

## BIRD CONSERVATION NETWORK

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## ISLAND EXPERIENCE GIVES TEACHERS WINGS

**N**ine years ago, when I first visited Hog Island - Audubon's venerable and comfortable camp in Medomak, Maine - I sent a postcard to my husband back home: "I feel like I've died and gone to heaven."

He must've wondered if I might be having too much fun, out there in Muscongus Bay. In a way, I was. It was a sea-change of exploring tide pools, reflecting on puffins, studying the biology of shrimp, forming lasting friendships with fellow campers. It was a time for waking to finches, the scent of spruce and fir, gourmet meals from the kitchen and the glory of another day of learning, sometimes basking in sunshine, other times snuggled in fog. The experience has informed much of what I've done since, such as becoming a Mid Coast Chapter board member and president, and an advocate for Audubon Adventures in schools, where I work as an occupational therapist. I've even learned to identify a few more birds.

I found I was hardly alone in my appreciation of this brief but profound experience. The lessons of Hog Island had the same affect on friends who, like me, work with children in our schools.



"Hog Heaven" - Donna Seymour, left, Kathy Cartwright, Kathy Zwick and Paulette Gilbert enjoying island life.

One of those educators is Kathy Zwick of Warren, Maine, who said "Hog Island has helped me as a teacher in many ways. The ecology camp helped me expand hands-on teaching experiences

for my students. My school, Rockport Elementary, is located less than a mile from tidal pools and an osprey nest." She said Hog Island instructors' passion for their work is something she tries to bring to her own students. A registered Maine Guide, she combines her love of the natural environment with a keen awareness of how children learn. As chairperson of the Mid Coast Chapter's scholarship committee, she encourages students to "go off to Hog Island and bring that knowledge back to their schools and communities."

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# MINORITIES IN BIRDING

**J**ohn C. Robinson, an African-American birder from California, is currently researching the area of minorities in birding. Robinson previously published "An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Tennessee" (1990), and he is the owner of LANIUS Software. He is investigating the fact that relatively few African-American birders exist in North America and seeks to offer encouragement to all minorities to become more active in birding.

Details on the effort and access to a short questionnaire are on the American Birding Association web site at <<http://www.americanbirding.org/newsbullet11.htm>>.

There are several ways you could help John C. Robinson:

- Fill the form out yourself.
- Encourage all members of your Chapter who are active in birding to fill the form out.
- Post the information and URL on your local area birding listserves.

## TRACKING ROBIN MIGRATION

Journey North is a non-profit educational project that engages school age children in the study of global migrations. Our students report sightings of many migrating animals to our Web site. Chapter members are encouraged to also send us their observations - additional sightings to our map will help us create better patterns for migration studies.

To participate: If you see robins in your area, please contact Deb Lauer of Journey North promptly with the location and date. They are interested in reports of:

- Robin (first SEEN)
- Robin (Group SEEN)
- Robin (first HEARD singing)
- Robin (OTHER observations)

FOR MORE INFO.: Please contact Deb Lauer of Journey North at <[deb-jnorth@mediaone.net](mailto:deb-jnorth@mediaone.net)> or visit their web site at <<http://www.learner.org/jnorth>>.

- Pass the information on to your regional bird club and outdoor publications.
- Put a one-paragraph notice on your bird club's web site and establish a link to the page.
- Pass this information on to an interested/concerned birding friend.

The deadline for completion of the form is the end of May 2001.

FOR MORE INFO.: Please contact John C. Robinson, 1470 Creekside Drive, Suite 23, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, <[logshrike@compuserve.com](mailto:logshrike@compuserve.com)> or 925/932-4201.

## Camp News

### CAMP OF THE ROCKIES & TEACHER ECOLOGY CAMP RENOVATE!

The Audubon Camp in the Rockies near Dubois, Wyoming and the Audubon Ecology Workshop in Greenwich, Connecticut will be undergoing renovations and neither will offer programs this summer. Chapters that traditionally offer scholarships to these camps are encouraged to temporarily switch to one of the other Camps: Audubon Camp in Maine (Maine), Audubon in the North Woods (Minnesota), Audubon Vermont Camps (Vermont), or the Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary (Wisconsin). For details or to receive copies of camp brochures, please call toll-free 866/4AUDUBON (866/428-3826).

### CAMP PHONE NUMBER CORRECTION!

The toll-free number for Audubon Camp information and Summer 2001 schedules listed in the last issue of the *Networker* has been changed. The new toll-free number is 1-866/4AUDUBON. (Yes, it has one extra number if you list it this way, but it is easier to remember than 1-866/428-3826, which is what it spells!)

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# PESTICIDE AWARENESS











In some parts of the country, there is a cold bite in the air, a bunch of snow flying, and a dream of digging in the mud. But, no matter where we live, it's a wonderful time to cuddle up with plant catalogues, to think spring, and to think about safe habitats for birds and other wildlife.

The "Ten Commandments for a Healthy Yard and The Audubon Guide to Home Pesticides" chart is still available to use in a number of ways suggested below. Distributing the chart is a great way to spread the word about not using pesticides during migration in your region and to teach about safer alternatives. A conservative estimate is that 672 millions birds are exposed to pesticides annually and 67 million die. You can order copies of the chart by using the order form on page 5. Please contact the Chapter Services Office for a discounted price on large orders.

In the near future, "Audubon's Guide for a Healthy Yard and Beyond" will be available. While the new chart includes modified pesticide information and the ten commandments, now it is designed to hang near your garden supplies, is easier to read, and promotes new ideas such as:

-  responsible use of pesticides as well as alternatives
-  more information on native species as a replacement for lawn
-  the public's "right to know" to encourage citizen action

You can contact Barbara McGlaughlin at the e-mail address below to get the new chart when available. Some suggestions for places that you can distribute either chart:

-  to the garden editor of a local newspaper
-  to the local nature center
-  to the county extension (Master Gardener Program)
-  to an interested chapter point of contact
-  to local nurseries
-  to community and school garden projects
-  to Audubon Centers
-  to garden centers
-  to bird seed and equipment stores
-  to lawn services

And be sure to check <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/spring/garden.html> for spring garden updates and pesticide information, including an inventory for home use.

FOR MORE INFO.: Contact Barbara McGlaughlin, Director, Pesticide Initiative & Healthy Habitats, [bmcgloughlin@audubon.org](mailto:bmcgloughlin@audubon.org).

Save the Birds  
Save the Trees  
Save the Earth

## A Global Contest for Groups of Kids 8-11 years old

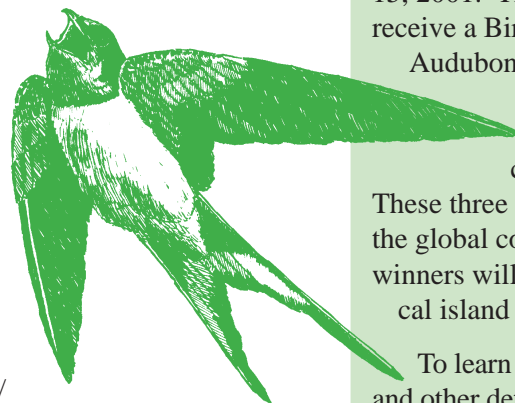
**D**id you know that 12% or 1,186 of the earth's bird species are threatened? Some of these are familiar backyard birds. We invite you and the children in your class or club to participate in an educational and fun project to learn about the world's birds, their survival needs - and your local birds. Teachers, Audubon chapters and youth group leaders can help children learn the facts about threats to birds and habitats and, at the same time, enter an exciting contest. Using the title "Save the Birds, Save the Trees, Save the Earth," tell us how we can save our birds, our trees and our wildlife so that we can all live happily together and share our planet.

The contest, presented by BirdLife International, is being coordinated by Audubon in the United States. Entries can be submitted in whatever medium the group decides - visual, written, recorded, or some other method. Entries must be received by Audubon by May 15, 2001. The top three U.S. entries will receive a Bird Study Bonanza from

Audubon - a collection of books, binoculars, and feeders especially selected for classes and youth groups.

These three entries will then be sent to the global contest in England where the winners will receive a trip to the magical island of Taiwan.

To learn more about the contest rules and other details, please visit <http://www.audubon.org/contest/> or contact Sally Conyne, Director of Citizen Science at Audubon at 215/297-9040 or [sconyne@audubon.org](mailto:sconyne@audubon.org).



**Island Experience**  
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Paulette Gilbert, my Waldoboro, Maine, neighbor who teaches at the elementary school in Bristol, Maine, has found her students are excited about using binoculars to identify birds, and so doing expands their sensitivity to the natural world around them. Her classroom sports window-mounted bird feeders. Pete Salmonsohn from Audubon's Seabird Restoration Project has come to class, helping students understand that they can help save the environment, both as individuals and by working together. Paulette is a volunteer at the Hog Island visitor center, and will be working with the sea bird project's Sue Schubel on adult education programs.

Donna Seymour of Camden, Maine, who teaches with Kathy Zwick at Rockport Elementary, has built Audubon into her curriculum. From classroom bird feeding to decorating the tree outside the window with fruit and nuts, she lets her student discover and come to understand the rhythm and cycles of nature. She takes her class on walking field trips to the harbor, where shore birds are plentiful. Last year she did the Cornell Backyard Bird Count with her class, and the Christmas Bird Count with Kathy Zwick and Paulette Gilbert.

My own association with Hog Island continues. Since my first stay, I've become a volunteer at the camp's visitor center and I've helped out on a Hog Island youth program. In 1999, I brushed up on my ornithology skills during a second wonder-filled stay on the island, under the gentle, capable leadership of Seth Benz, the camp director and hawk expert. The 6 a.m. bird walks were not to be missed, nor were the fledgling parula warblers.

Even though I live near Hog Island, and have made family visits to Eastern Egg Rocks' puffin colony, I learn more on each visit to the Audubon camp. How can I forget the great blue heron rookery on Wreck Island, with its world of white guano, highly fertilized, tropical-like vegetation, and the cacophony of hungry young herons, squawking for food.

On my first Hog Island stay, Unity College ornithology professor Mike Shannon, program director, would read something each morning as food for thought. "We should walk gently upon the earth, leaving only our footprints," he said.

All of us drew lessons

from Hog Island, a small ecosystem with big lessons; a small network of people with the potential to reach hundreds of others. There is something quite magical about an island that defies description, that goes beyond words like peaceful, beautiful, unspoiled. It is a short boat ride from the mainland, but with its salty old buildings, Hog Island could be 100 years away. The island has stories to tell; about its past, its present, perhaps its future. You need to come listen to them yourself.

**FOR MORE INFO.:** For details about sessions you can attend at Hog Island, call Maine Audubon Society at 207-781-2330, send email to <camps@maineaudubon.org> or view the web site at <www.maineaudubon.org/programs/camps>. For registration only, the toll-free number is 888-325-5261.

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<b>TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED:</b>		_____	

# Bird Clocks for Chapters

Until recently, clocks were offered as a membership premium. While they feature pictures of birds around the face, these clocks do not sing. Chapters may now purchase these bird clocks for recruitment purposes, at a cost of \$6 per box of 20. (Single clocks


are not available.) To purchase the clocks, please send a check for \$6 per box requested along with the Chapter name and street address (for UPS shipping), phone number and email address if available to Iris Blumenthal, Membership Department, National Audubon Society, 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003.

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In order to communicate more quickly and efficiently with Chapters, Audubon is seeking the email addresses for the following officers in each Chapter: President, Vice President, Membership Chair (CCR Recipient), Membership Promotions Chair, and Electronic

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