

# Audubon Log

NORTHEASTERN WISCONSIN AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**G**reetings from your president. We are undergoing some structural changes this year. We hope to better promote the objectives of the National Audubon Society whose mission is: "To conserve and restore ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity." Our goal in northeastern Wisconsin is to protect Wisconsin's natural landscapes and habitats by supporting environmental education, land trusts, and conservation projects for the benefit of people and the state's biological diversity.

Part of our plan for the year 2003 is to establish a website which we can use to communicate with our membership and to link to other environmental organizations. You will be able to find out about our programs, field trips, projects, and events. We will be establishing an e-mail list of members who would like to have timely information from us and you in turn can give us your input regarding Wisconsin's environmental issues and also our activities.

We are also in the process of renewing our by-laws. We will bring copies of these bylaw changes to the annual banquet for you to vote on. If you would like a copy to review prior to the banquet, please contact me and I will either e-mail or mail you a copy.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email you will save us the mailing expense. Please send us your e-mail address at dsumm2428@msn.com. We welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. I also can be reached by mail, Dorothy Summers, 2428 Bay Settlement Road, Green Bay, 54311, or call me at (920)-465-6729. I look forward to hearing from you!

*Dorothy Summers, President*  
N.E.W Audubon Society  
Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon, Inc.  
2002 Annual Report

## N.E.W. AUDUBON ANNUAL BANQUET



**Wed., April 16, 2003 at Eagles Nest Supper Club**

**5:30 p.m. Social & Silent Auction**

**6:15 Dinner, and 7 p.m. Program**

**Speaker: Scott R. Craven**

**Topic: Wildlife Resources of Wisconsin and How People Can Help the Wildlife Community**

**W**e have a special treat for the annual banquet this year: Scott R. Craven, wildlife specialist, a frequent guest on Wisconsin Public Radio. He has a PhD degree in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has been a faculty member there since 1975. He is a knowledgeable, stimulating speaker. Plan to attend.

Once again, we will be holding our annual silent auction as a fundraiser at the banquet. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to be sold. In the past, members have brought art work, decorative swords, binoculars, books, candle sticks, picture frames, and it all sold well. We also invite you to bring home-made items, such as breads, cakes, teas, maple syrup, bird houses, etc. The auction is a lot of fun and raises money for research, education and land preservation projects that protect our Wisconsin lands.



### N.E.W. Audubon Annual Banquet Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your registration by April 7, 2003

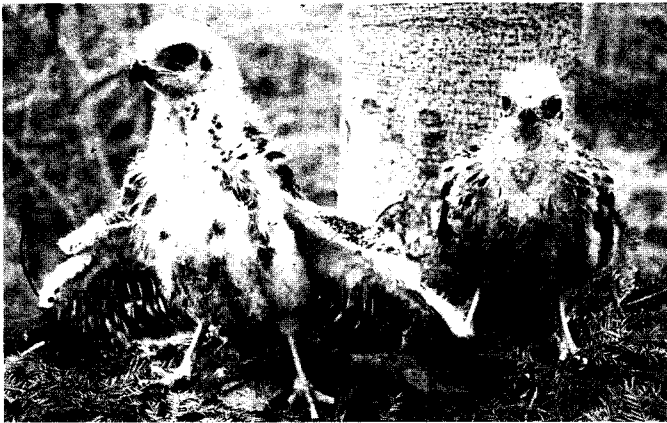
Tickets are \$12 per person.

Enclosed please find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for # \_\_\_\_\_ individuals.

Please make checks payable to N.E.W. Audubon and mail to :

Terrie Howe  
2479 Vagabond Street  
Green Bay, WI 54302

Questions? Call Terrie at (920) 465-8263.



## RED SHOULDERED HAWK STUDY

John Jacobs, chair of the red-shouldered hawk research committee, completed an extensive report "Conservation Assessment for Red-shouldered hawks (*Buteo lineatus*) in National Forests of North Central States" for the USDA Forest Service. Land managers, foresters, biologists and raptor researchers will use John's report to better protect nest sites and increase reproductive success in hardwood forest habitats in Wisconsin and several other states. Red-shouldered hawks are a threatened species in our state and are declining or exist in low numbers in other north central states.

Our chapter continued its long-term support of John's fieldwork, now in its 31st year, with a \$1,100 grant in 2002. John and his brother Eugene searched 115 historic nest sites in central and northeast Wisconsin last year and found 49 active nests. Only 45% of the nests were successful (fledged at least one young). Reproduction was very good in central Wisconsin (76% nest success) and the Nicolet National Forest (42%) but was very poor (8%) in Oconto, Door and other northeastern counties. A cold spring and late leaf out may have caused heavy predation on adults and nestlings.



## WEATHERFRIEND LAND GRANTS

Each year NEW Audubon, Inc. partners with others and issues small grants to support projects that protect Wisconsin's wildlife and natural areas. Our club uses interest from an endowment for its annual grants. Profits from the Weather Friend phenology calendar grow the endowment, which is managed by the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation. The 2004 phenology calendar is the 25th anniversary edition.

After reviewing many excellent proposals the board of directors and the endowment committee, consisting of Dennis Prusik, chair, Paul Hartman, and John Jacobs awarded over \$5,000 in grants in 2002 to:

**Baird Creek Parkway Preservation Foundation.** Continue efforts to protect this valuable Green Bay urban park. \$800

**Door County Land Trust.** Organize a body to manage a 160-acre diverse forest recently put into trust on Washington Island. \$300

**Natural Heritage Land Trust, Madison.** Protect 63 acres along Garfoot Creek, a tributary of Black Earth Creek in southern Wisconsin, recognized one of the top 100 trout streams in the U.S. by Trout Unlimited. \$300

**Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon.** Red-shouldered hawk research of member John Jacobs. \$1,100

**Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust.** Niagara Escarpment conservation project in Brown, Calumet, and Fond du Lac counties. \$850

**University of Wisconsin Extension in Brown and Door Counties and Northeast Wisconsin Master Gardeners, Inc.** Invasive species demonstration projects that provide information for other Wisconsin counties. \$1,100

**Wisconsin DNR-Bureau of Endangered Species.** Publish book on Wisconsin's turtles and lizards. We also supported the DNR's book on amphibians in 2001.

*Also receiving small grants:*

**Aldo Leopold Foundation-Baraboo.** Landowner classes. \$100

**Brown County Library-Southwest Branch.** Field trip. \$100

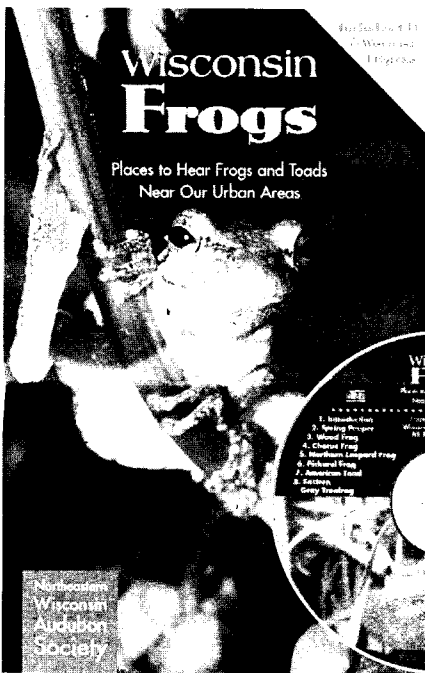
**Heritage Elementary School-De Pere.** Environmental education center. \$50

**Last Wilderness Conservation Association, Inc.** Land Trust-Presque Isle. \$50

**Wisconsin DNR.** Wetland mitigation site, Shiocton. \$100

**Woodland Education Center, Stoughton.** Butterfly census. \$150

## WISCONSIN FROG BOOK AND CD



The amphibian conservation committee, chaired by Randy Korb, produced and is distributing a unique book and compact disk set, "Wisconsin Frogs: Places to Hear Frogs and Toads Near Our Urban Areas". Grants and donations from the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Fund, Wal-Mart, Inc., NEW

Audubon, Inc., NEW Plastics, Inc. and Humana helped cover production costs of the book and CD. The book is filled with color photos and information on the state's 12 frog

species. Maps guide people in Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay and the Fox Cities to "frog hotspots", local wetlands where residents can hear frogs. Bethany Matula, a young student from Kimberly, WI narrates the CD of frog calls.

The book is in over 300 public and school libraries. It is also available in 100 bookstores and gift shops at museums, nature centers, botanical gardens, visitor centers and other Wisconsin retail outlets.

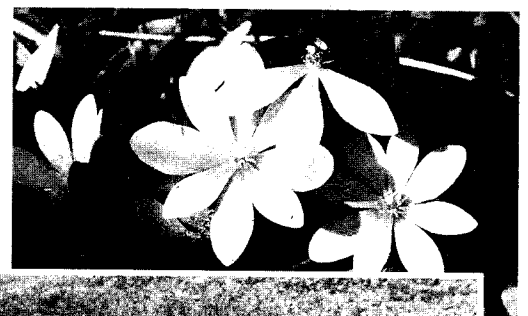
"This project has exceeded our expectations, according to Korb. Families all over the state now use the book to learn about frogs near their homes and vacation spots. Our committee is having fun with this. We're working on new projects that we think will create even greater knowledge and support for frogs and wetlands this year."



*WeatherFriend grants helped the WI DNR Bureau of Endangered Resources produce two books that educate state residents about our native reptiles and amphibians.*



*WeatherFriend grants to the Door County and Northeast Wisconsin Land Trust will help protect the Niagara Escarpment, native plants and animals in Baird Creek Parkway and unique natural areas on Washington Island.*





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## MENTION THIS GREAT DEAL TO A FRIEND AND HELP OUR CHAPTER!

In cooperation with National Audubon's membership department we are offering a great incentive for people to join our chapter. For just \$20 new members receive Wisconsin Frogs: Places to Hear Frogs and Toads Near Our Urban Areas (a \$16.95 value), an annual subscription to Audubon magazine, a free Audubon logo backpack, and full member benefits to National and our chapter. Our chapter receives the entire \$20 to support our conservation efforts.

Since January 2003 we have already recruited about 75 new members. Many former members in the Appleton and Green Bay areas have rejoined our club to take advantage of this great value. We also have recruited members statewide, from Waukesha to Eagle River. Several of these folks are eager to share their talents and interests. Middle school and high school libraries in Green Bay, Hudson, Kewaskum, La Crosse, Land O' Lakes and other communities have joined our chapter. Their students now enjoy Audubon magazine and our Wisconsin frog book.

New members should send their address and a \$20 check payable to National Audubon to: NEW Audubon, P.O. Box 1963, Green Bay, WI 54305. They will receive the Wisconsin frog book and CD in a few days. The first issue of Audubon and the free backpack arrive in 4 to 6 weeks.



# N.E.W. Audubon

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# 2002

### Revenues

NAS Chapter Dues Shares	\$3,661
Grants/Contributions	\$8,257
Educational events	\$16,945
Fundraising events (silent auction)	\$311
Interest and investments	\$6,756
Sales	\$697
New member rebate	\$185

### Expenditures

Newsletter/postage/ mailing	\$1,442
Christmas Bird Count	\$45
Education Programs	\$198
Fundraising (calendar)	\$14,186
Wisconsin Audubon Council Dues	\$190
Grants/Contributions to others	\$14,755
Banquet	\$961
Red Shouldered Hawk Project	\$600
Amphibian Project	\$5,665

Beginning balance	\$52,575
Ending balance (as of June 2002)	\$51,345