



Welcome What a year 2008 has been!



We faced the threat of unprecedented economic turmoil and the hope of unprecedented electoral change. Despite continuing fiscal uncertainty, the tide of public and political will to solve environmental problems reached heights not seen in decades. Audubon is committed to capitalizing on this momentum and building on our 2008 successes to achieve even greater conservation in 2009.

In 2008 Audubon helped broker a groundbreaking deal to safeguard one of California's largest, most biologically diverse undeveloped tracts. And Audubon's science-based advocacy yielded progress toward conserving Alaska's Tongass National Forest.

Last year we contributed to new and broad-based political support for making energy production compatible with the needs of sage-grouse and other species dependent on western public lands. We expanded the protected acreage of South Carolina's Beidler Forest and brought international recognition to its avian paradise of virgin bald cypress and tupelo gum trees when it became the first privately owned Ramsar-designated site in the U.S.

These and many other achievements are the products of Audubon's conservation network in action. But they are only part of the picture. None of our successes would be possible without the involvement of individuals who are inspired by and connected to nature—a true conservation constituency.

Audubon continued to nurture that vital force through far-reaching education programs, the hands-on efforts of nearly 500 Chapters, and the unparalleled contribution of tens of thousands of citizen scientists. We joined with Toyota to foster conservation leadership, innovation, and volunteerism through TogetherGreen, and added new Audubon Centers where the seeds of discovery take root and grow into lifelong conservation commitment.

From global warming and habitat loss to the decline of birds and other species, the threats to our environment cannot be overstated. Yet for more than a century, Audubon has proven the power of people to make a difference. Challenging and uncertain times will not divert us from our path toward a future in which birds, nature, and people thrive together. With your continued support, we will make 2009 another year of conservation progress.

Thank you for your commitment to Audubon and the conservation mission we share.

Sincerely,
John Flicker, President



AUDUBON'S NEW HOME

Continuing its tradition of pioneering environmentally responsible office design, the National Audubon Society has relocated to a new headquarters at 225 Varick Street in NYC's up-and-coming Hudson Square district. The 27,500-square-foot office—which Audubon will lease for the next two decades—was designed and constructed applying the highest green design standards. The result has been the achievement of the highest possible Platinum LEED® Certification for Commercial Interiors.