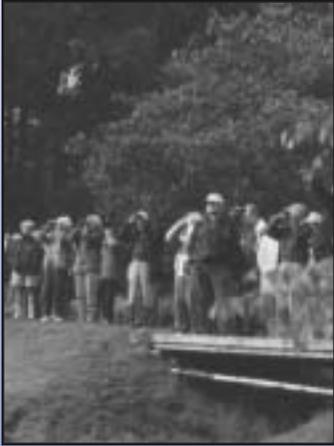


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Audubon International Celebrates 500 Certified Audubon Sanctuaries Worldwide



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Audubon International is proud to announce the certification of its 500th Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Properties that have achieved Audubon International's highest standards for environmental management are located in 10 countries, including the United States and Canada, as well as Australia, Costa Rica, Philippines, Portugal, Scotland, Singapore, Spain, and Sweden. Together, certified properties account for more than 173,000 acres of land that is managed to protect wildlife and environmental quality.

"It's very exciting to reach a milestone of 500 Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries," stated Audubon International President Ronald Dodson. "Each property that has reached this milestone should be very proud of its accomplishments, and I look forward to the next 500 happening at an even faster rate."

Certified properties range from sites that have large freshwater wetlands, restored prairies, and pristine mountain streams to those with small butterfly gardens, outdoor learning areas, and backyard nest boxes. Regardless of size, all demonstrate a full range of environmental management practices, from wildlife habitat management to resource conservation to outreach and education.

Striving for continual improvement

Among the list of 500 are golf courses, schools, businesses, cemeteries, and individuals that made a long-standing commitment to good environmental stewardship years ago and were the first to achieve the *certified* status. Twenty-eight golf courses were certified in 1993 and 1994; the first businesses and schools achieved certification in 1996 and 1997 respectively. All have upheld high environmental standards.

One of the best aspects of certification is that it's an achievement, not an endpoint. Certified properties continually improve and expand practices that benefit the environment.

"I had the honor of working with many of the people who sought certification for their properties in the early days of the program. It has been most impressive and inspiring to see what they have achieved over the years," shared Jean Mackay, Director of Educational Services.

Here, we've highlighted a number of these long-time Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries and share perspectives from some of the people who have made them great. Audubon International salutes the many individuals and organizations whose hard work and dedication have led to tangible environmental benefits for communities across North America and, increasingly, around the world.



"My Audubon commitment for these past ten years has helped my career and built more personal relationships than I would have imagined. The work is meaningful and includes things that I take a personal interest in. Native habitat enhancements along with nest box programs have given us a hobby to work with while on the job of golf course management," says Peter Leuzinger, CGCS. Leuzinger helped St. Charles Country Club in Illinois to become the first certified property in the continental U.S. and later went on to achieve certification for The Ivanhoe Club in Illinois. Under Leuzinger's direction, Ivanhoe's current renovation is part of the Audubon Signature Program, the first renovation project to enroll.



White Haven Memorial Park in Pittsford, New York was the first cemetery to join the ACSP, in 1993, and achieve certification, in 1998. President and CEO Andrea Vittum (second from left) has been the leading advocate of the ACSP for Cemeteries, which now has 24 participants. Vittum cites cost savings and improved conditions among the benefits of certification for cemeteries. "The projects we have completed have helped us save money by lowering our use of energy and reducing some of our maintenance costs. In addition, they have helped us make the Park a more interesting and beautiful place for people to visit."



Hobe Sound Elementary School in Hobe Sound, Florida, certified since 1997, has been singled out as one of Florida's premiere schools for environmental education that is interwoven into the curriculum. It recently received the 2002 Parent Involvement Award from the Florida PTA and Florida Department of Education for its participation in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.



The Village Links of Glen Ellyn in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, joined the ACSP in 1991 and has been certified since 1993. Under the direction of Assistant Superintendent Chris Pekarek, The Village Links not only dramatically improved habitat and conserved resources on the golf course, but also spearheaded environmental stewardship activities with homeowners and the local school district. Its partnership with local schools attracted the attention of the State of Illinois, which agreed to provide over \$75,000 to the school district to be used over three years for outdoor education. The funds cover hiring an outdoor education coordinator to oversee various projects and serve as a liaison between teachers, school maintenance staff, parent volunteers, and Village Links staff. "The ACSP provides a great formula for maintaining our golf course," says Pekarek, "but it also has been an incredible vehicle for community-wide conservation activities."



"It's gratifying to know that others appreciate the endeavors of property owners, like me, who try their best to better the environment," shares John Updyke, one of Audubon International's first backyard members, joining in 1993 and achieving certification in 1998. Wildlife flourishes on Updyke's 40 acre backyard, located in Watkins Glen, New York. Deer, rabbits, flying squirrels, wild turkeys, and a variety of songbirds find food and shelter amidst the property's woodlands, fields, and ponds.



"Educating the general public about environmental quality and wildlife habitat conservation is one of the most important factors in preserving our natural resources," says Sue Noel, Environmental Project Coordinator of Silver Dollar City, a theme park in Branson, Missouri, certified since 1999. The park's commitment to environmental quality extends beyond the 600 acre property. Silver Dollar City recently worked with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the City of Springfield, and The Watershed of the Ozarks, a non-profit group, to create a hands-on interactive exhibit demonstrating water quality issues involving karst topography in southwest Missouri. The exhibit is located at Discovery Center of the Ozarks in Springfield, a learning center that serves school groups and the general public. Silver Dollar City contributed \$10,000 toward the project.

A complete listing of the 500 certified properties is available from Audubon International.

Cover photos courtesy of (left to right, top to bottom):

1. Bird walk Woodway Country Club, CT
2. Mayapples at Saucon Valley Country Club, PA, T.L. Gettings
3. Nature trail at Innsbrook Resort and Conference Center, MO
4. Sign at The Greenbrier, WV
5. Meadow area at Innsbrook Resort and Conference Center, MO
6. Roseate Spoonbills, Cornelis Jr. and Patricia Langewis, TX
7. Bluebird at Smock Golf Course, IN
8. Coneflowers at Village Links of Glen Ellyn, IL
9. Nest box monitoring at Prairie Dunes Country Club, KS
10. "Big Backyard" at Glenmont Elementary School, NY
11. Richmond County Country Club, NY
12. Open House education at TPC at Jasna Polana, NJ

Setting the Standard

The Bonita Bay Group develops more Audubon Signature Sanctuaries than any other company in the world

The Bonita Bay Group, a Southwest Florida developer known for its commitment to environmentally responsible development, has raised the bar with the creation of more Audubon International Signature Sanctuary golf courses than any other company in the world. In the past year, its Tom Fazio-designed courses at *Mediterra™* in North Naples achieved certification as the world's first private 36-hole Audubon Silver Signature Sanctuary and *The Estates at TwinEagles™* in North Naples became the 11th Certified Audubon Signature Sanctuary in the state of Florida. These properties joined *Bonita Bay East*, already certified through the Audubon Signature Program in 1998.



Bonita Bay Club East, an Audubon Signature Sanctuary certified in 1998, includes 895 acres of cypress wetlands, 190 acres of pine flatwoods, several lakes, and hundreds of native sabal palms.

“These designations mean The Bonita Bay Group has set a new standard for environmental stewardship in golf course development,” said Ron Dodson, President and CEO of Audubon International. “Its commitment to environmental excellence in the planning, construction and management of golf courses is certainly unique and provides significant benefits in terms of wildlife conservation, habitat enhancement, water conservation, and water quality monitoring.”

The Bonita Bay Group chose to pursue these certifications to protect and enhance the natural assets of the communities and golf courses they develop, according to Ed Rodgers, Vice President of The Bonita Bay Group and General Manager of the Amenities Division.

“Audubon International’s mission to protect and enhance the environment in which we all live and work could be a page out of The Bonita Bay Group’s business plan,” said Rodgers. “It has always been our mission to develop in such a way that people and nature can live in harmony. The certification of our courses by Audubon International is one more example that it can be done, and be done well.”

The Bonita Bay Group’s commitment to sustainable properties and green development recently landed it a starring role in an upcoming national PBS documentary, “Success in the Sunshine.” The film features nine innovative Florida businesses, organizations, and communities that have met the challenge of improving economic development, protecting

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environmental quality, and assuring public well-being in the midst of accelerated growth. Bonita Bay group was selected as Florida's best example of "Sustainable Properties and Green Construction" by the Florida Office of Sustainable Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce/NOAA, the film's sponsors.

"We look forward to helping The Bonita Bay Group ensure continued preservation, enhancement, and management of its several certified sanctuaries," said Audubon Signature Program Director Nancy Richardson. "Our work together demonstrates the many positive benefits of integrating sustainability into the design of a development."



In addition to its Certified Audubon Signature Sanctuaries, the Bonita Bay Group has three additional golf courses certified in the ACSP for Golf Courses, as well as The Brooks™ community in Bonita Springs certified through the ACSP for Business and Corporate Properties. A 92-acre environmental restoration and enhancement project at The Brooks turned a dry, dusty cow pasture into a thriving flow way with lakes, high-quality wetlands, fully nourished cypress heads, and an upland island.



Adherence to Audubon Signature principles also influences areas most people don't even see. At Bonita Bay East Club's maintenance facility, water used to wash down equipment is recycled, and the integrated pest management building uses a mix/load water system. Inside, crews use automatic shut-off water faucets and hand dryers, no paper towels. And in the equipment repair zone, light pours in from skylights to cut overhead lighting needs.



At Mediterra in North Naples, a 1,697-acre community with two Tom Fazio-designed Silver Signature Sanctuary courses, site enhancements included returning land to its natural state through reforestation, creating a comprehensive plan to preserve Mediterra's 400 acres of wetlands, and enhancing habitat for native wildlife.

Getting Certified: *One step at a time*

Certification is a significant milestone for properties enrolled in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary and Audubon Signature Programs. A diverse array of properties has achieved the distinction of becoming certified, yet all began in the same way—*with a single step.*

Getting started begins with commitment. It starts with someone who says “*We can do this.*”

“It’s a mindset,” says Ken Giedd, former Director of Golf and Landscape at Kingsmill Resort in Virginia, certified in 2000, and now with The Polo Club Boca Raton, Florida. “Once you become certified, you’re always looking at how things affect the environment; you’re always looking for ways to improve.”

To encourage those of you who have not yet taken that first step, we asked several of our certified members to help us address key concerns regarding certification. We hope their responses help you take the first step.

“Certification is too tough. I don’t think my course can achieve it.”

Focus on the *Site Assessment and Environmental Plan* to get started.

Members often look at the entire certification process instead of simply taking it one step at a time. Begin by focusing on the *Site Assessment and Environmental Plan*. When you get through that first step, rather than worrying about all of the steps at once, you’ll feel more confident in becoming certified and you’ll have a solid game plan to follow.

“I completed the first certificate quickly. It was easy—describe your property and what is on it,” shares Robert Taeger, CGCS at Village Country Club in Lompoc, California, certified in 2001.

That said, most people who have achieved certification for their properties agree that it is not accomplished without effort. Audubon International has long sought to find a balance in the certification process—trying not to make it so difficult that it’s not attainable, but strong enough to give it meaning.

“I think the certification process is difficult, but fair. I was required to improve several of my projects and goals before I became certified and I feel now that the efforts were worth the time. The tougher the effort, the more rewarding the certification and the more meaningful,” states Joe Alonzi, CGCS of Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York, certified since 1996.

“I don’t want to apply until I’ve done everything.”

You don’t have to be perfect to start. Certification is a way to build upon your strengths, reduce liabilities, and discover new possibilities that lay ahead.

The ACSP is not like school and your certification request is not like a test handed in to be graded. We work with you to find ways to meet certification guidelines based on your unique circumstances. Waiting until “everything is in place” usually results in never getting started and never getting certified.

“Remember that the spirit of the program is that it’s a *cooperative* effort, which means getting others involved. Assign duties to other people who can carry them out,” advises Tim Hiers of The Old Collier Club in Naples, Florida, a Certified Audubon Signature Sanctuary. Many environmental management practices and projects required for certification are likely already in place. The point of getting certified is to evaluate where you are, develop a plan for filling gaps, and continually improve.



Certificates of Achievement are posted in an outdoor display at O.J. Noer Turfgrass Research and Education Facility in Verona, Wisconsin, certified since 1997. Under the direction of Tom Schwab and Gary Gaard, one acre of native prairie, 800 sapling trees and shrubs, and 15,000 square feet of nut and berry shrubs have been added to the facility’s 13 acre grounds in the last two years.



Griffin Industries, headquartered in Cold Spring Harbor, New York, was the first business to receive the ACSP for Businesses in 1997 and most achieved certification in 1998. In 1999, Griffin’s East Dublin Plant in Georgia recycled 50% of its waste to landfill by 50% through recycling paper, newspaper, and cardboard. The plant has also achieved a 50% reduction in water use by 52,000 gallons per day, which amounts to 13.5 million gallons of water per year.

“I’m satisfied with just being a registered member, why should I pursue certification?”

Certification enables you to assess management practices, make changes to improve the environment, reduce costs and liabilities, and better communicate about your efforts.

“The best management practices recommended by Audubon International can lead to savings in man hours, water costs, chemical costs, and more,” points out Keith Thompson, Director of Horticulture at Innsbrook Resort and Conference Center in Missouri, certified since 1999. “Coupled with public education, the program creates a positive image for your property.”

Others report that demonstrating environmental leadership led them to pursue the *certified* designation. “We’re proud to be in the forefront of environmental excellence and to prove that a well-designed, well-maintained golf course can also be one that strives for a high degree of environmental quality,” shares Golf Course Superintendent Glen Misiaszek of Shaker Hills Golf Club in Massachusetts, certified since 1999. “The fact that we are the first daily fee course in Massachusetts to receive the designation is especially gratifying.”

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The absolute beauty of the ACSP is that everybody wins.

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“We won’t be able to get certified; we don’t have the staff, money, or time.”

Any golf course, business, school, or individual backyard can join and become certified.

You don’t have to have lots of acreage or habitat on your property to get certified—you just have to *practice good environmental management*. ACSP certified properties include small backyards, suburban schools, and industrial facilities, as well as large resorts, cemeteries, and all sorts of golf courses. We’ve built flexibility into the ACSP so that we can work with people of all walks of life to improve the quality of the environment.

“Rather than let issues of lack of time and money defeat us, we just plod along and do what we can,” says Andrea Vittum, President and CEO of White Haven Memorial Park in New York, certified since 1998. “We just started a program for four interdepartmental groups each to come up with a project to show respect to White Haven visitors and the environment. All four chose something related to the Audubon Program. Interest and enthusiasm are running high and things are getting done.”

“To reach certification, it took a lot more thought than money and a willingness to try some things differently,” explains Barry Endicott, Superintendent of Nobleton Lakes Golf Club in Ontario, Canada, certified since 1997. “At Nobleton, we have found that we can operate a successful business, while at the same time we can be environmentally sensitive.”



Griffin, Kentucky, enrolled 18 of its facilities in the ACSP during the next several years. Last year, Griffin reduced the amount of garbage going to the landfills and batteries. Griffin’s Newberry Plant in Indiana is recovering condensate from its boilers. That’s a win-win.



A crew member prepares to inspect a bluebird box at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center in Plymouth, Michigan, certified since 1995. “The absolute beauty of the ACSP is that everybody wins,” reflected Eric Niemur, Director of Grounds. “First and foremost, the environment and land are protected and enhanced to maximize wildlife and to provide a ‘sanctuary’ for not only wildlife, but also for people.”

Certification Provides Focus for Busy Teachers, Hectic Schools

Working toward certification is a valuable way to help environmental activities at a school take shape. Certification materials help teachers to focus on a well-rounded set of stewardship projects that can be accomplished with the assistance of the wider school community.



The Fauquier Outdoor Lab in Virginia attracts students from numerous schools to its hands on environmental education programs. Becoming a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 1998 helped the lab achieve its goal of promoting a responsible relationship with the environment.

“I believe our involvement in the certification process and the time since have proven that the environment can be used as a cross-curricular tool. Our teachers have embraced this concept and continue to build on projects started earlier,” states Jenni Clark, gifted education teacher at Bluff City Elementary School in Eufaula, Alabama, certified since 1999.

Unfortunately, many schools report that lack of time is a major issue in taking on “supplemental” projects. “Hobe Sound Elementary School is no different from most schools—teachers are forever busy trying to meet state mandates, curriculum requirements, and the day-to-day demands of their jobs,” shared Shelly Foy, Co-chairman of the Audubon Committee at Hobe Sound Elementary School in Florida, certified since 1997. “To the teachers who say, ‘I can’t possibly take on another program,’ here are a few tips for implementing the ACSP, or getting an existing program really going:

- “Don’t do it all yourself. Make it a school-wide effort. This is the only way you can make changes to curriculum, get a momentum going, and have community and parental support.
- “Start at the top. Get the support from your principal and assistant principal.

- “Form an Audubon Committee that includes the principal, assistant principal, at least one teacher per grade level, parents, community members, and students.
- “Develop a mission statement and short- and long-range goals.
- “Take advantage of grants from the Audubon International Stewardship Fund. Grants of up to \$1,000 can be used for materials and supplies for projects that benefit environmental learning opportunities or improve environmental quality at the school.
- “Consider hosting a fundraiser so that you will have money to implement programs at your school. A recent dinner dance and silent auction at Hobe Sound raised \$17,000 for our Audubon program.
- “Don’t forget to focus on curriculum. It does you no good to have a butterfly garden if you don’t teach kids about the life cycle of the butterfly. Everything you teach your children about the environment, in science, and even math and language arts skills can all be implemented through the ACSP. Look at this program as the format for your environmental education efforts. *Curriculum is a big key!*”

Skippack Golf Course in Pennsylvania Receives Land Use Environmental Award

Skippack Golf Course received the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's Land Use Environmental Award for 2001 for its outstanding efforts to conserve and protect land and water resources within the 362-square mile watershed. The award was presented to Superintendent Doug Bice by Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Southeast Regional Director Joe Feola during an awards banquet in March 2002.



Zacharias Creek at Skippack Golf Course

"Skippack Golf Course received this award because of its active participation in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program," shared Bice. "Audubon International's support and guidance were very helpful as we took Skippack Golf Course through the certification process. We have certainly

seen an increase in wildlife activity on the course since we began following Audubon International's guidelines and suggestions."

Skippack Golf Course comprises 107 acres, located in Evansburg State Park, owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is operated by American Golf Corporation and achieved certification as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2001.

"American Golf Corporation encourages each of its properties to participate in the ACSP. One of American Golf's values is 'Do the right thing,' and I believe that being a good environmental steward is doing the right thing for people, wildlife, and the environment," stated Bice.

Sustainable Communities, Agriculture, and Green Buildings Key Themes of Recent Audubon International Presentations

Audubon International President and CEO Ronald Dodson shared his expertise and experience in green development and sustainable communities during two conferences held this spring. During a forum sponsored by EDAW and Ensar Group in Tucson, Arizona in April, builders, developers, and experts from various disciplines gathered for an intensive review of state-of-the-art green community development and green building. Dodson shared case studies from Audubon International's sustainable community work in Eufaula, Alabama, as well as numerous Audubon Sustainable Development and Signature Program sites. He also discussed certification as a quality assurance tool to help evaluate green development projects based on measurable standards.

In May, Dodson addressed an audience of 250 university educators, researchers, government scientists, urban extension educators, and industry representatives from diverse backgrounds at the Urban Agriculture Symposium in Dallas,

hosted by Texas A&M. Dodson's presentation focused on how Audubon International's programs are helping people become actively involved in building more sustainable communities. He stressed the need for communities to strive for a balance of economic vitality, environmental integrity, and quality of life for community residents and included a case study of his involvement with Eufaula, Alabama. Dodson was praised for his innovative approach to education, outreach, and community-wide involvement.

"This symposium generated a lot of enthusiasm for our work and helped people understand how stewardship of individual properties, such as schools, businesses, golf courses, and residences, is a catalyst for and essential part of sustainable community initiatives," reflected Dodson. "I hope that greater visibility of this important topic will support expanded efforts toward developing sustainable communities across the United States."

Audubon's Fred Realbuto to Address Agricultural Environmental Issues

Fred Realbuto, Director of the Audubon Society of New York State, has been elected to the Board of Directors of *NY Farms!* a state-wide coalition of over 100 organizations, farms, and businesses whose mission is to

support local farming and food systems. As a member of the board, Realbuto will be working to address environmental and conservation issues facing New York farmers.

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Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program

New Members

Golf Program

International

Caribbean Links, Inc., Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Haikou Meishi International Golf Club, Haikou City,
China
Killara Golf Club, Killara, Australia

Arizona

Country Club of Little Rock, Little Rock

California

Lawrence Links Golf Course, Antelope
Olympic Golf Club, San Francisco
Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club, Rancho Santa Fe
Shady Canon Golf Club, Irvine
Valley Oaks Golf Course, Visalia

Colorado

Hiwan Golf Club, Evergreen

Florida

Boca Woods Country Club Association Inc., Boca
Raton
Eagle Creek Country Club, Naples
Innsbrook Resort—Copperhead Island, Palm Harbor
Innsbrook Resort—Highlands North, Palm Harbor
Innsbrook Resort—Highlands South, Palm Harbor
Innsbrook Resort—Island Course, Palm Harbor
St. Andrews South Golf Club, Punta Gorda
Venice Golf & Country Club, Venice
WCI Sun City Center Sandpiper Golf Course, Sun
City Center

Georgia

Environmental Golf at Cress Creek, Atlanta
Gardens View, Pine Mountain
Lake View, Pine Mountain
Mountain View, Pine Mountain

Indiana

Manchester Golf Club, Manchester
Primghar Golf & Country Club, Primghar

Idaho

Priest Lake Golf Course, Priest Lake

Illinois

Bunn Golf Course, Springfield
Mendota Golf Club, Mendota
Sinissippi Golf Course, Rockford

Michigan

Topper Ridge Golf Club, Wyandotte

Minnesota

Brackett's Crossing Country Club, Lakeville

Mississippi

Diamondhead Country Club & Property Owners
Association, Diamondhead

New Hampshire

Overlook Golf Club, Hollis

New Jersey

Apple Ridge Country Club, Mahwah

New York

Casperkill Country Club, Poughkeepsie
Country Club of Ithaca, Ithaca
Dunwoodie Golf Course, Yonkers
Maple Moor Golf Course, White Plains
Mohansic Golf Course, Yorktown Heights
Ontario Golf Club, Ontario
Saxon Woods Golf Course, Scarsdale
Sprain Lake Golf Course, Yonkers
Vails Golf Course, Brewster

Oklahoma

Lafortune Park Golf Course, Tulsa
Whitehawk Golf Club, Bixby

Pennsylvania

Split Rock Country Club, Lake Harmony

Rhode Island

Newport National Golf Club, Middletown

South Carolina

The River Golf Club, North Augusta

South Dakota

The Bluffs, Vermillion

Utah

Mountain Dell Golf Course, Salt Lake City
Wolf Creek Resort, Eden

Virginia

Princess Anne Country Club, Virginia Beach
Waynesboro Country Club, Waynesboro

Vermont

Ekwanok Country Club, Manchester

Washington

Golf Club at Hawks Prairie, Lacey
Skamania Lodge Golf Course, Stevenson

Wisconsin

Bull at Pinehurst Farms, Sheboygan Falls

School Program

International

Brent International, Barangay Mamplasan, Philippines

Alabama

Western Heights Elementary, Eufaula

Florida

Hyatt Regency, Camp Coconut Children's Program,
Bonita Springs
Laurel Oak Elementary, Naples
Spring Creek Elementary, Bonita Springs
Three Oaks Elementary, Fort Myers

Pennsylvania

Grace Montessori School, Allentown

Virginia

Montessori Community School, Charlottesville

Vermont

Hilltop Montessori School, Brattleboro

Backyard Program

California

Linda Gladding, Bishop

New Jersey

Charles Upjohn, Moorestown

New York

Shirley McMorris, Schenectady
Paul Stachowicz, Scotia
Patricia & Margaret Trudeau-Gallup, Loudonville
Leslee Westervelt, Cohoes

Ohio

David Faucher, Maineville
William Jackson, Pickerington

South Carolina

Darla Moore, Lake City

Business and Cemetery Programs

Florida

Love Joy Park Neighborhood Association, Fort Myers

Florida

Forest Meadows Memorial Parks, Gainesville

Georgia

Sunset Memorial Gardens, Thomasville

Kentucky

Lexington Cemetery Company, Lexington

Recently Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries

Golf Program

Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, NJ
Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club, Channahon, IL
IGM—Cahoon Plantation, Chesapeake, VA

Murphy Creek Golf Course, Aurora, CO
Pasatiempo Golf Club, Santa Cruz, CA
Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan, ND
Spanish Hills Golf & Country Club, Camarillo, CA
TPC Rivers Bend, Maineville, OH

Backyard Program

Leslee Westervelt Property, Cohoes, NY

Business Program

Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL

Re-Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries

Business and Cemetery Programs

Bakery Feeds, Inc., Marshville, NC
Griffin Industries, Russellville, KY
Sterling Oaks, Naples, FL
White Haven Memorial Park, Pittsford, NY

Golf Program

Amherst Country Club, Amherst, NH
Applewood Golf Course, Golden, CO
Aspen Golf Course, Aspen, CO
Baltusrol Golf Club, Springfield, NJ
Blue Mound Golf & Country Club, Wauwatosa, WI
Brae Loch Golf Course, Grayslake, IL
Breckenridge Golf Club, Breckenridge, CO
Broadmoor East and West Courses, Colorado
Springs, CO
Chester Valley Golf Club, Malvern, PA
Clubs of Lakeway (The), Austin, TX
Crosswater Golf Club, Sunriver, OR
Crystal Springs Golf Club, Burlingame, CA
Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Berlin, MD
Edgewood Country Club, Sissonville, WV
Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford, IL
IGM—Sandridge Golf Club, Vero Beach, FL
Kiawah Island Club River Course, Charleston, SC
Kiawah Island Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, SC
Kinston Country Club, Kinston, NC
Lakewood Country Club, Lakewood, CO
McCormick Woods Golf Course, Port Orchard, WA
Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson, NJ
Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, MN
Minnehaha Country Club, Sioux Falls, SD
Morro Bay Golf Course, Morro Bay, CA
National Service Resort & Country Club, Republic
of Singapore, Singapore
Ocean Course at Sea Pines Resort, Hilton Head, SC
Old Baldy Club, Saratoga, WV
Old Brockway Golf Course, Kings Beach, CA
Oregon Golf Club, West Linn, OR

Persimmon Country Club, Gresham, OR
Pine Valley Golf Club, Pine Valley, NJ
Portland Country Club, Falmouth, ME
Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson, KS
Quivira Lake Golf & Country Club, Lake Quivira, KS
Riveridge Golf Course, Eugene, OR
Royal Oaks Country Club, Vancouver, WA
Salishan Golf Links, Gleneden Beach, OR
Schuyler Meadows Club, Loudonville, NY
Somerset Hills Country Club, Bernardsville, NJ
Sterling Country Club, Sterling, MA
Tartan Park Golf Course, Lake Elmo, MN
TPC at Jasna Polana, Princeton, NJ
TPC at Summerlin, Las Vegas, NV
Victoria National Golf Club, Newburgh, IN
Village Links of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn, IL
Widgi Creek Golf Club, Bend, OR
Windstar Country Club, Naples, FL

School Program

Bluff City Elementary, Eufaula, AL

Audubon Signature Program

New Signature Members

Audubon Park Golf Course, New Orleans, LA
Manoir Richelieu Golf Course, LaMalbaie, Quebec,
Canada
Hammock Bay, Marco Shores, FL

Recently Certified Signature Sanctuaries

The Nancy Lopez Legacy Country Club
(Ashley Meadows & Erinn Glen), Briarwood
Executive Nine/Walnut Grove Executive Nine at
The Villages of Marion, The Villages, FL
The Club at Mediterra—North Course, Naples, FL

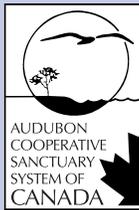
Re-Certified Signature Sanctuaries

Pinehurst #8 Centennial, Pinehurst, NC
Turning Stone Casino Resort Golf Courses,
Verona, NY
Indian River Club, Vero Beach, FL
Lost Key Golf Club, Perdido Key, FL

ACSP Members Ranked Among Americas Greatest Golf Courses

Fifty-four members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses and the Audubon Signature Program were recently ranked among America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses by Golf Digest. Because the ranking focuses primarily on quality of the golfing experience, it lends credibility to our contention that taking care of the environment can go hand in hand with great golf. The list's top ten included:

- **Pebble Beach Golf Links**, Pebble Beach, Calif.—Ranked 1st
- **Pine Valley Golf Club**, Pine Valley, N.J.—Ranked 2nd., *Certified in the ACSP*
- **Oakmont Country Club**, Oakmont, Pa.—Ranked 5th
- **Merion Golf Club (East)**, Ardmore, Pa.—Ranked 7th
- **Winged Foot Golf Club (West)**, Mamaroneck, N.Y.—Ranked 8th, *Certified in the ACSP*
- **Pinehurst Resort & County Club (No. 2)**, Pinehurst, N.C.—Ranked 9th



Individual Action Leads to Collective Success

By Scott A. Martin, National Coordinator

Across Canada, thousands of individuals are taking part in conservation and habitat management projects at hundreds of Cooperative Sanctuaries. Canada's 43 Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary members are protecting over 3200 hectares (8,000 acres) of meadows and forests, rivers and lakes, wetlands, prairies and deserts from coast to coast in Canada. Add to that the more than 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres) that our not-yet-certified members are manage, and I'd say we are having a very positive impact on the world around us.

Over the years, our members have undertaken a wide variety of projects. Here are a few of my favourites...so far.

- **Margaret and Bernard Shearman** of Aurora, Ontario use eight rain barrels to capture rain water for the many gardens around their property. The water is transported to each garden on the flat-bed of a backyard railway.
- **The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge Golf Course**, located within Jasper National Park in the Alberta Rocky Mountains, installed a "large mammal corridor" through the center of the golf course. This fencing and hole realignment project cost many thousands of dollars, and was put in place to assist the area's elk, bears, wolves, and other large mammals to travel through the park unimpeded by human traffic.
- On his rural property near Flesherton, Ontario, **Matthew Gaasenbeek** has planted over 65,000 trees over the years. This has

helped to reduce soil erosion, filter runoff water, and protect the headwaters of the Boyne River.

- At **The Learning Sanctuary** near Millarville, Alberta, **Janice MacDougall and Gervais Goodman** have installed a pond for wildlife, seeded areas back to native prairie grasses and wildflowers, and have equipped their home and office with energy-efficient lighting and appliances. Janet and Gervais also work closely with their local land conservation association to conserve neighbouring properties and teach others how they can do the same.
- **The Donalda Club**, in Don Mills, Ontario, worked with the local conservation authority to remove an old mill dam and install a fish ladder on the Don River, which runs through the property. Now salmon and trout can be seen swimming upstream where they have not been seen in over 100 years.
- **John O'Neil and Collin Jones** are restoring rare Oak Savannah habitat on their property, which rests on the Oak Ridges Moraine—one of the most endangered natural areas in



Matthew Gaasenbeek's Certified Backyard Sanctuary

Canada, due to its expanses of undeveloped land and proximity to Toronto. Within this natural area are the headwaters for over 40 rivers. A massive aquifer lies below the moraine, and is recharged by naturally filtered runoff water. As such, it is quite dependent on the good stewardship of properties within its watershed, such as John and Collin's.

There are so many more innovative and effective projects that our members are undertaking—it's impossible to list them all here. If you haven't already, please send in your certification information so we know what you are doing. If we work at it, it won't be too long before we reach the next 500 Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary mark. *Make sure you are on the list!*

ACSSC Membership News

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British Columbia

St. Eugene Mission Golf Resort, Cranbrook

New Brunswick

The Lynx at Kingswood Park, Fredericton

Nova Scotia

Granite Springs Golf Club, Bayside

Ontario

Crooked Creek Golf Course, Ajax

Dunadel Golf, Flesherton
Hylands Golf Club, Gloucester
Legends On The Niagara, Niagara Falls
Lindsay Golf & Country Club, Lindsay
Lookout Point Golf & Country Club, Fonthill
Loyalist Golf Club, Bath
Owen Sound Golf & Country Club, Owen Sound
Richmond Centennial Golf Club, Richmond
Riverside Golf Club, Ajax
Seven Lakes Golf Course, Windsor
Taboo at the Muskoka Sands Resort, Gravenhurst
The Guelph Country Club, Guelph

Quebec

Kanawaki Golf Club, Kahnawake
Larrimac Golf Club, Chelsea

Le Maitre de Mont-Tremblant, St-Jovite

Saskatchewan

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The Saskatoon Golf & Country Club, Saskatoon

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Alberta

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Alberta

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Ontario

Donna & Michael Owens, Whitby

NEWLY CERTIFIED AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARIES

Nova Scotia

Glen Harbour Golf Club, Hammonds Plains

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Celebrating 500 Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries

Throughout the U.S. and around the world, 500 properties are certified in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary and Audubon Signature Programs. Join us as we celebrate this new milestone, find out more about certification, and learn what it means to those who've achieved it *in this issue*.



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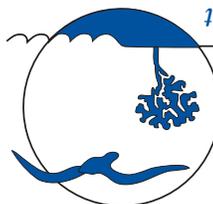


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