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7pm-9pm

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Saturday October 25, 8am-noon

Gypsy Moth Search, Joannes Park, Green Bay,
Sunday October 26, 1pm-3pm

Proxy Votes Due/Take Back Audubon, November
30,2003

Owl Prowl: Hear and See Wild Owls!

Audubon member
Randie Segal of Wind
River Wildlife
Rehabilitation &
Release (WRWR&R)
will lead us into the
woods on an "Owl
Prowl" at her center
for injured animals
near New London at
7pm on Saturday,
October 25. Randie



A Saw-whet Owl

will try to attract owls using taped calls (or her captive barred owl may do the hooting), causing nearby wild owls to hoot back, or hopefully, fly up to our group and investigate what all the noise is about! We must sit quietly! Before we prowls for owls Randie will show us her injured owls currently being treated including a screech, barred, great horned, short-eared, long-eared and a barn owl.

The Wind River Wildlife Rehabilitation & Release is located at E8378 Weiland Road south of New London, WI. To get to

WRWR&R from Appleton (or Green Bay) take Highway 10 west to Readfield. Go north (right) on Hwy W 3.5 miles to County HH. Turn left on HH to Ernst Road (the 1st road on the right), go .75 mile to the fork in the road and go left on Weiland Road. The center is the 4th house on the right (look for the WRWR sign). Estimated driving time from Appleton is 45 minutes, 75 minutes from Green Bay.

This event is free for NEW Audubon members. Non-members pay \$5 adults and \$3 kids 12 and under. Non-members may join Audubon that evening. No pre-registration is required. For more information contact Randy Korb by email at randykorb@hotmail.com or calling 920.884.0466. The phone at WRWR&R is 920.982.6825.

AUDUBON VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PROTECT BAIRD CREEK AND BROWN COUNTY TREES!

(Help Destroy Buckthorn and Control
Gypsy Moths)

Buckthorn Removal

Audubon volunteers are needed to help remove and check the spread of highly invasive European buckthorn in Baird Creek Park on Saturday, October 25, from 8 am to noon.

Buckthorn is a destructive exotic tree species originally introduced by North American landscapers. Berry-eating birds then spread its seeds widely. Once established, buckthorn quickly replaces native trees, shrubs and forbs in natural areas.

Participants 12 years and older will assemble and meet Audubon member Charlie Frisk in the parking area in Baird Creek Park at the intersection of Baird Creek Road and Superior Street at 8 am. Dress in long pants and sleeves and bring work gloves. Loppers and brush saws are provided but bring your own if you have them.

Gypsy Moth Search

Kids and adults of all ages may join Brown County horticulture agent and Audubon member Paul Hartman on a "treasure hunt" for gypsy moth egg masses on Sunday, October 26 from 1pm to 3 pm. We will meet at Joannes Park at 1 pm at the old pool site (community policing building). Paul will train us how to look for the eggs of this highly destructive tree-eat pest before we set out. Our findings will help local resource agents control this enemy. Dress for the weather.

TAKE BACK AUDUBON™ GROUP SEEKS PROXIES

As many Auduboners are aware, the National Audubon Society has made changes in its relationship with local Chapters that have significantly impacted Chapter finances, and the role of the Audubon grassroots in our organization.

In 2000, the NAS Board of Directors changed the long-standing policy of sharing membership dues with Chapters. Under the new policy that will be fully implemented this year, the dues share will drop to near zero for most Chapters. This loss of revenue has forced Chapters to cut back on newsletters and to reduce their conservation and education activities—the most effective activism in all of Audubon.

In 2001, the NAS Board enacted a new Chapter Policy over the written objections of 74 Chapters and over 88 Chapter leaders who signed on to a letter urging the Board to reconsider this policy. The letter asked NAS to engage in a true dialogue over this document and to seek a policy "that meets the needs of ALL of Audubon, including Chapters".

At the 2002 Annual Meeting, the NAS leadership vote down resolutions brought by Chaptermembers to reform the governance of NAS by providing for access to information, competitive elections, and a greater voice for Audubon members and Chapters.

In addition, National Audubon has embarked on a major effort to establish hundreds of Audubon Centers, which many Chapter leaders fear will ultimately replace Chapters by draining funds and volunteers from local conservation work. A number of Chapters have already had serious conflicts with NAS over this issue.

In response to these actions by NAS, a grassroots organization, "Take Back Audubon"™ (TBA) has sprung up, whose mission is "to restore a true partnership between the independent Chapters and the National Audubon Society through a real voice in the NAS organization and in all decisions that affect Chapters. To date, 33 Audubon Chapters and over 100 Chapter leaders have endorsed Take Back Audubon.

Presently, TBA is engaged in an effort to elect an alternate slate of candidates to the NAS Board of Directors at this year's Annual Meeting on Dec. 6, 2003. They are seeking proxies from Audubon members to bring to the meeting to vote for this slate, and to sup-

port resolutions that will be presented to democratize Audubon and to restore the Chapter dues share.

The TBA slate is made up of Chapter leaders that will give Audubon members a choice, by offering candidates that will stand up for the interests of local Chapters. The candidates are:

Charles Bragg, Santa Monica Bay Audubon Soc. (CA); (310) 454-9662; cgbraggjr@worldnet.att.net;

Marsha Cannon, Madison Audubon Soc. (WI); (608) 251-1276; mpcannon@charter.net;

John Gallagher, Clark County Audubon Soc. (OH); (937) 323-0782; jfg4@msn.com

Andrew Mason, Delaware-Otsego Audubon Soc. (NY); (607) 652-2162; AndyMason@earthling.net

Cary Meister, Yuma Audubon Soc. (AZ); (928) 782-3552; cwm4@mindspring.com

Pat Rasmussen, Leavenworth Audubon Adopt-a-Forest (WA); (509) 548-7640; patr@crcwnet.com

Darrel Whipple, Willapa Hills Audubon Soc. (OR); (503) 556-9838; dwhipple@columbia-center.org

Jennifer Wilson-Pines, North Shore Audubon Soc. (NY); (516) 767-3454; jwpines@juno.com

In addition, TBA is endorsing this year's regionally nominated Chapter candidates:

Ione Werthman, Audubon Soc. of Omaha (NE)

John Whittle, Golden Triangle Audubon Soc. (TX)

Steven Zimmerman, Juneau Audubon Society (AK)

Biographies of the candidates, copies of the proposed resolutions, and background information on Take Back Audubon can be found at www.smbas.org/tba.

To support this Audubon Chapter effort, complete the proxy form below and return to the address listed by November 30, 2003.

Members are also asked to not return the NAS proxy that will be arriving in a few weeks.

For further information, please visit the TBA web site (above), or contact any of the TBA candidates.

PROXY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, the undersigned, a member of **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.**, do hereby constitute and appoint Marsha Cannon, John F. Gallagher, Andrew L. Mason, and Darrel K. Whipple, and each of them, with full power of substitution, my attorneys and agents for me and in my name, place and stead, to vote as my proxy the number of votes I should be able to cast if then personally present at the Annual Meeting of **NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC.**, to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, December 6, 2003, or at such other place and time as said Annual Meeting may be held, and at any adjourned meeting thereof as follows:

(a.) For the election of directors for the terms expiring in 2006, or until their successors are elected; and

(b.) In their discretion, for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____ Two Thousand and Three.

Address _____
(must be signed to be valid)

Name _____
(please print name)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING PROXY

1. Insert date of signing.
2. Print name exactly as membership is carried and shown on your magazine label. You must be a National Audubon Soc. member in good standing, as of Oct. 17, 2003 in order to vote.
3. Proxy to be signed by person in whose name membership is carried. If carried in two names or as Mr. & Mrs., either party can sign.
4. Show current address and zip code.

SIGN ONLY ONE PROXY FORM. DO NOT SIGN ANY OTHER PROXY FORM YOU MIGHT RECEIVE. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SIGNED A PROXY FORM, THIS FORM WILL SUPERSEDE ANY EARLIER FORM.

6. Return signed proxy form by **NOVEMBER 30** to: John F. Gallagher, 121 Larchmont Road, Springfield, Ohio 45503.



IMPORTANT: New Donor Categories for our Members

As stated in the "Take Back Audubon" article in this issue many of the 500 Audubon chapters nationwide are struggling financially as a result of decreased revenue sharing from National Audubon.

The board of Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon, Inc. recently approved new donor (membership) categories in order to increase chapter revenues. We feel that this move will lessen or eliminate our financial dependence on National Audubon. Increased revenues from donors will allow us to contribute directly to conservation projects, offer exciting wildlife field

trips to families, send out newsletters, develop a website and other worthy projects.

We encourage all current members to donate at one of the local donor levels (\$30, \$40 or \$60.) Donating at one of these levels provides five times the financial benefit to our chapter compared to the national donor (\$20) level.

Current members may now choose to renew their national Audubon membership through NEW Audubon, Inc. for \$20. However, due to the decreased dues share from National we cannot sustain our chapter services if all existing members renew at this level. In contrast, new donors or members may join at any level, including \$20, and our chapter will receive the maximum benefit.

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society Annual Donor Application Form

Please check the box for the donor category you choose.

\$60 National and Local Donor: for renewing and new donors

- Audubon magazine
- Audubon Backpack (new donors only)
- Monarch T-shirt
- Wisconsin Frogs Book & CD
- N.E.W. Audubon Newsletter
- Free Wildlife Field Trips

\$40 Local Donor A:

- Monarch T-shirt
- Wisconsin Frogs Book & CD
- N.E.W. Audubon Newsletter
- Free Wildlife Field Trips

\$30 Local Donor B:

- Monarch T-shirt **or** Wisconsin Frogs Book & CD (circle one)
- N.E.W. Audubon Newsletter
- Free Wildlife Field Trips

\$20 National Donor: for renewing and new donors

- Audubon Magazine
- Audubon Backpack (new donors only)
- N.E.W. Audubon Newsletter
- Free Wildlife Field Trips

Please make checks payable to "NEW Audubon Society."

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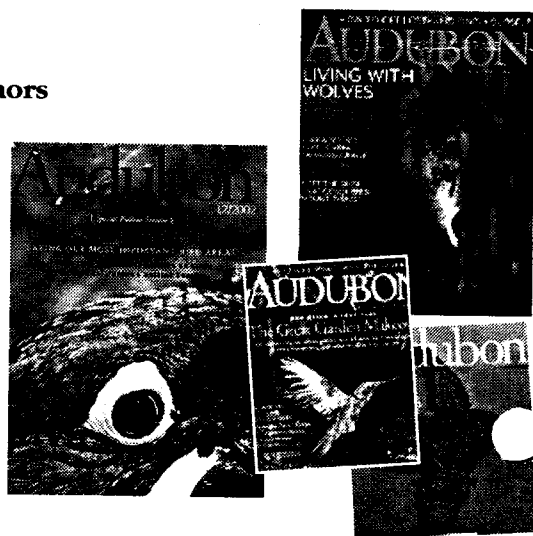
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Date ____/____/03

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Mail this form with payment enclosed to:

**N.E.W. Audubon Society,
PO Box 1963, Green Bay, WI 54305
Phone: 920-884-0466**

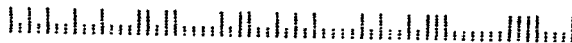


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To receive electronically your next issue of Audubon Log newsletter and information on upcoming wildlife field trips please email your email address to Randy Korb at randykorb@hotmail.com.

Audubon Adventures in Fox Cities Schools Thanks to Appleton Member

Students and teachers in all 21 elementary schools in Appleton and Menasha are using excellent environmental education activities found in Audubon Adventures Classroom Kits this year thanks to a gift from member Dr. John Shillinglaw of Appleton. Audubon Adventures presents science facts on birds, wildlife and their habitats in order to develop understanding and a sense of stewardship in young people for the natural world.

Students enjoy their issues of Audubon



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Next board meeting:
Wednesday, Oct. 22, 7 pm at
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2428 Bay Settlement Road,
Green Bay.

All members welcome.