



Sigourney Weaver Inspires Action: 8 minute [video](#)



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It was the hardest job I've ever loved
USFWS' Beth Pattinson

1 of 43 *Women of the Gulf*

NEWS FROM THE AUDUBON NETWORK

Highlights of recent news coverage, achievements, and events

***Women In Conservation* luncheon honors Audubon Rachel Carson Awardees Sigourney Weaver, Maya Lin; Event recognizes women instrumental in the Gulf oil spill response**

Audubon event featured in photo spread in *The New York Social Diary* <http://bit.ly/o38xI>

NY1 News covers luncheon <http://bit.ly/iNY3xJ>

Sigourney Weaver Blog on *The Huffington Post*: Don't Allow This To Be Another Silent Spring <http://huff.to/mStCNN>

Julie Leibach interviews Sigourney Weaver for Audubon's *Perch* <http://bit.ly/iHaLP5>

USFWS' Beth Pattinson Recognized for Oil Spill Efforts <http://bit.ly/IBOY2U>

Olivia Boulter: The Youngest Woman of the Gulf <http://bit.ly/kbDPI2>

AUDUBON POLICY ACTION

Audubon's policy team offers the following update on efforts to ensure that BP penalty funds support coastal restoration: Audubon commends Congressman Scalise (R-LA) and Congresswoman Castor (D-FL, and other members of the Gulf Coast Caucus for working to restore damage caused by the BP oil spill. The group met for the first time last week to discuss how to best legislate the direction of Clean Water Act penalties to the Gulf region. Gulf Coast lawmakers are concerned that unless they act, penalty money - perhaps as much as \$21 billion - will be spent elsewhere. More at <http://gulfoilspill.audubon.org>

On June 3, Wyoming Governor Matthew Mead issued a new executive order strengthening the core area strategy for Greater Sage-grouse that was pioneered and advocated by Audubon. The move provides special protection for 15 million acres home to breeding populations of grouse in Wyoming. BLM extended the core areas model to provide protection for grouse across 11 states. <http://1.usa.gov/kKBDUC>

AUDUBON EDUCATION

Wild Birds Unlimited [Pathways To Nature for Kids](#) initiative has granted Audubon \$25,000 for scholarships for young people to attend this year's summer camps at Audubon Centers across the United States. WBU has granted Audubon \$210,000 for scholarships since 2007, helping more than 1,000 kids attend our summer camps. Each year, more than 30 Audubon Centers participate. More at <http://education.audubon.org/programs/audubon-camps>

IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

Bartel Grassland, IBA in Illinois, highlighted in 2011 State of the Birds story <http://bit.ly/kJjIDQ>

Constellation Brands donates land designated as an Important Bird Area by Audubon <http://bit.ly/kAvmtb>

Important Bird Areas and Federal Agency MOUs <http://bit.ly/igmOkh>

Audubon California has launched an interactive map of California IBA's; a national interactive IBA map is in development <http://bit.ly/mU8j5L>

Least Terns battle the elements to protect their eggs at North Carolina IBAs <http://bit.ly/iT8GrI>

LOUISIANA COASTAL INITIATIVE

VP of Audubon Louisiana Coastal Initiative, Paul Kemp, offered expert perspective on the Mississippi flood. <http://bit.ly/kr4knW>

AUDUBON MAGAZINE

Audubon won its first *Utne* Independent Press Award for "best environmental coverage." Per *Utne's* citation: "*Audubon* rightly believes that if you care about birds, you care about the environment. The Audubon Society's magazine is a must-read for nature watchers of all kinds, digging into its subjects with a keen eye for both natural beauty and the forces that threaten it." The issues included the special climate change and BP Gulf disaster editions, plus our cover story on Audubon Texas' coastal

wardens. www.audubonmagazine.org

AUDUBON MARKETPLACE

Have a Bird ID question? We have the answer: a FREE and SEARCHABLE Audubon Online Bird Guide. This interactive guide to North American Birds features 750 species of birds, covering all of North America's regular breeding birds plus an additional 180 species that from south of the border. Just click on the Bird Guide button located on Audubon.org homepage slideshow or <http://birds.audubon.org>.

TOGETHERGREEN AND PENNIES FOR THE PLANET

Hermitage School District in Pennsylvania took the top *Pennies for the Plant* fundraising spot this year with teacher Nancy Bires leading the school in raising an impressive \$1,634.70. To thank Nancy and the students, Audubon educators joined musicians Billy B and Chris Rowlands (also an Aullwood naturalist) in a BioBash celebration that was featured on several local TV stations. <http://bit.ly/mQ7oAS>

TogetherGreen grantee Milwaukee Audubon Society is in the news again with the announcement of the 20th community to earn a spot in the Bird City Wisconsin program. <http://bit.ly/lnwUbC>

NYC Audubon is leveraging its Innovation Grant to involve Brooklyn residents in the collection of horseshoe crab data in Jamaica Bay (the largest wetland in New York City): (video) <http://bit.ly/madmIq>

AUDUBON STATE, CHAPTER AND CENTER NEWS

Audubon Alaska

Anchorage celebrates International Migratory Bird Day (CBS affiliate) <http://www.ktva.com/home/outbound-xml-feeds/International-Migratory-Bird-Day-121870379.html>

Audubon Arkansas

Dan Scheiman, director of bird conservation for Audubon Arkansas, describes best spots for bird watching in the state. <http://bit.ly/j8wloA>

Audubon California

"We taxpayers have spent millions of dollars saving the California condor from extinction," said Garry George, spokesman for Audubon California. "How's the public going to feel about wind energy if a condor hits the turbines?" <http://lat.ms/jruI8L>

Audubon Connecticut

Sandy Breslin, director of governmental affairs for Audubon Connecticut, points out that open space helps property values. <http://bit.ly/mTECIC>

Audubon of Florida

Julie Wraithmell, Audubon's director of wildlife conservation, informs the public about nesting birds on beaches. <http://bit.ly/inF4b8>

"People need to know that this is the time of year to think about water conservation," Mike Knight told the Naples News; "If you live between Ft. Myers and Naples, your water supply starts in the Corkscrew Swamp." <http://bit.ly/lqFrEn>

Audubon of the Chicago Region

"The fastest-declining birds in the nation are grassland birds," said Judy Pollock, director of bird conservation for Audubon Chicago. "Because of efforts like the one like Lakewood, declines have really slowed or halted in the past decade." More at <http://trib.in/mSuaSv>

Audubon Minnesota

New bird safe building featured in Finance & Commerce <http://bit.ly/ijBZnA>

Joanna Eckles, project coordinator for Audubon Minnesota, surveys downtown St. Paul for birds that collide with buildings. <http://bit.ly/jgEXVB>

Minnesota Public Radio describes perils for birds <http://bit.ly/l3iBcU>

Audubon Mississippi

Dustin Renaud, Volunteer Coordinator for the National Audubon Society, describes volunteer effort to protect young beach birds. <http://bit.ly/jLQ81A>

Audubon Missouri

Message from Tony Robyn, VP/Executive Director, Audubon Missouri:

While our [Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center](#) (WGCAC) was spared during the recent tornado disaster, hundreds of buildings were devastated, including more than 60% of Joplin 's schools. WGCAC has long partnered with the Joplin region and is ready to help in the difficult months ahead.

In keeping with the Center's role as a vital community resource, we are launching Operation Backyard Recovery. With local partners, such as Boys & Girls Clubs, we are offering summer camps and environmental programs free, to help children experience the healing power of nature, and provide a safe haven while parents and families work on this massive recovery.

Operation Backyard Recovery will also focus on replacing native habitat lost during the storm, working with the community and homeowners to restore their backyard habitats and educate people, especially children, about the importance of native plants to birds and people. Thank you for your support shown to Joplin, and please share this link with others who may wish to contribute

<http://bit.ly/lsgQZn>

Audubon New York

Kestrels work to protect vineyard grapes; guidance and nesting boxes supplied by the Onondaga Audubon Society. <http://bit.ly/ICLJMH>

Meditation walk at Buttercup Sanctuary: <http://bit.ly/ipD15u>

The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center's 2011 Legacy of Conservation Gala was featured in *The New York Social Diary*; lead photo includes Al Caccese, Executive Director of New York Audubon. <http://bit.ly/jsFtE6>

Atlantic Flyway Wins Support <http://prn.to/ik3iWm>

Audubon Missouri

Howard Hinkel, president of the Columbia Audubon Society, expresses concern that wildlife in the sanctuary will be negatively affected by an 8-foot-wide concrete trail. <http://bit.ly/iLYNdI>

Audubon Pennsylvania

Land once used by a hunting and fishing Club could be the site of an Audubon nature center per plans by Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. <http://bit.ly/jefMN1>

Audubon Texas

Rare masked duck seen at Sabal Palm Sanctuary <http://bit.ly/mEB8RU>

Audubon Washington

Birding Trail 7th and last route, the Puget Loop featured in the *Journal of the San Juan Islands*: <http://bit.ly/lykwoF>

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