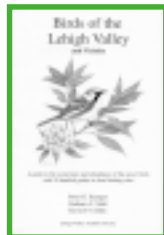
## CHAPTER PRODUCTS CONTRIBUTE TO EDUCATION

**T**he last issue of the Chapter Networker included a sampling of Chapter-created educational publications. The books noted below are additions to that list of creative, useful products that inspire and inform birders about the habitat and birds in selected areas. Once again, readers interested in producing similar products for their Chapter or in obtaining any of the materials listed below are encouraged to make use of the contact information following each item.

### SITE GUIDES

#### **Birds of the Lehigh Valley and Vicinity**

Lehigh Valley Audubon Society (Emmaus, PA)



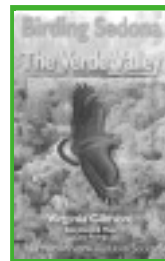
Serving to update and expand upon the Chapter's booklet "Birds of the Lehigh Valley Area", first distributed in 1979 and updated in 1984, this full-fledged book was completed in 2002 by a team of three – Peter G. Saenger, Barbara C. Malt, and Kevin F. Crilly. As a guide to the occurrence and abundance of the area's birds, the heart of the book is comprised of species accounts with each species described in both text and bar graph format. In addition, site guides describe fifty of the areas' birding locations, including birds likely to be found and detailed driving directions to each site. Maps, a checklist of all occurring species, a list of provisional species

and other related information round out the 152 page paperback. Among a number of helpful appendices and indices is a thorough discussion of the importance of keeping birding record field notes, including a detailed description on the best way to do so.

FOR MORE INFO: Contact Peter G. Saenger, Editor, Lehigh Valley Audubon Society at [crex@fast.net](mailto:crex@fast.net).

#### **Birding Sedona and the Verde Valley**

Northern Arizona Audubon Society (Sedona, AZ)



This book was designed as a guide for Chapter members in the Sedona-Verde Valley area of Central Arizona, a prime birding area in the center of the state. It was originally authored by Virginia Gilmore, who passed away in December of 2001 after many, many years of creating official bird lists for sites around the state, consulting on birds and habitat, and guiding the Chapter's field trip program. With 48 pages of information on specific sites, the guide includes stunning illustrations and maps by Gary Romig and has been thoroughly revised and updated in its third edition (2003). An extensive list of bird species seen in the Verde Valley, associated canyons, and Mingus Mountain is also included along with location, species and map/illustration indices.

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## CHAPTER SERVICES OFFICE MOVING TO CALIFORNIA

As of early July, the Chapter Services Office will be relocating to Audubon's Sacramento, CA office. Lynn Tennefoss, Vice President for Chapter Services and State Programs, can be reached from July 5 on at 711 University Avenue, Sacramento 95825, with no change in the current phone number of 800-542-2748 or email addresses of [ltennefoss@audubon.org](mailto:ltennefoss@audubon.org) or [chapter\\_services@audubon.org](mailto:chapter_services@audubon.org).



## CHAPTER NETWORKER SWITCHING TO ONLINE VERSION ONLY

And in another change, beginning with the Summer 2004 edition, the Chapter Networker publication will now be available exclusively online at [www.audubon.org/local/cn](http://www.audubon.org/local/cn). This will allow us to expand the offerings of the Networker and get news to Chapter leaders in a more timely fashion. An announcement will be posted on the Audubon Newswire as each issue is ready to view, or you can check the Web site periodically for the latest versions. If you are not currently receiving the Audubon Newswire electronic news alert, please send your email address to [chapter\\_services@audubon.org](mailto:chapter_services@audubon.org) and we will add you to the list.

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# AUDUBON PREMIUM SHADE GROWN COFFEE



The roasters of Audubon coffee have a new ongoing discount offer for Chapters. Any Audubon Chapter can get a 33% discount off retail by ordering on the [auduboncoffeeclub.com](http://www.auduboncoffeeclub.com) website and using the special Chapter discount code (the discount is web-only, and payment must be made by credit card)

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A limited number of Audubon coffee mugs are available to Chapters at a discount – \$3.00 each, plus shipping, with a minimum shipping quantity of 12 mugs. For availability and ordering, please contact: Jim Rogers, Rogers Family Coffee Companies, 800/829-1300 x141 or [JDRogers@jbrfoods.com](mailto:JDRogers@jbrfoods.com).



## AUDUBON Magazine Seeks Your Suggestions

Audubon in Action welcomes your ideas for stories and features. This widely read section in AUDUBON magazine provides an important national platform to share significant news about your Chapter's activism, victories, and programs. Please e-mail suggestions, including a summary, backup materials (if available), and contact information to [editor@audubon.org](mailto:editor@audubon.org) or mail to Editor, Audubon in Action, 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.



Short-eared Owl  
by Daniel S. Kilby

## Chapter Roster Available

Chapter Membership Chairs may now obtain an electronic roster - a spreadsheet of your current members - at no cost by sending a request to: [reportrequest@audubon.org](mailto:reportrequest@audubon.org).

## 2004 Birdathon Pins

A limited supply of Birdathon pins is now available at no cost from the Chapter Services Office. If you would like to order some for your Chapter's use, please send an email to [ltennefoss@audubon.org](mailto:ltennefoss@audubon.org) with the number of pins requested and be sure to include your mailing address.



# To The Audubon Family:



Over the past few months, I participated in several forums around the country where the Board's Ad Hoc Committee on Chapters met with Chapter leaders. They were very productive and informative discussions. We confirmed several things.

First, we continue to share a deep commitment to advancing a common mission to protect birds, other wildlife, and the habitat they need to survive. This is the glue that keeps all parts of Audubon together.

Second, Chapters and National Audubon are partnering in numerous places around the country. Together, we are accomplishing amazing conservation results. From the Audubon New York – New York City Audubon Joint Calendar of Events to the San Francisco Bay Program – Marin Audubon joint efforts supporting wetlands land purchase and protection in Marin and Sonoma Counties, members of the Audubon Family are working together to engage the public, save habitat and protect birds.

Third, Audubon is leading critically important conservation initiatives that will succeed only with combined resources of both Chapters and National Audubon. These programs will form the basis of a renewed partnership for the future. For example:

- **Important Bird Areas Program:** National Audubon is the Birdlife International Partner Designate in the United States charged with implementing the IBA Program. Over 1500 IBAs have already been identified, most with the help of Chapter volunteers. We eventually expect to identify some 5000 sites, or an average of about 10 IBA sites in every Chapter territory. Chapters play an essential role in protecting and monitoring these sites.
- **Citizen Science:** Since the beginning of the Christmas Bird Count over a century ago, Audubon volunteers have defined Citizen

Science. Today, the power of Internet technology, combined with this vast network of local volunteers, has dramatically expanded the potential of Chapter volunteers to influence the conservation agenda.

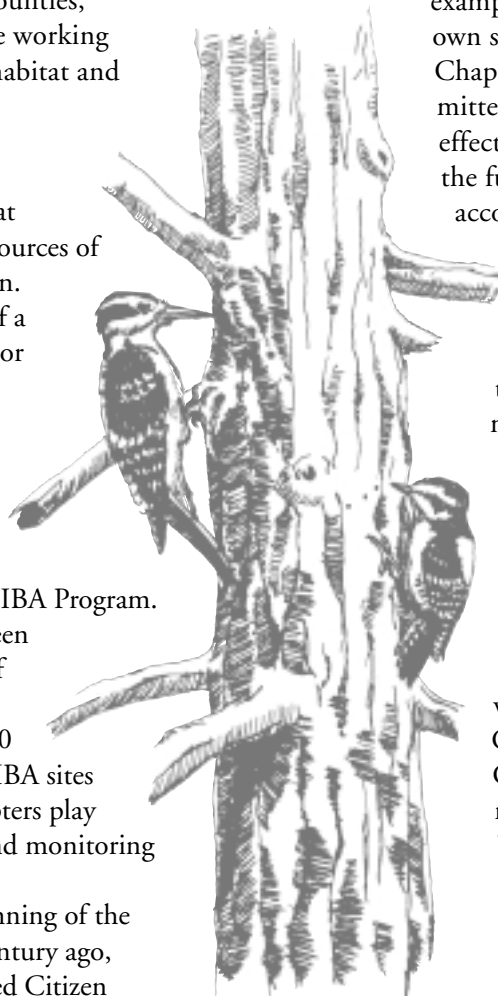
- **Audubon at Home:** We believe that the greatest untapped force for conservation in the future will arise out of the combined action of individuals to improve the environment in their everyday lives – actions such as reducing pesticides in yards, using native plants, or buying energy-efficient products. Many Chapters are already actively implementing Audubon at Home-related programs in their local communities. We look forward to learning from their experiences, and helping others to become equally involved.
- **Public Policy Action:** For over a century, Chapters have been the foundation of Audubon's grassroots advocacy, and they will continue to be Audubon's local ambassadors in the community.

Fourth, our 500 Chapters are not all the same. Their history, culture, programs and future needs vary significantly. For example, the role of a large urban Chapter with its own staff support will be different from a small Chapter with only a few volunteers. As the Committee explores ways to make Chapters more effective, a one-size-fits-all solution won't work. In the future, we may need to create more options to accommodate the diversity of Chapters.

Fifth, we need to address the obstacles that keep many Chapters from reaching their potential and that distract them from doing the conservation work that they care about most. These obstacles include the financial burdens of administrative overhead, difficulties finding new volunteer leadership, and staff support for program activities.

Despite all of these challenges, I came away optimistic and inspired by the dedication, creativity and energy of the Chapter volunteers who participated in these meetings. The Ad Hoc Committee continues to solicit input from all Chapters. Please participate. We are eager for a renewed partnership between Chapters and National Audubon for our second century of conservation service together.

*John Flicker*  
President



*Downy and Hairy Woodpeckers*  
by Steven D'Amato

# AUDUBON AT HOME ONLINE

The actions we take to improve the health and habitat of our yard can have resounding positive effects on wildlife, people and the health of the entire natural community. Audubon now has a powerful tool to engage millions of people in conservation at home. With funding from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Audubon has launched the Audubon At Home website at [Audubon.org](http://Audubon.org).



- Plant recommendations that address the conservation needs of some of Audubon's Watchlist birds
- A children's page with introductory activities and resources for teachers
- A "Keeping Wildlife Safe" section with sound suggestions for making yards safe for wild visitors
- Downloadable Action Plans
- A large number of useful resources and links in each section
- And much more...

This website emphasizes and explains key concepts and provides concise action plans to facilitate the conversion of property into thriving habitat, good for wildlife and people alike.

Have you ever wondered what your property looked like before it was associated with a house? What plants and animals dominated the landscape 100 years ago? Where does your roof runoff flow? What kind of soil do you have and how has it changed? Audubon At Home gives people the tools to answer these questions and ponder the importance of their ecological address – the components of the natural world that characterize where they live.

At Audubon At Home online, visitors will find a variety of useful tools:

- An interactive image that identifies 16 elements of a healthy yard
- A long list of bird habitat necessities and resources

Establish native plants, remove exotic invasive plants, reduce pesticides, conserve water, protect water quality - these five main principles of Audubon At Home are at the heart of personal conservation efforts and can have far-reaching effects. We can all make a personal commitment to be active participants in the effort to create a healthy environment, one yard at a time. And it all begins...at home.

For more information, go to [www.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home](http://www.audubon.org/bird/at_home). We welcome comments, ideas, and related news items from Chapters. In future months, sections including regional resources, community projects, and yard-transformation success stories will be included. If you feel your members would benefit from the information found at Audubon At Home online, please consider a direct link on your Chapter Web site.

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### Birding the Flagstaff Area

Northern Arizona Audubon Society (Sedona, AZ)



Northern Arizona Audubon Society also offers this second guide, authored by Frank and Linda Brandt, with illustrations by Gary Romig. Published in 2001, it covers the northeast corner of the state, extending west to Flagstaff and south to the Mogollon Rim (southern edge of the Colorado Plateau).

Covering an area of spectacular beauty and 10,000 feet of elevation change (from Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Grand Canyon to the peak of the San Francisco Mountains), the book offers a sampling from every available habitat type. Special sections include descriptions of habitat types, specialties of the region, a checklist, index to birds and birding locations, and a regional map.

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### TRAIL GUIDE

#### A Trail Guide to Brookside Preserve and Discover a Freshwater Wetland

South Shore Audubon Society (Freeport, NY)

Brookside Preserve is a Nassau County Greenspace property, under management of the South Shore Audubon Society. The Preserve was established through volunteer efforts, and the Chapter continues to maintain it through cleanup days, trail blazing and management activities that allow access while preserving the natural character of the site. These two self-guiding trail guides were produced by the Chapter to orient visitors, teach them about the local habitat including birds likely to be seen, and encourage involvement with the Chapter's Brookside Preserve Committee.



# CHAPTER BIRDATHON 2003 RESULTS

## Large Chapter (1000+ members)

1st place Sea & Sage A.S., CA  
 2nd place Columbus A.S., OH  
 3rd place Onondaga A.S., NY  
 Hon Men Tahoma A.S., WA

## Medium Chapter (300-999 members)

Putnam Highlands A.S., NY  
 Florida Keys A.S., FL  
 Lillionah A.S., CT  
 Big Bluestem A.S., IA

## Small Chapter (under 300)

Seneca Rocks A.S., PA  
 Last Chance A.S., MT  
 Northwest Illinois A.S., IL  
 Kemcrest A.S., CA

## Best Newsletter

Central New Mexico A.S., NM

## Best Ask Letter

Amos W. Butler A.S., IN  
 Hon Men Elizabeth Williams, Mobile Bay A.S., AL

## Best Report Letter

Amos W. Butler A.S., IN

## Most \$ Raised by Individual Birder

Ann Francis Ford, Florida Keys A.S.

## Most \$ Raised by Rookie Birder

Paul Loehnen, Five Valleys A.S., MT

## Most Sponsors (of 3 Chapter sizes)

Large - Sea & Sage A.S., CA (226)  
 Medium -- Housatonic A.S., CT (171)  
 Small -- Seneca Rocks A.S., PA (172)

## Most Birdathoners (of 3 Chapter sizes)

Large - Columbus A.S., CH (91)  
 Medium -- South Bend Elkhart A.S., IN (50)  
 Small -- Seneca Rocks A.S., PA (31)

## Most Species Seen (by Region)

West -- Sea & Sage A.S., CA (221)  
 Northeast -- Putnam Highlands A.S., NY (182)  
 Midwest - Amos W. Butler A.S., IN (181)  
 Southeast - Waccamaw A.S., SC (172)  
 Mid-Atlantic - Virginia Beach A.S., VA (146)

## Most Unusual Species Seen (by Region)

Northeast - Putnam Highlands A.S., NY (King Eider)  
 Midwest - Amos W. Butler A.S., IN (Pacific Loon)  
 Southeast - Florida Keys A.S., FL (Red-Footed Booby)

## Best Team Names

Once Bittern, Twice Shy - Onondaga A.S., NY  
 Philanthropic Phalaropes - Dayton A.S., OH  
 Bureauing Owls (BLM team) -- Kemcrest A.S., CA

## Most Successful Publicity

Bangor Nature Club, ME (local newspaper article)

## Most New Members Recruited

Payne County A.S., OK (44)

## AVAILABLE FROM THE CHAPTER SERVICES OFFICE

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# WEST NILE VIRUS IS HERE TO STAY

Although little information is yet available regarding the impacts of the virus on North American avian populations, we know that many, many birds have died as WNV has spread across the continent. Keep up to date with what's known about the virus by regularly checking the pages at our WNV website, [www.audubon.org/bird/wnv](http://www.audubon.org/bird/wnv), and be sure to download our new "West Nile virus; What You Can Do" guidelines for use on bulletin boards (or refrigerators!), or to hand out at chapter meetings and other community events.



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## NEW EVENTS CALENDAR ON AUDUBON WEB SITE

A new calendar is now available for your use on the Audubon Web site at [http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/birdfest\\_events.html](http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/birdfest_events.html). Designed to feature birding festivals, educational workshops, camps, and other programs of regional or national interest, all events must be sponsored and/or organized by an Audubon Chapter, State Program, or Center. An online form to submit information can be found at [http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/birdfest\\_form.html](http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/birdfest_form.html). Please contact the Chapter Services Office at 800/542-2748 with any questions about the Web site, submittal form or the calendar.

