



Audubon Log

Northeastern Wisconsin Audubon Society, Inc.

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2009

Wednesday, Jan 14, 6:30 pm. "Lake Management Planning" Natural History program by Eddie Heath. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay.

Sunday, January 18, 1p.m. Christa McAuliffe Park, Green Bay. Test your skills with Charlie and Kathy Frisk during the Baird Creek Animal Tracks Hike.

***Wednesday, January 21, 6:30pm.** "International Year of the Potato" by Max Martin. Audubon program at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary--auditorium, Green Bay.

Wednesday, January 28, 6pm. "In the Light of Reverence" film. Harmony Café, 1660 W Mason, Green Bay.

Wednesday, Feb 11, 6:30 pm. "Costa Rica" Natural History program by Matthew Dornbush. Neville Public Museum, Green Bay.

***Wednesday February 18, 6:30 pm.** "From Rainforests to Polar Bears: Tackling Alaska's Conservation Challenges" Audubon special program by Lauren Hierl. Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary--auditorium, Green Bay.

Saturday February 21, 1p.m. Christa McAuliffe Park, Green Bay. Grab your snowshoes and join us for the Baird Creek Snowshoe Hike through the Park.

Wednesday, February 25, 6pm. "The Salmon Forest" film. Harmony Café, 1660 W Mason, Green Bay.

February 25, Conservation Lobby Day: see article on page 3 in this newsletter

Wednesday, Mar 11, 6:30 pm. "Return of the Pelicans" Natural History by Tom Erdman. 6:30 pm, Neville Public Museum, Green Bay.

***Wednesday, March 18. 6:30pm.** "Kirtland's Warbler in Wisconsin" by Joel Trick. Audubon program at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary--auditorium, Green Bay.

Saturday March 21, 1p.m. Christa McAuliffe Park, Green Bay. Water, water everywhere, but is it clean? Join Jill Fermanich as we discuss the issues at the Baird Creek Water Quality Hike.

Wednesday, March 25, 6pm. "My Father's Garden" film. Harmony Café, 1660 W Mason, Green Bay.

***Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 pm.** **Annual membership banquet.** Marietta Nowak will present a talk on "Birdscaping in the Midwest—Creating a 5 star Bird Attraction in Your Yard". Be sure to save the date for this favorite event!



*NEW AUDUBON IS BRINGING BACK OUR MONTHLY GATHERINGS!

Join us monthly as we meet with others with a shared interest in the natural world. All programs will gather at 6:30, with an invited speaker at 7 pm, and end with time for questions and refreshments. We are meeting in the auditorium at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay.

Jan 21—Max Martin will give his **International Year of the Potato presentation.** Learn the history of this earthy food, and how it continues to play a major role in combating world hunger.

Feb 18—**Lauren Hierl**, National Audubon Society's traveling ambassador for **protecting Alaska's natural riches**, will be speaking about what's being done to protect Alaska's public lands, and what you can do to help.

March 18—**Joel Trick** of the USFWS will speak on the **Kirtland's Warbler**, a federally endangered species recently found nesting in Wisconsin.



A NEW INITIATIVE:

SUSTAINING LIFE: ENVIRONMENTAL FILM SERIES

In a cinema-café setting, NEW Audubon will be presenting monthly films with a focus on the environment. Taking advantage of Harmony Café's new meeting place dedicated to community diversity, we will present films focusing on the interrelatedness of all life, and the positive choices humans can make which sustain life. Film length varies from 45 minutes to 2 hours, leaving plenty of time afterwards for discussion of the issues.

"In the Light of Reverence" is an award winning portrait of land use conflicts over Native American sacred sites. "The Salmon Forest" depicts the fragile connection between salmon, bears, trees, and people in the Pacific rainforest. "My Father's Garden" explores sustainable agriculture. The evening begins at 6pm, when you can order your food at the café, with films showing at 6:30pm (longer films may start earlier). Location: Harmony Café, 1660 W Mason St, Green Bay.

Election Results Bring Conservation Opportunity and Need for Action

by John Flicker, Audubon President and CEO

Voters in this historic election cast their ballots not only for change, but for a new era of hope for our environment, and the people, birds, and other wildlife that depend on it. Audubon is committed to helping the new Administration and Congress to live up to their great promise; and to make conservation, clean energy and green jobs part of America's path to a brighter tomorrow.

Issues demanding prompt attention include:

Presidential Appointments: President-elect Obama should start by appointing to key environmental positions within his Administration qualified leaders who will defend our clean air and water, protect habitat and endangered species, aggressively address global warming, and steward our great natural heritage for future generations.

Scientific Integrity: The Department of the Interior should systematically review and reverse decisions made by the past Administration under the Endangered Species Act that were influenced by political considerations and not based on sound science. President-elect Obama should send a clear signal to everyone in his administration to restore and respect scientific integrity in all environmental decisions.

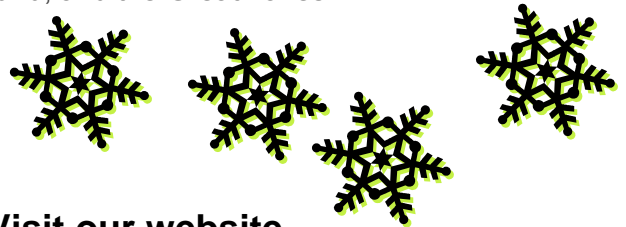
Global Warming and Renewable Energy: We welcome the opportunity to help President-elect Obama deliver his promised \$150 billion plan for clean energy technologies that would protect our environment and stimulate the economy, creating up to 5 million new green jobs. The Congress should pass legislation providing significant incentives for development of renewable energy and address global warming with a comprehensive cap-and-trade program. The new Administration and Congress must lead a transformation in American energy production and use through investments in energy efficiency and clean energy technologies. This can minimize the fluctuation of gas prices while protecting our beaches, coastal ecosystems and the Alaskan landscape from the threats of oil and gas drilling.

Endangered Species Conservation: We'll work with the Administration to secure reversal of the Bush administration's weakening of the

Endangered Species Act, such as the controversial decision to allow agencies to self-consult regarding the impacts of federally-approved projects on endangered species. Congress should pass new tax incentives to encourage private landowners to work toward recovery of endangered species.

Bird and Habitat Conservation: The Administration and the Congress should reinvest in the National Wildlife Refuge System and address the maintenance backlog crippling this critical tool for conservation. The Congress should pass legislation to conserve neotropical migratory birds and address the steep declines in America's common birds that are disappearing from parks, farms, and backyards across the country.

Ecosystem Restoration: The Administration and the Congress should fund significant new restoration projects to improve the status of America's great natural ecosystems: The Mississippi River, the Everglades, Long Island Sound, and the Great Lakes.



Visit our website

Check www.newaudubon.org for latest information on field trips and events. Updates may take a couple of weeks, so for notification of events as soon as they are planned, send your e-mail address to member.newaudubon@gmail.com and request to be put on our field trip mailing list.

NEW Audubon Board

Board meetings are held 3rd Wednesdays monthly at 5:30. Beginning in 2009 we will meet at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay.

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Do you want your legislators to vote to protect clean water, clean air, natural areas, and sporting opportunities? So do we!

**Join us for the 5th Annual
CONSERVATION LOBBY DAY 2009
and ask legislators to *Be Your Voice*
for conservation!**

On **February 25, 2009**, join citizens from across Wisconsin at the state Capitol to tell legislators that you expect them to vote well on natural resource issues.

Since the first Conservation Lobby Day in 2005, it's grown from 100 citizens to more than 500!

Each year, representatives from nearly 100 conservation groups from across Wisconsin descend on the Capitol to share their conservation values with their Legislators. When hundreds of citizens speak with a unified voice, legislators simply can't ignore the tremendous support that exists for conservation.

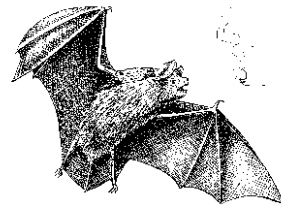
On Conservation Lobby Day, you will speak to both your state Representative and state Senator about key conservation issues. In addition, you will receive skill and issue trainings that you can take away and apply when advocating back home. You will also have the opportunity to meet and network with others that share your conservation values.

In 2009-2010, the conservation community will be fighting to make sure:

- Wisconsin adopts a strong statewide plan to tackle global warming.
- Wisconsin returns to an Independent DNR Secretary and has timely votes on DNR Board Appointments.
- Wisconsin has clean, abundant drinking water and a statewide water conservation plan.
- Wisconsin protects drinking water supplies by making sure we safely spread agricultural, municipal, and industrial waste.

Legislators need to continue to hear from you! Keep the conservation momentum going!

February 25th, 2009, State Capitol
To RSVP, visit www.conservationvoters.org.
RSVP deadline is Feb. 13th.



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Correction: in our last newsletter we had a typo in the zip code on the membership form. If you tried to send in a renewal and it was returned by the post office, please try again

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Let It Fall!



Autumn is traditionally the time to clear the remnants of spent plants: the lifeless stalks of perennials, dried seed heads, fallen leaves. But all of these things are potential resources for birds, wildlife, and the garden itself. Dry stems provide cover for overwintering insects, perches for birds, and nesting material for next year's breeding season. The seed heads of native flowers provide a fat- and protein-rich food to birds. Fruits that ripen in late autumn and winter provide more food to birds and this helps propagate new plants in the spring. Leaves once destined for a landfill or community compost field can be a valuable addition to a home-based compost pile that can be used to feed the spring garden. Leaves left on the ground provide habitat for insects and prime foraging fodder for birds. So, this year, aim for less maintenance . . . and enjoy more birds that will feel "at home" in the autumn yard.

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The 2009 Wisconsin Nature Calendar now available.

"Dennis Prusik and his outdoor friends ply the waters & woods of Northern Wisconsin and beyond, printing for our enjoyment the best of their seasonal notes of fishing, hunting, berry picking, birding, gardening, wildflower and weather lore".

Calendars are available at Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Brown County Extension, Shawano County Extension, and Family Pet Foods in Green Bay. You may also order directly from Dennis Prusik 1701 Ninth St Green Bay WI 54304. Cost: \$10 each plus \$2 shipping (any quantity to the same address).

A portion of the proceeds go to the Wisconsin Land Fund to protect our natural areas.

