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*To set aside this much land so close to Los Angeles,  
where development has gone unchecked for the past  
half-century, is remarkable, a testament to the  
cooperative spirit in which this conservation plan  
was formed  
New York Times Editorial*

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## **NEWS FROM THE AUDUBON NETWORK**

*Highlights of recent news coverage, achievements, and events*

### **An Unprecedented Conservation Victory in California**

Graham Chisholm, executive director of Audubon California, announced a \$15.8 million state grant that will protect 62,000 acres at Tejon Ranch, one of the largest conservation easements in California history. The spectacular landscape includes grasslands known for their annual explosion of wildflowers, plus woodland habitat for Golden Eagle and Swainson's Hawk, all within an hour's drive of Los Angeles.

<http://bit.ly/f9EqU1>

Related story in The L.A. Times

<http://lat.ms/fyawzs>

New York Times editorial from 2008

<http://nyti.ms/h78CEm>

### **Count Down to the Annual Christmas Bird Count**

Citizen scientists throughout the hemisphere are gearing up for Audubon's 111th Christmas Bird Count. The longest-running Citizen Science survey in the world will take place from December 14, 2010 to January 5, 2011.

Last year's count shattered records. More than 2,100 counts and 60,753 people tallied 2,319 species and 55,951,707 total birds. That's nearly 56 million birds. Citizen Scientists spotted 200 more species than during the previous year's CBC.

Counts took place in all 50 states in the U.S., all Canadian provinces, plus several Central and South American countries, Guam, Mariana Islands, Bermuda, Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Colombia, which encompasses some of the most important bird habitat in the hemisphere, now has more CBC circles than any other country outside the US and Canada. Luis Miguel Renjifo reports that in Columbia the census "is becoming the most important monitoring system for biodiversity in the country".

See Michelle Wilson's blog for *Audubon* magazine

<http://bit.ly/e2M6gs>

Dick Cannings describes how partners in Canada from Ottawa and Eastern Ontario will join tens of thousands of volunteers throughout North America to add a new layer to over a century of data.

<http://bit.ly/e9sq9s>

Get Involved-Find a Count Near You <http://bit.ly/fWRCCt>

### **Audubon Citizen Scientists Play Key Role in Gulf of Mexico Response**

Audubon President David Yarnold Talks to National Geographic about Citizen Scientists Volunteers on the Gulf Coastal Bird Survey <http://bit.ly/bPd1GH>

Saving the Gulf: Audubon's New Leader See Solutions  
<http://bit.ly/fzSSFR>

"Birds lead you to the richest veins of biodiversity in America," says Yarnold.  
<http://bit.ly/fznNF6>



Photo: Susan Cosier/Audubon magazine

### **Young Conservationist sets Inspiring Example**

Mia Arias presents a check to Audubon President David Yarnold, another example of dozens of young people who used their creative talents to raise money for Gulf restoration. Mia sold Origami Cranes she hand made as her initiative.

### **Corkscrew to Receive Renewable Energy Donation from REC Solar:**

"We work hard everyday to show people the connections between the health of the Corkscrew Swamp watershed, the Gulf and the birds, wildlife and prosperity we cherish," said Corkscrew Center Director Ed Carlson. "It's gratifying to get this new opportunity to use renewable energy in recognition of Audubon's efforts to renew the Gulf." The installation is planned for January, 2011.

<http://bit.ly/exPALm>

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### **AUDUBON POLICY ACTION HIGHLIGHTS**

The National Audubon Society strongly urges the U.S. Senate to pass legislation dedicating Deepwater Horizon disaster Clean Water Act penalties to Gulf Coast environmental restoration during the 2010 lame-duck congressional session. Audubon has co-sponsored phone-banking, advertising, media, social media, and letter-writing campaigns and reached out to activists with a webcast and training session hosted by Chris Canfield and Connie Mahan. Listen to the webcast here

<http://register.webcastgroup.com/l3/?wid=0711118105494>

Contact your senators on the spill response bill here [www.AudubonAction.org/SpillBill](http://www.AudubonAction.org/SpillBill).

"Senators should use their lame duck session to dedicate Clean Water Act fines paid by BP to the immediate restoration of America's Gulf Coast. After reporting a \$1.8 billion profit for the last quarter, BP cannot be allowed to stick taxpayers with the bill for its disaster," said David Yarnold.

<http://bit.ly/qDzmnbn>

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### **IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS**

Karyn Stockdale, executive director of Audubon New Mexico, speaks up for protection of Otero Mesa, one of the "Top 10" Important Bird Areas in New Mexico. <http://bit.ly/dFEY75>

Audubon Maryland-DC's Important Bird Areas (<http://iba.audubon.org/iba/viewState.do?state=US-MD>) are included in the Sensitive Areas Element of the recently released Wicomico County Comprehensive Plan, which will guide patterns of future development in the county. <http://bit.ly/ejbdMk> (Chapter 4)

New Jersey Important Bird Areas Receive Funding Boost - <http://bit.ly/hMhiDH>  
Long Beach West, one of Connecticut's longest stretches of barrier beach, and an area which includes a Connecticut Important Bird Area (<http://iba.audubon.org/iba/viewSiteProfile.do?siteId=825&navSite=state>), to be restored to its natural state for people and wildlife - <http://bit.ly/hmZmYH>

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## AUDUBON MARKETPLACE



Give A Gift That Matters. Click on the Audubon Holiday Catalog <http://gifts.audubon.org>



Organic Bouquet flowers are grown and harvested using practices that aim to improve the quality of farm working conditions, minimize damage to ecosystems, conserve biodiversity, and enhance environmental quality for future generations. Audubon receives 10% of net sales originated from Audubon. Buy one bouquet and get one free! To see our Peppermint Twist bouquet visit: [www.organicbouquet.com/AudubonDec10TWIST](http://www.organicbouquet.com/AudubonDec10TWIST)

### Unique Audubon Holiday Cards

Delight your friends and family with holiday cards featuring beautiful birds and joyful holiday scenes. Send warm greetings and support Audubon at the same time. See over 20 designs at:

<http://www.holidaycardcenter.org/nas?s=NA106427>

Audubon Mobile Apps for the holidays!

Give or get the gift of nature with iTunes Award-Winning apps from Audubon Guides. If it tweets, blooms, growls, flutters, hops or swims, we have an app for that. Gifts from \$0.99 - \$39.99. Watch for these new Apps:

*Audubon Mushrooms* - Satisfy mycologists of all levels with over 550 common species of mushrooms, and other fungi and slime molds. \$9.99

*Audubon Nature Southwest* - An 8-subject travel app that lets you identify birds, mammals, wildflowers, trees, butterflies, insects & spiders, and reptiles & amphibians found in Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada and Utah. Sale \$9.99 through 11/30. Regular Price \$14.99.

*Audubon Nature Pacific Northwest* - A 10-subject travel app that lets you identify birds, mammals, wildflowers, trees, butterflies, insects & spiders, reptiles & amphibians, seashells, and seashore creatures found in Oregon and Washington. Sale \$9.99 through 11/30. Regular Price \$14.99.

For more information visit us at <http://www.audubonguides.com/app> or for search Audubon on your mobile app store.

Audubon Nature Odysseys



Start your preparations for 2011 travel. Journey with us to Costa Rica & Panama on an expedition led by Rich Merritt. This is one of many Audubon trips sailing in 2011, including Madagascar , Ireland , the Arctic, and the Southern Caribbean . Where do you want to go?

<http://bit.ly/azus6e>.

If you can't get there in person, beautiful travel photos can be viewed on our Tumblr blog *Wanderlusting Audubon*: <http://audubon-odysseys.tumblr.com/>.

Sawbrewing  
Photo credit: Ralph Lee Hopkins

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## **TOGETHERGREEN**

The third *TogetherGreen*-supported *Pennies for the Planet* campaign is now underway. This year's campaign will benefit beach-nesting birds throughout [Mississippi's Gulf Coast](#), monarch butterflies [wintering in Arizona](#), and migrating birds along the [Platte River](#) in Nebraska. *Pennies for the Planet* change collected by kids from now through August 2011 will be divided equally among these three Audubon conservation projects that will protect migrating wildlife. Visit [www.penniesfortheplanet.org](http://www.penniesfortheplanet.org) to download the electronic educators' kit or email [pennies@togethergreen.org](mailto:pennies@togethergreen.org) to receive hard copy materials via post.

The newest class of *TogetherGreen* Fellows continues to garner media attention across the country for their conservation projects. Here are a few samples:

- [Nicole Conrad](#) and [Beth Krisko](#) ( Ohio ) were profiled in the *Dayton Daily News*. Nicole is connecting students to nature through art and restoration, while Beth is working to train new recruits in the battle against climate change. <http://bit.ly/bzXL6Q>
- [Sara Peel](#) ( Indiana ) is creating an online tool allowing Greater Lafayette residents to learn -- and eventually improve -- their impact on the environment, was featured in the *Journal & Courier*. <http://bit.ly/cmypr7>
- [Heather Ristow](#) ( Montana ) was profiled in the *Billings Gazette*. Heather is using her fellowship to provide more youth with opportunities to connect with the natural world <http://bit.ly/bkwziG>

TogetherGreen.org got a boost from a newly launched AOL online advertising feature. AOL created an "ad" on its highly-trafficked home page that allows brands to highlight philanthropic causes. As the first campaign to roll out, AOL advertiser Toyota chose to promote

*TogetherGreen*. The new cause marketing feature is described on Clickz, an online marketing web site <http://bit.ly/c60NLz>

Follow *TogetherGreen* on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/togethergreen>

Like *TogetherGreen* on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/togethergreen?ref=ts>

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## **AUDUBON STATE, CHAPTER AND CENTER NEWS**

### **Audubon Alaska**

The 14<sup>th</sup> Alaska Bird Conference November 16-18 showcased cutting edge research on Alaska birds. More than 150 people attended, from professional researchers to students to avid birders. Topics included beak deformities, affects of climate change, citizen science and education projects, migration, and long-term raptor studies. Abstracts for the presentations and posters will be available soon on [www.AudubonAlaska.org](http://www.AudubonAlaska.org).

### **Audubon Arizona**

Founding Director Sam Campana has been named Valley Leadership's Woman of the Year  
<http://fb.me/JUf05TSy>

### **Audubon Connecticut**

"Weir Farm and other protected areas are a tribute to our senators' conservation vision and commitment. Their leadership now would be a proud legacy for the people of Connecticut." Op Ed co-authored by Tom Baptist, Executive Director, Audubon Connecticut <http://bit.ly/hoFRIT>

Audubon Greenwich Launches Birding for Young People with Kenn Kaufmann Leading the First Group  
<http://bit.ly/hBKItN>

### **Audubon of Florida**

Profile of John Hankinson: As a result of his seven years running the Atlanta EPA office, "he knows the politics of the South," said Eric Draper of Audubon of Florida. This will be handy for Hankinson's new job leading the Administration's Gulf Restoration Task force. <http://bit.ly/gjRMx0>

### **Audubon in Maine**

Plan ahead for popular summer classes at beautiful Hog Island  
<http://www.projectpuffin.org/OrnithCamps.html>

### **Audubon Mississippi**

Pascagoula Audubon Center participates in a Big Birding Sit

<http://bit.ly/eQByeF>

### **Audubon in Oregon**

East Cascades Audubon Society project (Lewis's Woodpecker) featured on Oregon Field Guide TV show produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting:

<http://www.opb.org/programs/ofg/episodes/view/2206>

### **Audubon Pennsylvania**

Audubon At Home PA interview for Comcast Channel to air in Nov or Dec.: <http://bit.ly/eQFZmH>

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### **BIRDS & BIRDING**

*Wall St. Journal* essay on John James Audubon's Appreciation of the Wild Turkey

<http://on.wsj.com/gIPQ3m>

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS**

Help shape the future of Audubon by participating in the election of Audubon's directors. Read about the candidates <http://www.audubon.org/nominees-election-board-directors-national-audubon-society>

You can cast your proxy in one of three ways. First, you can submit one proxy by mail. You can find a proxy card bound in *Audubon* Magazine, between pages 96-97 of the November/December 2010 issue.

Secondly, if you allow Audubon to contact you by email, you can disregard the proxy card and submit your proxy online. Audubon sends an occasional proxy request email to its email subscribers. If you have any questions about the online proxy, please contact: [Proxy\\_vote@audubon.org](mailto:Proxy_vote@audubon.org).

Mail-in and online proxies must be received by Monday, January 24, 2011.

The third option is to join us at the Annual Meeting, if you will be in the area. Audubon's 2011 Annual Meeting of Members will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2011 at the Naples Beach Hotel, 851 Gulf Shore Boulevard North, Naples, Florida 34102. If you will join us in person, you should disregard the mail-in and online proxy options.

By participating in the election of Audubon's directors, you help play a vital role in Audubon's conservation efforts. Thank you for everything you do!

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