



Great Results

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Aspen Glen Club



Hole-in-the-Wall Golf Club

Putting up nest boxes, planting aquatic vegetation, adding new natural areas, monitoring wildlife activities, leading tours, visiting school classrooms... these projects are all in a days work for the people who spearhead Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary (ACSP), Signature, and Sustainable Communities Program efforts. But the amazing thing is that these projects happen *on top of* the regular job responsibilities of our members.

Teachers, golf course superintendents, corporate managers, municipal planners, members of town boards, and indeed people from all walks of life, have stepped forward to take on environmental best practices where they live and work. They do it for many reasons: to do the right thing, save money, become more efficient, reduce waste, educate youth, help wildlife, garner publicity, and simply

to be their best. Yet whether our members come to environmental stewardship for practical or altruistic reasons, or both, the outcome is largely the same: *great results*.

In this issue, we celebrate these successes by bringing you a small sampling of the great results our members are achieving. We hope they inspire your continued good work, as they do ours.

Aspen Glen Club

*Carbondale, Colorado
ACSP Golf Member since 1997;
Certified since 2001*

Putting up nest boxes is often among the first projects ACSP participants undertake. But monitoring and cleaning the boxes sometimes falls to the bottom of the project list for busy golf course staff. After six years, nest boxes at the Aspen Glen Club

were in need of some maintenance. Enter Jared Abshire, an enthusiastic scout looking to earn his Eagle Scout badge. Jared organized 14 scouts to restore old boxes, build and put up ten new ones, and set up a monitoring program to ensure the project's ongoing success. In total, the scouts volunteered 58 hours and provided an invaluable service to the club.

Hole-in-the-Wall Golf Club

*Naples, Florida
ACSP Golf Member since 1992;
Certified since 1993*

Club members and staff erected an osprey platform at the course nearly 10 years ago, but for years it remained unoccupied. Last summer, maintenance staff reworked the platform, adding two perches and raising the sides so that it would more easily contain a nest and prevent it from blowing off in a storm. Audubon Steward Fred Yarrington reports that after 10 years of waiting, a pair of osprey successfully raised two young this past spring. "It's been a wonderful event," says Yarrington, "and without the ACSP, our membership might not have had the pleasure of watching two healthy birds develop."

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Dear Members and Supporters,

What an honor it is for us to work with such a dedicated membership! That alone is rewarding to those of us who work at Audubon International. Equally gratifying are the results of all this hard work. Whether we have the opportunity to see first hand what you've done during a site visit or learn about your efforts through certification requests, photographs, and correspondence, the impact of your hard work is tremendous, and tremendously gratifying.

In the past year alone, 10 residential communities representing nearly 40,000 homeowners began testing our neighborhood stewardship program; 234 members continued to provide habitat for endangered species; 56 properties joined the ranks of Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries; and more than 30 golf courses hosted site visits with local community and environmental organizations as part of their re-certification in the ACSP. And we're ready for more of the same great results in the months and years ahead.

Thanks for your continued efforts to make a difference in the place you live.

Regards,

Jean Mackay

Director of Educational Services

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Audubon Partners for the Environment

Offers a New Approach to Environmental Education

As students head back to the classroom this fall, they'll have a new opportunity to participate in environmental education and good stewardship. Audubon International is inviting schools and youth groups to become *Audubon Partners for the Environment*. Participation in this new program is designed to help students not only learn about the environment, but also care for the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources around them.

"Since 1991, the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program involved schools in stewardship activities, but with limited success," says Director of Educational Services Jean Mackay. "We found that we were asking too much, and sometimes providing too little in terms of the types of information teachers and youth leaders needed most. It was too hard for the majority of schools to achieve certification standards, even though many were involved in exceptional environmental projects."

As Audubon Partners, schools and youth groups can choose from a variety of environmental projects,



Bluff City Elementary School, Eufaula, Alabama

based on their interests, curricula, resources, and available time. Audubon International will provide educational and project information, as well as staff support, while school partners agree to complete at least one environmental improvement

project each year and document their results. Awards and recognition will be given annually for completion of environmental projects.

"While most schools recognize the importance of educating students about the environment, the day-to-day demands of the classroom, coupled with the need to meet state standards often make environmental education programs difficult to implement," explains Mackay. "We hope this new approach will give teachers and youth leaders more options and flexibility, while enabling us to encourage and reward the positive results of youth stewardship activities."

Schools currently enrolled in the ACSP for Schools, as well as adopting organizations, will receive Audubon Partners information and begin to transition to the new program this fall. To learn more about Audubon Partners for the Environment, please visit our Web site at www.audubon-international.org, or contact Jean Mackay at (518) 767-9051, extension 13, or e-mail jmackay@audubon-international.org.

Audubon International's Cooperative Sanctuary Program Selected as a 2005 PESP Champion

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program (PESP) has selected the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program as a 2005 PESP Champion. The award recognizes the program's outstanding achievement in promoting integrated pest management and other approaches to reducing the potential risks associated with the use of pesticides. Audubon International was honored with the same award in 2002 and 2003. Program Manager Joellen Zeh accepted the award on behalf of Audubon International during the PESP National Meeting in Washington, DC in July. ●

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Mississauga Golf & Country Club

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*Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
ACSP Golf Member since 2003*

When the Mississauga Golf & Country Club was built in 1906, the meandering Credit River that traverses the golf course had little development on its upper tributaries. Today, the river is surrounded by metropolitan Toronto. As a result, spring thaws brought increased urban runoff, flooding, erosion, and ice damage to the golf course. To remedy the situation, Superintendent Bob Brewster began working with regulatory agencies in 1998 to realign the Credit River to pre-1954 conditions. Brewster and his crew have worked diligently each year since to restore a healthy riparian corridor, taking special care to provide fish habitat. They added a number of pools, riffles, and lunkers (sheltered areas for fish that also help to stabilize stream banks) and hydro-seeded terrestrial and aquatic vegetation along the shore. Their efforts resulted in improved water quality and wildlife habitat, reduced erosion, and a visibly pleasing riverbank.



Stone Creek Golf Club

Stone Creek Golf Club

*Oregon City, Oregon
ACSP Golf Member since 2004*

American Kestrels are found throughout much of the United States and Canada, preferring open habitat areas where they can hunt for grasshoppers and other insects. This trio of juvenile kestrels was caught on film at the base of a dead fir tree that contains their nesting cavity at Stone Creek Golf Club. The birds are ready to fly after a month of parental care in the nest. Credit for providing good habitat for kestrels and other wildlife

is due to Superintendent David Phipps and his crew, who maintain the course in a natural style, with 21 acres of grassland and 30 acres of wooded habitats and natural pond edges complementing more manicured in-play golfing areas.



The Kozlowski Property

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*Farmingdale, New York
ACSP Backyard Member since 1999*

The variety of birds that visit Ed and Ellen Kozlowski's 40 x 50 foot backyard belies its urban surroundings. An avid gardener, Ed Kozlowski has crammed fruit bearing bushes, trees, and vines around flower and vegetable beds. A bird feeder offers food year round. Still, their most frequent sightings include ubiquitous house sparrows and pigeons...until several years ago when a new visitor arrived on the scene. "We never anticipated seeing a hawk in such an urban area," shared Ellen Kozlowski. "It was a little upsetting when we first realized that the hawk was taking birds, but understanding that it is all part of nature, we enjoy its visits. Our yard is pretty active with birds, so when we note their absence, we know to look for the hawk."



Montessori Community School

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*Charlottesville, Virginia
ACSP School member since 1999;
Certified since 2001*

The Montessori Community School has more than embraced its commitment to build environmental awareness and integrate the outside environment into classroom studies. The private pre-K through 8th grade serving 150 students has harnessed the enthusiasm of students, teachers, parents, and community volunteers to develop bird friendly habitat and organic gardens on its six-acre grounds. The outdoor classroom environment is well used by the school's budding naturalists. Children keep nature journals of observations and sketches, study birds, participate in Cornell's Feeder Watch Program, and take part in everyday upkeep of their sanctuary. "This bird sanctuary has been a great inspiration to the students—helping them to make the connection between their lessons and the real world," reports Head of School Frederic Catlin. "We continue to endow our students with a sense of stewardship for their environment—both locally and globally."

Mesquite Grove Golf Course

*Dyess AFB, Texas
ACSP Golf Member since 2000;
Certified since 2000*

In the past five years, Superintendent Danny Walters, along with Natural Resources Manager Kim Walton, and the crew at Mesquite Grove have converted more than 15 acres of formerly managed turfgrass into natural habitat areas. The taller grasses, along with preexisting woods, meadows, and lakes provide food and shelter for more than 100 species of birds, 14 mammals, and 18 species of reptiles and amphibians. Among the menagerie is the largest member of the tree squirrel group—the fox squirrel. Fox squirrels prefer woodland borders, where they feed on nuts, seeds, and fruit. This one laid claim to one of the course's 30 nest boxes. Fox squirrels generally have two litters of three to five young each year.

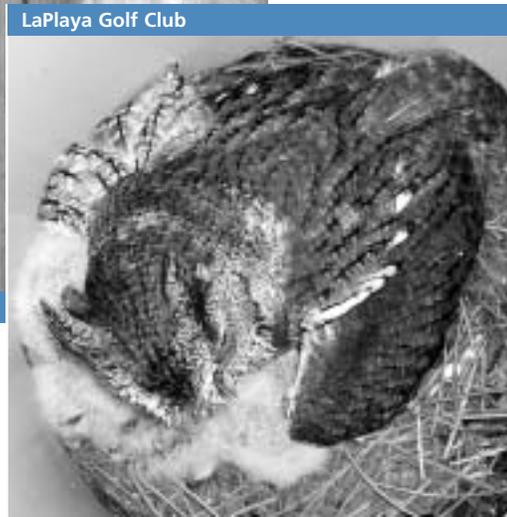


Mesquite Grove Golf Course

LaPlaya Golf Club

*Naples, Florida
ACSP Golf Member since 2002*

Since joining the ACSP in 2002, LaPlaya Golf Club, led by Superintendent Brian Beckner and assisted by local avian expert George McBath, has established a variety of nesting structures on the 155-acre golf course. Eastern bluebirds, great crested flycatchers, red-bellied woodpeckers, Carolina wrens, downy woodpeckers, and purple martins are among the birds that have moved in. But this year, Beckner and his crew were especially pleased to see Eastern screech owls take up residence for the first time, in a nesting cylinder placed in a pine scrub habitat, and twelve wood ducks fledged from nest boxes in the course's lakes. Below, the mother owl huddles over her three youngsters, which fledged successfully not long after Beckner took the photo.



LaPlaya Golf Club



The Sanctuary

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*Charlotte, North Carolina
Certified Gold Audubon Signature
Sanctuary since 2004*

Nothing beats taking a hike on the 20 miles of nature trails that run through *The Sanctuary* on Lake Wylie in Charlotte, North Carolina. But if your hiking boots aren't handy, you can take a virtual tour of the nature trails at this Gold Signature residential development. *The Sanctuary's* website offers the virtual tour, led by on-site Natural Resource Manager Sarah Anderson. Whether virtual or in-person, the nature trails introduce homeowners and potential residents to the wilderness areas, stream corridors, boulder outcrops, sunny glades, and wildlife species that are integral to the community. What a great way to educate people about what makes *The Sanctuary* a unique place to live. To hike the virtual trail, visit www.crescent-resources.com/community/wylie/sanctuary/walkingtrails.asp.

Conserve School

*Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin
Certified Audubon Signature
Sanctuary since 2004*

Conserve School, a private, non-sectarian college preparatory boarding school for grades nine through 12, is set on 1200 wilderness acres and functions as a living laboratory for the study of wildlife and habitats. A unique water treatment facility for the campus named the "Green Machine" filters 13,000 to 14,000 gallons per day of wastewater and prepares it for reuse in irrigation. Unlike typical municipal systems, this one incorporates several large tanks of helpful bacteria, plants, snails, and fish that thrive by removing contaminants from the water. Lessons in applied biology and chemistry, however, do not go to waste, as students study and monitor the Green Machine's living systems.



World Wide Sportsman

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*Islamorada, Florida
Certified Audubon Signature
Sanctuary since 1998*

World Wide Sportsman, the only certified marina in the Audubon Signature Program, provides information for visitors about how they can help to protect the Florida Bay and the Keys. The information comes to life when visitors see the many egrets, brown pelicans, gulls, and occasional manatee near the marina's docks. Though the 2.5-acre property has little area for wildlife habitat, owner John L. Morris preserved mangrove trees along the Florida Bay shoreline and other native trees and shrubs line a boardwalk near the shore as part of the management plan for the property.



Conserve School



Old Greenwood

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*Truckee, California
Certified Gold Audubon Signature
Sanctuary since 2005*

Extraordinary measures were all in a day's work for Old Greenwood's Golf Course Superintendent Michael Cornette (on ladder), Director of Agronomy Joel Blaker, CGCS (top), and Randy Mezger of AMX Excavation (lower right) attempting to save a nesting cavity for resident Lewis's Woodpeckers. The Jeffrey pine snag used by the woodpeckers

was formerly located in a lot slated for residential development on the property. Staff relocated the dead tree to a conservation area onsite in hopes of drawing the woodpeckers away from development activity. Lewis's Woodpecker (named for Merriweather Lewis, who first described it in 1805) is considered to be of high conservation importance because of its small and patchy distribution due to habitat degradation and loss of dead trees suitable for nesting and storing acorns and nuts.



Cotton Bay Villas, Eleuthera

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*Eleuthera, The Bahamas
Audubon Silver Signature Program
Member since 2004*

Groundbreaking ceremonies for Audubon International's first Signature project in The Bahamas and the first wholly Bahamian funded and owned residential community took place in July at a project called Cotton Bay Villas. Cotton Bay derives its name from the phrase "to cotton," a local term that refers to a "place where people befriend one another while being at peace with nature." With construction already underway on Phase I of the project, Cotton Bay is taking action to preserve the environmental integrity of the island's unique ecology and scenic landscapes by protecting the native plants on site. To meet their goal of using 100 percent native landscaping, staff are taking plants, particularly palms, out of the way of construction activities and caring for them in an on-site nursery until they can be replanted. This helps not only to save the individual plants, but also to preserve the local gene pool for future generations of plantings. In addition to the use of native plantings, home designs will conform to specific Bahamian Colonial architectural standards. Native landscaping and traditional architecture are two of the emphasized elements that will make this project a model for future development. ●

Clean Laundry, Clean Environment

Hotels reap savings by investing in efficient systems

BY CAROLYN MIYAZAKI

Many things go into ensuring an enjoyable hotel visit: excellent service, clean rooms, great food, convenient amenities. But for the manager behind the desk, making sure the laundry gets done is also among the highest daily priorities.

Laundry is one of the largest daily operations for all hotels. And it's the major user of water and energy. Institutional washing machines use nearly 3 gallons (21 litres) of water per pound (1 kilogram) of linen laundered, and linen use has been estimated to be eight to 11 pounds per day per double occupancy room (3.6 to 5.4 kilograms). Needless to say, hotels are eager to save money and help the environment by making laundry operations more efficient.

You may be familiar with linen reuse programs—where guests agree to forego daily washing of sheets and towels—which can save over 29 gallons (110 litres) of water per room per day. But a behind-the-scenes, cutting edge technology can save

even more. It's called a *heat exchanger/condensate return system* and it takes what was once considered waste and transforms it into energy. Here's how:

In a typical hotel, waste steam heat or condensate is created during laundry operations. This condensate is 210 to 215 degrees F (98–101 degrees C) and is usually eliminated through the sewer system. But before being dumped, many municipalities require that it be cooled to 140 degrees F (60 degrees C) or less, thereby requiring the hotel to add large quantities of cold water to it.

In contrast, the heat exchanger system takes the condensate through a piping system to heat the hotel's water used in guest rooms, as well as the kitchen and laundry systems. During this process the steam naturally releases its heat, settling at a temperature safely lower than municipal regulation, so that it can be disposed of easily in the sewer system. This completely eliminates the need to add cold water, and saves water, energy, time, and costs.

With a strong return on investment for initial installation costs, many hotels are going full steam ahead with converting to the heat exchanger system. After diligent research, Len Pinto, Director of Engineering and Security at Accor's Sofitel Philadelphia, an Audubon Green Leaf Hotel member, installed a heat exchanger/condensate return system. The total project cost was just under \$49,000, and in just one month of operation, the hotel's energy and water savings were 26 percent of the total cost!

"We at Sofitel Philadelphia see the full value in Accor North America's plan to conserve our resources and costs, while ensuring that our guests still receive the complete Accor



Sofitel Philadelphia, an Audubon Green Leaf Eco-Rated Hotel, has achieved a rating of four Green Leafs for its outstanding efforts to be eco-efficient.

experience," says Sofitel Philadelphia's General Manager Nicolas Pesty. "This project adeptly meets this goal."

Clean laundry. Clean environment. Reaping the rewards of becoming more efficient makes it all the more worthwhile.

Carolyn Miyazaki is the Communications Manager for TerraChoice Environmental Marketing, a Canadian company that manages the Audubon Green Leaf Eco-Rating Program for Hotels in partnership with Audubon International.

Green Leaf Tip

Homeowners or building managers can seek a comparable, unique solution for their hot water needs: tankless water heaters. A tankless unit heats water on demand, using a heating device that is activated by the flow of water when a hot water valve is opened. For more information, download the U.S. Department of Energy fact sheet at www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/factsheets/bc1.html, or check out a complete listing of EcoLogo™ certified tankless water heaters at www.environmental-choice.com.

Good Habits

BY JEAN MACKAY

Sit up straight. Elbows off the table. Wash behind your ears. From an early age we learn good habits through repeated actions and instructions (or was it constant nagging?). *Practice makes perfect.* In similar ways, we need to practice conservation until it becomes part of our daily routine. After all, the everyday things we do make a big difference to our environment.

Smart daily practices, combined with the use of new technologies and a little common sense, will help you use energy and water efficiently and reduce waste. Indoor conservation practices can also save you money from reduced costs for fuel, electricity, and water.



Instilling a conservation ethic begins at home, with good daily practices.

10 Ways to Take Action

1. Practice good habits.

Get into the habit of conserving water and energy and encouraging all household members to look for ways to save. Daily good habits, such as turning off lights and appliances when not in use and adjusting the thermostat or air conditioning, are practical ways to save.

2. Simply save water.

Simple practices cost nothing, but save a lot. Shut off water during teeth brushing and shaving. Take showers of five minutes or less. Run the dish washer and clothes washer on full loads only.

3. Make inexpensive upgrades.

Install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators—good units provide strong pressure while reducing water used by up to 60%.

4. Replace older toilets.

Replace old, large-tank toilets with low-volume flush models. Many older units consume 5 to 6 gallons per flush, compared with just 1.6 gallons for low-flow toilets.

5. Switch to compact florescent light bulbs.

Compact fluorescent bulbs come in all shapes and sizes to fit almost any fixture. They last 10 to 15 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs and use only 20 to 30% of the energy.

6. Conduct a home energy audit.

Check for drafty doors and windows and poorly sealed and insulated areas of walls, floors, and ceilings. Consult your electric company to see whether it provides resources or checklists for an audit. In addition, have your furnace and central air conditioner tested and tuned up yearly to keep them running efficiently.

7. Invest in home improvements.

Improve building insulation of exterior walls, wall joints, attic or roofing, outlets and switch plates, doors, windows, and floors. Insulate hot water pipes and tanks. Purchase energy efficient appliances.

8. Reduce waste.

Reject wasteful consumption by carefully considering what you need and buying products that last. Purchase products with minimal packaging or packaging that can be recycled, or buy in bulk. Repair or donate older or unwanted goods to local charitable groups.

9. Choose reusable products.

Take a look at the one-time-use and disposable products you use and try to replace them with reusable items. For instance, use cloth napkins instead of paper, sponges instead of paper towels, reusable lunch bags and canvas shopping bags, refillable soap and cleaning containers, and reusable coffee filters.

10. Recycle.

Make recycling easy for all household members by setting up an area for glass, plastic, and metal containers, newspapers, magazines, and loose leaf paper. Purchase products with recycled content, including note paper, computer paper, and bathroom tissue.

Sarasota, Florida

BY RONALD DODSON

President and CEO Ron Dodson travels extensively on behalf of Audubon International and its programs. His reports from the field inspired our first newsletter, *Field Notes*, and will now resume as a regular column in *Stewardship News*.

Sarasota, Florida, is located on the Southwest Gulf Coast about mid-way between Tampa and Naples. I was invited there on Memorial Day weekend by an organization called Sustainable Sarasota to participate in Efest, a community festival dedicated to demonstrating ideas and technologies that promote earth stewardship. Sustainable Sarasota was created by the Sarasota County government for the purpose of guiding and motivating the citizens of the county to live in concert with the environment.

I was asked to give an hour-long presentation about Audubon International and the fact that the County of Sarasota recently registered the *entire county* in Audubon International's Sustainable Communities Program. But the real action was outside on the banks of Sarasota Bay where the



Children chose from a number of fun activities in the "Kid-e-Zone."



Audubon International President Ron Dodson spoke about sustainable communities during Sarasota County's Efest.



Efest provided opportunities for Sarasota County residents to connect with businesses and organizations exhibiting innovative products and services.

festival was taking place. More than 7,000 people were in attendance, which brought together environmental organizations, businesses, university faculty and students, musicians, and lots of citizens. With well over 100 vendor booths, and on-going music and activities, the Efest was both family fun and serious business for the future of Sarasota County.

On Friday evening, Efest featured keynote speaker, Ray Anderson, President of Interface Carpet Company. With Anderson at its helm, Interface is a leading proponent of the Principles of Sustainability. Interface produces, sells, reuses, and accounts fully for all the positive and negative impacts of its corporate activities. Anderson is not only convinced that

Interface is a more successful company because of its transition to sustainability, but that it is vital for others, including government, to embrace these principles.

By all measures, Efest was a great success, both for those who organized it and for those who attended the event. Sarasota County, with Sustainable Sarasota in the lead, has stepped up to the table to lead the way in Florida and hopes to become a model for all other counties to follow.

Audubon International is very excited to be working with Sarasota County through our Sustainable Communities Program. Watch for updates on the county's progress in future issues of *Stewardship News*. ●

AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAM

(This list includes membership activity from 5/25/05 through 7/18/05)

NEW MEMBERS

Golf Program

International

Cooke Municipal Golf Course, Prince Albert, SK, Canada
 Bear Mountain Golf and Country Club, Victoria, Canada
 Voyageurs Golf Club, Alban, ON, Canada
 St. Andrews Beach Golf Club, Hawthorn East, Australia

Florida

Doral Golf Resort and Spa, Miami
 Kelly Greens Golf & Country Club, Fort Myers

Illinois

Coyote Run Golf Course, Flossmoor

Iowa

Elmcrest Country Club, Cedar Rapids

Maryland

Mountain Branch Golf Branch, Joppa

Ohio

Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin

Texas

Carlton Woods–Fazio Course, The Woodlands

Business Program

Brick Reservoir, Brick, NJ

School Program

Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY

RECENTLY CERTIFIED AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARIES

Aurora Sports Park, Aurora, CO
 Edison Club, Rexford, NY
 Shadowridge Country Club, Vista, CA
 Shennecossett Golf Course, Groton, CT
 Springfield Golf and Country Club, Guelph, ON, Canada

RE-CERTIFIED AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARIES

Certified for 10 Years or More

Castle Pines Golf Club, Castle Rock, CO

Certified for Five Years or More

Brooksville Country Club at Majestic Oaks, Brooksville, FL
 Club at Seabrook Island, Johns Island, SC
 Huntsville Golf Club, Shavertown, PA
 Hyatt Regency: Hill Country Resort, San Antonio, TX
 Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, North Plains, OR
 TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth, GA
 Whispering Pines Golf Course, Myrtle Beach, SC
 White Pine National Golf Club, Spruce, MI



Attractive flower gardens, clear streams, and 100 acres of Ponderosa pine and scrub oak woodlands provide excellent wildlife habitat, as well as a perfect backdrop for the game of golf at Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colorado. Thanks to the leadership of Marshall Fearing, Director of Grounds, the course celebrates 10 years of ACSP certification this year.

Certified for Two Years or More

Country Club of Naples, Naples, FL
 Landings Club-Plantation & Palmetto, Savannah, GA
 Park Hills Golf Course, Freeport, IL

AUDUBON SIGNATURE PROGRAM

NEW SIGNATURE MEMBERS

Bundoran Farm, North Garden, VA
 Rainbow River Ranch, Dunnellon, FL

RE-CERTIFIED SIGNATURE SANCTUARIES

Colbert Hills, Manhattan, KS, *certified since 2001*
 Collier's Reserve Country Club, Naples, FL, *certified since 1994*
 Cypress Ridge Golf Course, Arroyo Grande, CA, *certified since 1999*
 Haymaker Golf Course, Steamboat Springs, CO, *certified 2000*
 Heritage at Westmoor, Westminster, CO, *certified since 2002*
 North Hempstead Harbor Links, North Hempstead, NY, *certified since 2001*
 Sanctuary Golf Course at WestWorld, Scottsdale, AZ, *certified since 2000*
 SummerGrove Golf Club, Newnan, GA, *certified since 2001*
 WCI Raptor Bay Golf Club, Bonita Springs, FL, *certified since 2002*
 WCI Venetian Golf & River Club, Venice, FL, *certified since 2004*

AUDUBON GREEN LEAF ECO-RATING PROGRAM FOR HOTELS

NEW MEMBERS

Canad Inns–Transcona–Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada ●●
 The Colony Hotel & Cabana Club–Delray Beach, FL ●●●●
 Inn at the Forks–Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada ●●

Attention Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries:

Recertification packets for properties that received certification in ODD years (e.g., 2003, 2001, 1999, etc.) will be mailed in mid-November. Recertification is required every two years. If you do not receive information by late December, please contact Membership Coordinator Jen Batza at jbatza@auduboninternational.org or (518) 767-9051, extension 12. We look forward to hearing about your good work and great results!

Site Visits Offer Information Exchange

Ever want to show off what you've done to improve the environment on your Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary property and get some advice for next steps to take?

Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary staff are available to conduct site visits to provide direction and feedback to help you advance your environmental performance. We are scheduling half day and full day visits for late-Fall. Cost of the service is \$200 (U.S.) for a half day and \$400 (U.S.) for a full day. Pricing excludes associated travel costs and the option of a written report.

In June, seven properties in the greater Toronto area hosted site visits

with Staff Ecologist Shawn Williams. Williams toured the facilities, discussed ways to improve environmental performance, and offered advice for gaining certification. Many thanks for hosting the visits goes to the City of Hamilton's two municipal golf courses, King's Forest and Chedoke, the North Halton Golf & Country Club in Georgetown, the Mississauga Golf & Country Club in Mississauga, the Donalda Club in Don Mills, and the Granite Club's main club in Toronto and its golf club in Stouffville.

To find out more or schedule a visit, contact Program Manager Joellen Zeh at jzeh@auduboninternational.org or (518) 767-9051, extension 14.

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