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St. Louis Audubon Society Today!

We invite you to become a chapter-supporting member. 100% of your dues stay in St. Louis supporting our local projects and free programs. Members receive our electronic newsletter, *TaleFeathers*. There is no distinction between individual and family memberships, and dues cover all members at the same address.

To join, complete the form below or visit our website. You may join at any level, but we request a minimum of \$20 to service your membership. A membership of \$50 or more will include a copy of the 2010 Audubon *North American Birdfeeder Guide*, a \$15 value, as our gift. This 220 page illustrated guide to attracting and observing garden birds includes profiles of our 100 most common backyard visitors.

If you prefer to join National Audubon and receive the *Audubon* magazine, please visit www.audubon.org.

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Birds Are

- Strong indicators of environmental health
- Important scavengers in food webs
- Essential for pollination and seed dispersal
- Critical to the control of plant-eating insects
- Feathered miracles
- Colorful, musical and accessible

A very exciting connection to the natural world!



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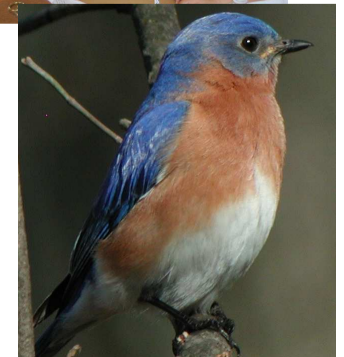
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**Creating A Community
Connection To Nature
Through Education And
Conservation Across The
Greater St. Louis Area**



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BACKGROUND

St. Louis Audubon Society was established in 1915 as the St. Louis Bird Club. In 1944, the Bird Club became the first local chapter of the National Audubon Society. Today, the chapter has **over 3,000 members** in the ten counties of Greater St. Louis, including Illinois.

St. Louis Audubon is an independent nonprofit charity with its own volunteer board of directors that set goals and strategies to achieve local objectives. All those strategies support either environmental education efforts or conservation projects.

AWARENESS

The foundation of our mission is encouraging awareness in the general public of birds, other wildlife and their habitat. We accomplish this



largely through dozens of **free field trips** given year-round at St. Louis-area locations, including:

- Busch Memorial Conservation Area
- Columbia Bottom Conservation Area
- Forest Park
- Horseshoe Lake State Park
- Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Shaw Nature Reserve
- Tower Grove Park
- And many others

For a complete schedule of field trips, see the calendar on our website.

EDUCATION

To further build understanding of birds and their habitat needs, we provide free educational services to the public.



Our volunteer Education Team reaches over 2,500 public and private school children annually with in-class programs on birds, butterflies, bats and other ecology-related topics. Their focus is K-4, and they respond to requests for other grades as available. In addition, the Team delivers similar adult-oriented programs to over 500 individuals per year. Finally, the Team teaches several adult education courses each year at Meramec Community College as part of their Master Naturalist Certificate Program.

Further, family-oriented programming is provided at community events around St. Louis, including:

- Botanical Gardens Backyard Bird Festival
- Eagle Days at Chain of Rocks
- Wings of Spring Birding Festival

In addition, free education forums and seminars on bird-related topics are provided monthly.

Lastly, St. Louis Audubon supports graduate students and science teacher training with an array of financial scholarships. Consult our website for an application and contact information if you have any questions.

CONSERVATION

Our work to protect and restore birds and their habitat takes many approaches, including:

- Advocate for Birds to Government Officials
- Identify and Protect Important Bird Areas
- Collaborate on Wintering Habitat Projects
- Support Citizen Science Efforts
- Create Hands-on Habitat Restoration Projects
- Provide Audubon at Home Materials

Audubon has recently begun efforts to restore the habitat of **Important Bird Areas** in the St. Louis Region, beginning at Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park with future expansion to the Lower Meramec. These projects are recruiting volunteers for hands-on work and hope to inspire the community to take long-term action for a better environment.



VOLUNTEER

We are a volunteer-based organization. Our projects are successful because of people just like you. If you would like to help out, visit our website or simply call us. We hope to hear from you!

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