

## GREAT PIKES PEAK BIRDING TRAIL

**A**iken Audubon Society of Colorado Springs, CO is coordinating a brand-new and very ambitious project: The Great Pikes Peak Birding Trail (GPPBT). Modeled after the successes of the Great Texas Coastal Birding and Great Florida Birding Trail Systems, this Colorado driving-to-hiking trail is designed to help travelers identify the best birding-viewing sites in the region. The Trail encompasses El Paso, Pueblo, Teller, Park and Fremont counties, and possibly also will serve as the model for the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Great Colorado Wildlife Viewing Trail.

Nature-based tourism is the fastest growing segment of the travel industry. Surveys show that wildlife watching is a growing recreational past time, contributing \$1.2 billion to Colorado in 1996. Through bird-viewing trails, the Chapter hopes to provide opportunities for nature tourists to enjoy the rich abundance of birds in their region while bringing economic benefits to local communities. When completed, the trail will feature signs marking the sites and beautifully illustrated maps with directions to the sites, descriptions of birds and other wildlife and their habitats, and additional information of interest to travelers. The end result will provide new

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## AUDUBON AT HOME OFFERS NEW RESOURCES

**W**ith spring planting and the arrival of spring migrants to our gardens just around the corner, it is a perfect - and critical - time to encourage healthy landscaping and gardening practices. The *Audubon At Home* program has developed new resources to promote the simple message: **Reduce Pesticide Use, Protect Water Quality, Plant Native Species.**

### New Website

To engage people to take an active role in making neighborhoods and communities safer, cleaner, and greener, we need to provide up-to-date, scientifically sound information on environmentally responsible landscaping and gardening methods and their value to wildlife conservation. Through its new website <[http://www.audubon.org/bird/at\\_home](http://www.audubon.org/bird/at_home)>, *Audubon At Home* is committed to delivering timely, accurate information and resources to Chapters and the general public.

The website is dynamic and responsive. Material is continually developed and updated as new information becomes available and issues dictate - be sure to visit often and regularly! Our goal is not only to provide information, but also inspiration, about how we can all help to make our yards and neighborhoods healthier for birds, wildlife ... and people, too.

Material recently posted includes:

- 10 Steps for Responsible Pesticide Use
- What is Integrated Pest Management (IPM)?
- Pesticide Alternatives
- Gardening for Birds and Other Wildlife
- Increasing Backyard Biodiversity
- Rethinking Your Lawn

Consider using the provided information, resources, and suggestions as you develop your programs, public education materials, activities, and workshops. There are many ways we can convey to people that they can make a difference in environmental quality and conservation through simple actions in everyday life.

Some ideas:

- Reprint the "10 Steps for Responsible Pesticide Use" in your next newsletter
- Set-up a display of pesticide alternatives at your next meeting or festival
- Challenge your members and community to reduce their lawn area by a square yard or two
- Organize a tour of bird and butterfly gardens in your area to inspire others

Many Chapters hold annual or semi-annual native plant sales. Others offer lectures or workshops on creating bird

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Cormorant  
by Daniel S.  
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## COASTAL MAINE BIRD STUDIES FOR YOUTH 2002

A new bird studies session at the Hog Island camp is designed to provide a small group of interested teens age 14-17 with an opportunity to experience Audubon's bird fieldwork. Limited to 13 participants, the session will cost \$795. Sponsors are sought to help low-income attendees; anyone interested in becoming a sponsor is asked to email <camp@maineaudubon.org> using the subject header: Teen Scholarships.

## AUDUBON CAMPS 2002

The 2002 Audubon Camp season is quickly approaching. This summer, Audubon will offer adult/youth camps in Maine, Minnesota, Vermont, Wisconsin, Wyoming (one week session only).

For detailed information, please visit our website at <[www.audubon.org/educate/cw/](http://www.audubon.org/educate/cw/)> or for general information about camps, please call toll free 866/4AUDUBON.

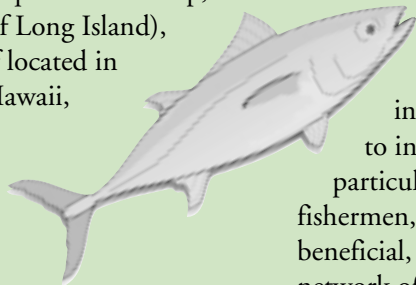
# LIVING OCEANS

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**Audubon and fish?** Yes, indeed. Living Oceans, the marine program of Audubon, is continually striving to protect and restore the living communities and special places of the seas for fish, seabirds, and other marine life, and for the benefit of humankind. The program is headquartered in Islip, NY (on the shores of Long Island), with additional staff located in Washington, DC, Hawaii, and Oregon.

Living Oceans is comprised of five main programs: Sustainable Fishing, Seabirds, Seafood Lovers Initiative, Ocean Refuges, and Sea Ethic.

- The Sustainable Fishing program seeks to improve management of marine fisheries, such as for Pacific salmon and ocean giants such as sharks, tunas, and billfishes. By developing and monitoring federal and international laws and fishing regulations, Living Oceans provides a voice for conservation in a field dominated by industry and political agendas.
- The Seabird program advances Audubon's avian focus by advocating measures to reduce the effects of fishing gear on birds such as albatrosses and petrels and by protecting vital nesting habitat on oceanic islands.
- The Seafood Lovers Initiative was the first of its kind, producing a guide to wise choices for public consumption of seafood. Through analysis of population status, level of gear impact, and management practices, Living Oceans scientists rank fish species according to the best and worst eco-friendly menu choices. The Initiative has produced national and regional wallet cards, perfect for a



convenient guide to wise seafood choices, as well as an attractive, in-depth publication, the *Seafood Lover's Almanac*.

- The Ocean Refuges program aims to set aside special places in the sea as ocean wilderness, free from consumptive uses, to provide a safe haven for the diversity of life in our oceans. We hope to involve all stakeholders, particularly recreational fishermen, in order to develop a beneficial, scientifically-based network of marine reserves.
- Through our highly esteemed writings and public lectures, Living Oceans staff also work to promote a Sea Ethic, advocating our motto to the general public, "Fish are wildlife too." Dr. Carl Safina's *Song for the Blue Ocean* beautifully depicts some of the dangers of our seas today and hopes for an enlightened future.

Living Oceans extends an invitation to Audubon Chapters (especially those in coastal states) and members concerned about the oceans to partner with us. We seek activists to write letters, and/or attend meetings in support of our efforts to protect ocean wildlife.

FOR MORE INFO: If you would like to join Living Oceans' "Ocean Guardians" activist list, please contact our Office Manager, Myra Sarli, at <msarli@audubon.org>. A partial list of publications, including the *Seafood Lover's Almanac* and *Song for the Blue Ocean*, as well as literature on shark conservation, is available on our website, <www.audubon.org/campaign/lo/index.html>, please e-mail Myra for a full list of publications. Orders may be placed by e-mail to <livingoceans@audubon.org>.

opportunities for people to enjoy and learn about Pikes Peak wildlife, bring tourist dollars to the region, and build broad-based public support for the conservation of local bird resources.

Aiken Audubon Society has designed a grassroots approach to create, fund and implement the project, beginning with the nomination process. Anyone can nominate a site – birders, citizen conservationists, tourism executives or land managers. Each site is evaluated based on a set of criteria and must possess site resiliency, physical and legal access, maintenance support, and at least two of the following: ecological significance, good bird watching or local economic significance. Educational significance may be used to bolster a site's ranking. Many diverse sites are sought for the Trail – they can be on public or private land; be excellent birding year-round or just in one season; access can even be restricted to "appointments only". After a site nomination is submitted, it is checked for completion and visited by the Trail Coordinator.

And the project is reaping results! The Great Colorado Wildlife Viewing Trail has been awarded a \$10,000 grant to be used towards the development of the Great Colorado Wildlife Viewing Trail and possibly the Great Pikes Peak Birding Trail, and more grants are in the application process. Wild Bird Center and Home-bytes.com in Colorado Springs, and Life-List Illustrated of California have already signed up as Gold Sponsors, and the Chapter's website quadrupled traffic in the first three months.

FOR MORE INFO.: Contact Gary Lefko, Great Pikes Peak Birding Trail Coordinator, Aiken Audubon Society, P.O. Box 76987, Colorado Springs, CO 80907-6987, 719/683-7955, <lefkogt@greatpikespeakbirdingtrail.org> or visit one of the following Web sites: <http://www.greatpikespeakbirdingtrail.org/> or <http://www.aikenaudubon.org/>.

# Thank You for Keeping America Birdiful

**B**irdathon 2001 was another roaring success. Thanks to the efforts of thousands of participants across the land, over \$1 million was raised for Audubon's grassroots and national programs.

In a Birdathon, both neophyte and diehard birders have fun counting birds and then collect pledges from sponsors based on the number of species seen. Chapters compete for terrific prizes like eco-trips, binoculars, cameras, feeders, etc. (this past year, the Birdathon office distributed \$30,000 worth of prizes!). Most Chapters raise many thousands of dollars annually – Audubon Society of Portland (OR) topped the 2001 list at a whopping \$81,000.

All Birdathoning Chapters are eligible to win prizes and receive support and materials from the Birdathon office, while Chapters contributing 50% of their Birdathon proceeds (at least \$500) to a national program are also eligible to win additional prizes. With a wide array of choices, from keeping the money local by supporting a sanctuary, center, or a present or future state office, to supporting Citizen Science, Living Oceans, Important Bird Areas, Population and Habitat or any number of diverse programs, there are many ways to put that money to good use. The Amos Butler Audubon Society (IN) raised

almost \$27,000, again adding its annual 50% contribution to a now-hefty pile of seed-money for a future state office. They then used the remaining 50% to help purchase approximately 200 acres of prime bird habitat in the Panamanian rain forest. Still other Chapters use their money to buy Audubon Adventures kits for schools.



*Thelma Gilmur (center) of Tahoma Audubon Society (WA) receives an award of a Boehm porcelain from Audubon President John Flicker (left) and Birdathon Director Jeffrey Folmer (right) in recognition of her years of tireless effort and consistent success in leading Birdathons. Tahoma Audubon Society raised over \$28,000 in 2001.*

*Photo by Charles G. Bragg Jr.*

And speaking of schools, as part of Audubon's outreach to the general public, and our overall goal to initiate new birders plus educate future Audubon members, we have a terrific new program to bring Birdathon into schools. A plethora of materials are

available to classes, Scouts, 4H groups, etc., all of whom we would love to get involved in your Birdathon.

Thanks to prize donors, numerous Chapters received awards including trips in Maine, Costa Rica, Belize (plus Honduras and Guatemala), and Alaska! Our gratitude goes to Audubon Nature Odysseys and Clipper Cruises, Discovery Voyages, Audubon Camp in Maine, Holbrook Travel, Swift Instruments Inc., Hugg-A-Planet, Minolta Corp., Eagle Optics, Newcon Optik, Tamron Industries, Message!Products, Maptech Inc., Duncraft Inc., Happy Bird Corp., Leatherman Tool Group Inc., Patagonia, Galison/Mudpuppy Press, Op/Tech USA, Glassmasters, Recycline Inc., Delorme, and Camping World.

One of Birdathon's Grand Prizes is awarded via a drawing held for Chapters contributing 50% – Chapters large or small have an equal chance of winning. In Birdathon 2001, the Elisha Mitchell Audubon Society (NC) won a 7-day ornithology trip for two at the Audubon Camp in Maine.

Want to join in the fun? Register now for Birdathon2002. Birdathon staff are here to help you, just give us a call at 800/647-BIRD or visit <[www.audubon.org/bird/birdathon](http://www.audubon.org/bird/birdathon)>.

## 2001 TOP CHAPTER BIRDATHON FUNDRAISERS, BY CHAPTER SIZE

Audubon BIRDATHON!	3000+ Members	1000-2999 Members	300-999 Members	Under 300 Members
<b>1st Place</b>	AS of Portland (OR)	Tahoma (WA)	Pomona Valley (CA)	Last Chance (MT)
<b>2nd Place</b>	-----	Amos Butler (IN)	Putnam Highlands (NY)	Seneca Rocks (PA)
<b>3rd Place</b>	-----	Sea and Sage (CA)	Rainier (WA)	Kerncrest (CA)
<b>Honorable Mention</b>	-----	Columbus (OH)	El Paso/Trans Pecos (TX)	Bangor Nature Club (ME)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mar. 15-17, 2002: Houston, TX

June 7-9, 2002: Lincoln, NE

Sept. 13-15, 2002: Portland, ME

Audubon members are welcome at all Board of Directors Meetings. For copies of agenda or minutes for the Board meetings, or FOR MORE INFO:

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# ANCHORAGE AUDUBON CHAPTER PLANNING

**A**n organization without a plan is like a house without blueprints. It can be done, but the results aren't always the prettiest. That's why Anchorage Audubon puts a lot of effort into planning. Every five years we revisit our long-term strategic plan where we update our vision statement, goals and objectives. The vision statement we adopted for our last long-term strategic plan is:

- A.** Promote conservation of wildlife, especially birds, and protection of their habitats through advocacy, monitoring, education, and research.
- B.** Foster an appreciation of wildlife by providing opportunities to learn about and enjoy wildlife and their habitats.

Then every year we come up with an annual action plan that expands on the strategic plan and focuses more on issues and activities that we see coming up over the next year. After we finish the action plan, we do our annual budget to make sure that we are matching our resources to our goals, objectives, and strategies. So that all of our members can review these plans, we post them on our website at <<http://www.anchorageaudubon.org>>. It is interesting to note that the process we follow has recently become part of National Audubon's more streamlined requirements for annual Chapter certification.

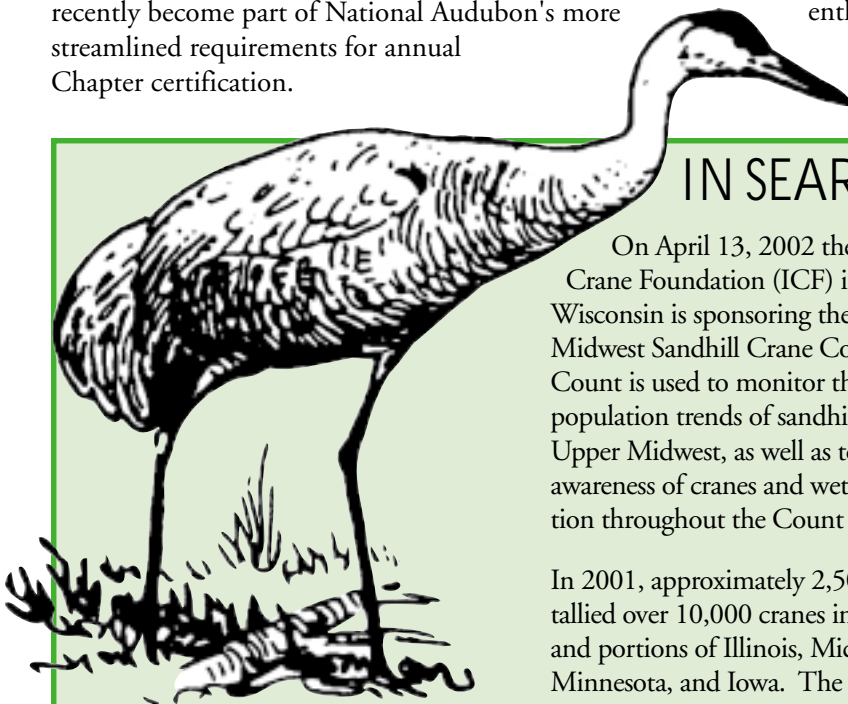
All this planning sounds like a lot of work and it is for a volunteer organization. But it actually saves us a lot of time and hassle. By going through this planning process we reach consensus on a number of things, like which conservation issues we should engage in over the next year, what our emphasis will be, the environmental education projects we undertake, our field trip and programs schedule, newsletter articles, membership drives, fund raising, etc. Particularly with conservation issues, we often need to respond before there is time to discuss matters at a board meeting. Since we already have a plan, board members can respond in a timely way and know that they have board support.

While our action plan for 2002 has not yet been completed, the board has had some probing discussions. A big item of discussion is how to match up all the things that we would like to do with our limited resources (volunteers and income). Like most conservation organizations, there is an infinite

amount of opportunity for involvement. While we hate to pass up opportunities, we need to limit our involvement to what we can realistically expect to accomplish. It is counter-productive to start projects that then go unfinished. Volunteer enthusiasm is highest when there is success.

FOR MORE INFO.: Contact George Matz, President, Anchorage Audubon Society at <[geomatz@gci.net](mailto:geomatz@gci.net)>.

**Sample Chapter Plans, the Guide to Chapter Planning, and other information about Chapter planning may now be accessed electronically on the Audubon Web site at <[http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/chapter\\_planning\\_new.html](http://www.audubon.org/local/cso/chapter_planning_new.html)>. Any Chapters that would like to share their Annual or Strategic Plans with other Chapters are encouraged to send a copy of the plan(s) to <[ltennefoss@audubon.org](mailto:ltennefoss@audubon.org)>.**



## IN SEARCH OF CRANE COUNTERS!

On April 13, 2002 the International Crane Foundation (ICF) in Baraboo, Wisconsin is sponsoring the Annual Midwest Sandhill Crane Count. The Count is used to monitor the general population trends of sandhill cranes in the Upper Midwest, as well as to promote awareness of cranes and wetland conservation throughout the Count area.

In 2001, approximately 2,500 participants tallied over 10,000 cranes in Wisconsin and portions of Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Iowa. The Count provides

a unique opportunity for both experienced and novice birders to participate in one of the largest single species surveys in the world, while assisting ICF's efforts to preserve and study the world's 15 species of cranes and the natural communities on which they depend.

For more information on how you and your Chapter may become involved, contact Rachel Jepson Wolf, ICF Outreach Coordinator, at 608/356-9462 ext. 142 or visit the ICF website at <[www.savingcranes.org](http://www.savingcranes.org)>.

# Chapters and the 2020 Vision Handbook

Chapter Services and the office of Centers & Education is pleased to announce that a new publication called *Chapters and the 2020 Vision* is on its way to every Chapter president in the country.

We are very excited to be able to present this document to Chapters. We envision this new tool to be very useful for Chapters looking to further their involvement in education, science, and advocacy in their communities. The handbook addresses ways Chapters can help grow a culture of conservation, one of the primary goals of Audubon's 1995 Strategic Plan.

As staff members have traveled across the country attending Council meetings and Chapter retreats, similar questions arose regarding how Chapters fit into the 2020 Vision. *Chapters and the 2020 Vision* strives to answer these questions and offers new strategies for Chapter members to extend their involvement in grassroots conservation.

The handbook also defines Audubon Centers and the Audubon Education



Experience as well as the process that State programs use to evaluate the development and inclusion of Centers in a state-wide network. In addition, the handbook candidly addresses Chapters' most common

fears about the 2020 Vision. Finally, examples from Chapters nationwide exemplify Chapter-Center relationships and offer a myriad of other effective ways Chapters are participating in implementing the 2020 Vision.

We recognize and applaud the uniqueness of each Chapter across the country. One of the goals for the Handbook is to showcase exemplary efforts from around the country, providing inspiration and stimulating ideas that will increase Audubon's capacity nationwide for conservation.

We appreciate your commitment to Audubon. Through *Chapters and the 2020 Vision* we anticipate many prosperous and successful partnerships. Articles for newsletters are available if you would like to share information from the handbook with your members, or you can log on to the Audubon website at <http://www.audubon.org/educate/> to access the handbook directly.

FOR MORE INFO.: Contact Brooke Langston, Research Associate for Centers & Education at [blangston@audubon.org](mailto:blangston@audubon.org) or 916/481-5332.



## Photo Sources

From time to time, the Chapter Services Offices receives requests from Chapters for photographs to be used in newsletters or on Web sites. Unfortunately, Audubon does not house a photo collection. Most of the pictures used in Audubon publications are owned and copyrighted by the photographers and permission to publish them is obtained directly from the photographers, usually entailing a fee. If your Chapter would like to obtain the rights to use a specific photograph, please contact AUDUBON magazine for help locating the photographer.

For a choice of professional quality photos, another option is to purchase collections on CD-ROMS. There are several on the market that contain wildlife images. The cost is generally around \$300, and they offer hundreds of photos that can be used at no additional cost. Some examples can be found at [www.eyewire.com](http://www.eyewire.com).

A third option is to contact organizations that license stock photography. Several sources for birds and wildlife photos follow:

- Animals Animals, contact Anna Young, 518/392-5500
- Birds As Art, contact Art Morris, 407/860-2013
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Visual Services Division, contact Slide Archivist, 607/254-2450 or [birdslides@cornell.edu](mailto:birdslides@cornell.edu)
- ENP Images, 503/916-0234
- Minden Pictures, contact Stacy Frank, 408/685-1911
- Peter Arnold, Inc., 212/481-1190
- Photo Researchers, 800/833-9033 or 212/758-3420
- VIREO, contact Doug Wechsler, 215/299-1069 or [VIREO@acnatsci.org](mailto:VIREO@acnatsci.org)
- Wolfgang Kaehler, 206/881-6581
- Yva Momatiuk and John Eastcott, 914/338-4260

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gardens. Several have even developed non-pesticide, native plant demonstration gardens at schools, camps, or other community locales. There are many innovative programs going on in Chapters across the country! We are in the process of compiling as much information as we can about these "success stories" so we can share them on our website. If you have a program to share, please let us know! (see contact info below)

**Fast Facts Compiled**

**DID YOU KNOW...?**

- 57% of Americans think the quality of the environment in the U.S. is getting worse. [Ref 1]
- A group of widely used and marketed herbicides and insecticides are routinely found in urban runoff throughout the United States. [Ref 2]
- Yard waste can make up to 20 to 25% of household garbage. [Ref 3]
- Non-indigenous weeds consume 4600 acres of wildlife habitat **per day** on public land in the U.S. [Ref 4]

Accurate, timely statistics can powerfully convey the impacts of pesticide use, invasive species, chemical runoff, and other ramifications of common garden and landscape practices. As they are

valuable tools for public outreach and education, *Audubon At Home* has compiled a set of statistics that focuses on the status and impacts of current practices in residential pesticide use, lawn care, use of non-native plants, water and fertilizer use, and related topics. These statistics, which we call "*Fast Facts*," are fully-referenced. They are updated regularly with new additions and necessary corrections. We are making them available to any Chapter via e-mail. If you would like your Chapter to be on the distribution list for current and future *Fast Facts*, e-mail us (contact info below) and provide the e-mail address to which you would like them sent.

**References for above *Fast Facts***

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**We Need Your Input**

Information is only valuable if it is shared and used. We want and need your feedback about the resources we make available. What information is useful? What further information is needed? Is the website easy to navigate? What other resources would be most valuable?

*Audubon At Home* is a new endeavor. Last fall, we mailed a survey to all Chapters and State Directors asking for input on your ongoing and planned programs, and how we could complement and reinforce your efforts in promoting everyday conservation. Thank you very much to all who responded! We are using this information to help us define and prioritize our activities and the resources we develop. If you have not yet submitted a survey, please try and do so. Your feedback is critical. If you need a copy of the survey, let us know.

Happy, Healthy Spring!  
We hope to hear from you.

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**AVAILABLE FROM THE CHAPTER SERVICES OFFICE**

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QTY.	ITEM/COST	SUBTOTAL	MAIL ITEM(S) TO: (please print)
_____	Guide to Home Pesticides, Packet of 5 copies @ \$0.75	_____	Name: _____
_____	Newsletter Committee Guide @ \$3	_____	Street Address: _____
_____	Membership Committee Guide @ \$3	_____	_____
_____	Membership Recruitment Handbook @ \$3	_____	City/State: _____
_____	Guide to Chapter Planning @ \$3	_____	ZIP Code: _____
_____	USFWS Clip Art Booklet @ \$3	_____	Phone: _____
_____	Wetlands Clip Art Booklet @ \$3	_____	
<b>TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED:</b>			

## BIRDING TRAIL MAPS

### *New Maps for Great River Birding Trail and Buffalo Niagara*

The first six of 15 maps showing great places to bird the Great River Birding Trail along the Upper Mississippi River in Minnesota and the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary are now available. One set may be requested via email to <jmeschievitz@audubon.org>; please send \$2.00 to cover the cost of postage and handling to Upper Mississippi River Campaign, 26 E. Exchange St, Suite 110, St. Paul, MN 55101. The Upper Mississippi River campaign will sponsor a variety of river tours and field trip events in 2002, including a spring tour of the Audubon Ark/Lilly Belle during the entire month of May from St. Paul, MN to Bellevue, IA, and all Audubon Chapters are invited to participate. For a schedule and more details, please call 651/290-1695. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the first Great River Birding Festival, to be held in southeastern Minnesota and Wisconsin (Red Wing, Minnesota down to Alma, Wisconsin) on May 11-12, 2002.

Buffalo Audubon Society has recently published a full-color eco-tourism brochure, Nature Tourism in Buffalo-Niagara. Created in conjunction with the Buffalo-Niagara Convention & Visitors Bureau and funded by the Community Foundation

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for Greater Buffalo, the guide includes family nature attractions, a highlight on gulls called "GORGEous Gulls," and maps of the Audubon Niagara Birding Trail, Eco-Tourism and Nature & Scenic Trails. For more details, please contact Buffalo Audubon Society, 716/457-3228. Digital copies of the map may be also accessed on line at: <<http://www.buffaloaudubon.org/tourism.html>>.