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Human-Made Oasis in the Bay Area

A pile of dirt dumped in a secluded and biologically-rich corner of San Francisco Bay is becoming prime real estate for seabirds, harbor seals, and other wildlife. Volunteers at Audubon's Richardson Bay Center and Wildlife Sanctuary are transforming long-discarded fill from construction projects into ideal wildlife habitat.

**From the Perch of David Yarnold: Our
Vision and Plan**

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What will it take to save birds and their habitats in this age of climate change, burgeoning sprawl, and other threats? **David Yarnold, Audubon's President & CEO**, reveals the 'secret sauce' that goes into Audubon's master plan for the coming years. Ingredients include a respect for the

interdependence of humans and wildlife, an emphasis on the four great flyways by which migratory birds traverse our continent, and a continuing commitment to the vast network of staff, volunteers, supporters, and others who make our work possible.

A Glimpse of Florida's Primordial Swamp



Got the cold weather blues? Take a three-minute **virtual Florida field trip along the boardwalk of Audubon's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary**. One of Audubon's crown jewels, Corkscrew is home to the largest stand of old-growth bald cypress trees on earth. Bald Eagles search for

prey at the canopy's edge, while alligators and wading birds meander through the swampy understory. This is the Florida of our ancestors, in the western glades just 100 miles west of Miami.

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GET INVOLVED Great Backyard Bird Count 2012

Every February, bird lovers of all ages join forces in Audubon and Cornell Lab's Great Backyard Bird Count.

Learn how to participate in five easy steps from Zach Slavin in our Education & Nature Centers program. Hint: you can even participate in your pajamas.



TAKE ACTION Best Chance for Gulf Coast Restoration

This is our next best chance to ensure that billions in BP fines go directly to restore the ecosystems devastated by the Deepwater Horizon blowout. **Tell Congress to do the right thing.**

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