

Columbia Audubon Society Membership Form

If you would like to become a subscribing member of the Columbia Audubon Society, please complete the form below and return it along with your dues.

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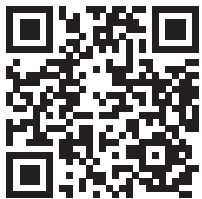
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Membership Level

- \$10 - Student
- \$15 - Individual
- \$25 - Family
- \$50 - Donor
- \$300 - Friend/Business Sponsor

Please make your check payable to "Columbia Audubon Society" and return with this form to: **Columbia Audubon Society, PO Box 1331, Columbia, MO 65205-1331.**



JOIN ONLINE

Join/Pay Online

Scan this code into your mobile phone to become a subscribing member and/or pay dues using a credit card or PayPal account.

Columbia Audubon Society does not share its membership data with any other organizations. Your contact information will always remain private.

Bird Counts

Columbia Audubon Society members take seriously their roles as "Citizen Scientists" and actively document their bird sightings in order to help national researchers monitor the status and distribution of bird populations.

Each year, *CAS* members participate in three national bird counts: The *Christmas Bird Count*, conducted since 1900; the *Great Backyard Bird Count*, held each February; and the *North American Migration Count*, held in May.

Many *CAS* members who bird Missouri's conservation areas and state parks submit their sightings to our state's *CACHE* and *SPARKS* databases, which are used by wildlife managers. These databases are available to anyone interested in birding at www.mobirds.org/cache.

The Chat Newsletter

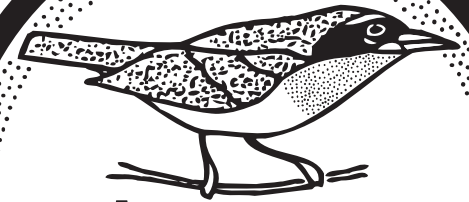
The Chat — not only a discussion among friends but also a species of Warbler — is our monthly, e-mailed newsletter that provides information about chapter programs, field trips, conservation issues, board business and items of interest to nature and birdwatching enthusiasts. Anyone may subscribe to *The Chat* by sending their e-mail address to membership@columbia-audubon.org.

Getting Involved

If you would like to become more actively involved with *CAS* — by helping out with habitat restoration, education programs, wildlife conservation or any of our other projects — introduce yourself at our next meeting, or send an e-mail to membership@columbia-audubon.org and we'll help get you started.

Contacting Us

If you would like more information, e-mail us at questions@columbia-audubon.org, write us at P.O. Box 1331, Columbia, MO 65205-1331, visit our website Columbia-Audubon.org, or call us in Columbia at 445-7781.



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SINCE 1958

... we also like birds

**FIND OUT HOW YOU
CAN GET INVOLVED**

www.Columbia-Audubon.org

Founded in 1958, the *Columbia Audubon Society (CAS)* is an organization of local residents who share a common interest in birds, birdwatching and conservation of wildlife and its habitat. Membership includes those who subscribe to the *CAS* directly, plus all members of the National Audubon Society who live within Audrain, Boone, Cooper, Howard, Monroe and Randolph counties.

Programs & Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, held on the third Wednesday of every month (except December and June-August). During the first part of the evening, a guest speaker presents a talk on birdwatching, ecology, wildlife conservation, nature education or a related topic. Afterwards, a short meeting is held to conduct society business. Visit Columbia-Audubon.org/meetings for an updated schedule of presentations and their location.

Field Trips

Throughout the year, the Columbia Audubon Society conducts field trips open to anyone interested in birds, birdwatching, or the outdoors. They offer an opportunity to visit a variety of birding sites and habitats, sharpen birdwatching skills, and of course make new friendships. Columbia Audubon Society's members include some of Missouri's best birders who are always ready to help beginners. For a schedule of upcoming field trips, visit Columbia-Audubon.org/trips.

Nature Areas

CAS owns and manages three nature areas in Columbia and Boone County. These sites, which total more than 200 acres, showcase a wide variety of habitats, including woodlands, meadows, prairies, wetlands, ponds, and streams. We encourage use of these areas for nature study, birdwatching, and other educational activities; dogs and hunting are not allowed. For maps and more information, visit Columbia-Audubon.org/nature_areas or use the following mobile link.



Scan this QR code into your mobile phone to view directions, maps and visitor information for all three CAS Nature Areas.

1. Columbia Audubon Nature Sanctuary

3607 Bray Avenue, Columbia, MO

Open to the public during daylight hours, this 23-acre site is located in Columbia's city limits at the north end of Cunningham Road, off Bray Avenue. The sanctuary is being developed specifically as a natural area to provide an outdoor educational experience. The land is being returned to its natural, historic state by removing invasive plant and tree species and encouraging the return of a native prairie and forest habitat. Walking trails, benches and bridges increase the area's accessibility. *CAS* members' efforts to develop and restore this area will extend over several years.



2. Wild Haven Nature Area

6900 E. O'Rear Road, Columbia, MO

Wild Haven is a 103-acre tract on the northeast edge of Columbia consisting mainly of mature forest along a mile-long reach of Hinkson Creek. Open to the public, it includes an extensive trail system and some high-quality natural habitats, including a small remnant prairie



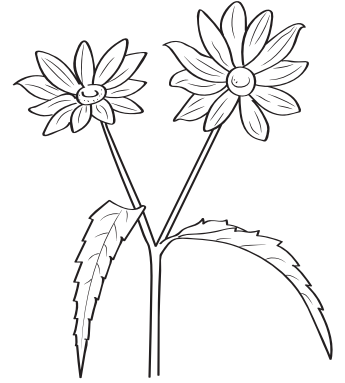
and sandstone glades, as well as a former Christmas tree plantation and two small ponds. Areas are being managed to restore natural habitats, remove exotic plants, and establish habitat demonstration areas.

3. Albert Children's Wildlife Area

E. Zaring Road, Boone County, MO

This area is only open for use by chapter members, their guests and, upon request, by non-members.

This 78-acre area lies along Cedar Creek northeast of Columbia. The site originally consisted entirely of coal strip mines, but much of the area was successfully reclaimed during the 1990s by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. These areas were re-graded, limed, fertilized and seeded with native grasses and trees. *CAS* manages the grassland with periodic prescribed burns. The result is a mixed landscape of prairie and wetlands that attracts species of wildlife that require open habitats. Other habitats include riparian forest along Cedar Creek, and several ponds.



Education

CAS is working to make a difference in our community by supporting nature education. As a *Partner Friend* of Columbia Public Schools, we help supplement school curriculum by organizing student field trips to *CAS* nature areas and classroom bird feeder watch programs. Each year the *CAS* provides a scholarship for a local teacher to attend the National Audubon Society's Hog Island Camp in Maine, where educators learn strategies to incorporate nature curriculum into their classrooms. Finally, the *CAS* works to bring wildlife, ecology and conservation issues before the public through our monthly series of guest speakers.