What a Year It’s Been

New is the operative word that coven the past year at Connecticut Audubon Society. We have a new building in Pomfret. Our conservation scientists discovered a new salamander species. We released our new Connecticut State of the Birds report. We launched our new website. We have two new Board Members. We hired a new Vice President. And, we have a renewed energy and commitment to continue the work that Mildred Osgood Wright began so many decades ago.

Thanks to the generosity, hard work and vision of so many, we were able to complete a very successful capital campaign in the northeast corner, break ground and complete the building of the brand new Connecticut Audubon Society Lois Chewell Grassland Bird Conservation Center at Pomfret. The center was abuzz with summer camp activity and will have its official opening on Columbus Day weekend. We are proud that we now have a site of the art center which can meet the needs for environmental education programs and showcase exhibits on habitat conservation practices for critical grassland habitat. The Center is a community-based facility that will offer environmental education programs, bird walks and nature events, Citizen Science training and projects, and serve as a gateway to our grassland sanctuary.

Between March 5-17, Connecticut Audubon Society staff members and Litchfield area high school teachers again took students from three high schools to the Costa Rican rainforest for hands-on conservation and research. This year their trip was crowned with a very special find: a salamander species new to science! Travis Lemonds, Conservation Biologist for the Connecticut Audubon Society, who led the project’s amphibian and reptile research, says that “it’s very exciting to find a new species of salamander in a time when many amphibian populations are declining dramatically worldwide. This discovery underscores how much we still have to learn.”

As a Society, we are committed to the conservation of our native birds and their habitats. We have taken the lead in calling the best scientific information currently available on important conservation issues affecting birds and their habitats right here at home in Connecticut. We annually release this information in our Connecticut State of the Birds report. This year’s report, “Conserving Our Forest Birds,” deals with the need to develop strategies and solutions to solve the problem of forest fragmentation and the decline in bird populations.

Shortly after the first of the year, we launched our new website. Still the same address, www.ctaudubon.org, our new site is visually more appealing, more “user-friendly” and allows visitors to the site the ability to sign up for camps, programs and special events on line.

We proudly introduced two new additions to the Board of Directors. In January, Larry Walsh from Stamford joined us. With more than 25 years of experience in public affairs and issues management, Mr. Walsh worked as Senior Consultant on reputational risk and crisis management to Marsh and recently joined the Hawthorne Group where he serves as Vice Chairman. A political consultant by background, Larry has worked on numerous U.S. House and Senate races as well as presidential campaigns in the U.S. and Latin America. He served as the Carter Administration as Special Assistant to the President for press advance. In May, Christina Clayton of Old Lyme joined the board. A graduate of New Canaan High School, Harvard University and Columbia School of Law, Ms. Clayton worked in the Office of General Counsel at Xerox Corporation from Deputy General Counsel to Vice President and General Counsel for 23 years. From 2005 to 2010 she volunteered her legal expertise to Legal Services for Children, Inc. in New York. She has served on the boards of the Old Lyme Land Trust and the Pinckney Audubon Society.

We identified the need for a new Vice President of Development, Communications and Membership and began a search which culminated in the hiring of Holly Wenster in July 2011. Holly will provide fundraising and communications leadership, help develop and implementing a strategy that attracts supporters and investors to the Society’s vital, leading-edge conservation work on behalf of the state’s bird populations and habitats. Holly has twenty-years of experience as a development professional. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and 20th Century European History from Houghton College, is an active member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Nonprofit Support Program and resides in Glastonbury, CT with her husband and daughter.

Our efforts in membership and fundraising proved beneficial indeed. We were privileged to welcome 200 new donors to our family of givers. We have renewed interest from members across the state whether they took a canoe trip in Milford or an Owl Walk in Pomfret, enjoyed a Coffee House Concert in Glastonbury, or attended any of our very special events from the Owl Garden Party in Glastonbury, CT with her husband and daughter.

All of our new enhancements, discoveries, dollars and personnel provide us the energy and spirit to continue our education, conservation and advocacy efforts which are at the heart of the mission of this great organization.

About Connecticut Audubon Society

The independent Connecticut Audubon Society is a statewide non-profit organization with a membership of almost 10,000. Founded in 1898 Connecticut Audubon Society conserves Connecticut’s environment through science-based education and advocacy focused on the state’s bird populations and their habitats. Our conservation science initiatives form the basis for this dual agenda of education and legislative action that reaches more than 200,000 state residents annually, including 60,000 children. This outreach occurs through our adult travel programs, citizen science projects and year-round school, children and adult programs at our centers.

Connecticut Audubon Society puts its mission to work in the places where it matters most — here in the state of Connecticut. The Society has positioned itself to do so with five centers, 2,600 acres under active management in 19 wildlife sanctuaries statewide, and a staff with a reputation for conservation leadership and education expertise. Connecticut Audubon Society operates the historic Birdcraft Museum in Fairfield (declared a National Historic Landmark in 1993, and site of the nation’s first privately owned songbird sanctuary), as well as centers in Fairfield, Glastonbury, Milford and Pomfret. Each of these centers focuses on the distinct wildlife habitats in which they are located. Through its conservation advocacy efforts, Connecticut Audubon Society provides leadership and key information on environmental issues. Of equal importance, it provides pragmantic solutions to the complex conservation issues facing state legislators and policymakers. The EcoTravel office in Essex offers travel opportunities to unique destinations around the state, the nation and the planet that bring adults and families together with the natural world through firsthand experience.

Introduced in 2006, the annual “Connecticut State of the Birds” report examines the health of Connecticut’s bird populations and habitats and the effectiveness of conservation efforts. It also presents recommendations on conserving and restoring Connecticut’s bird populations through habitat protection and maintenance activities.

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**Revenue Summary**

(Total Revenues: $3,667,027)

- **24%** (Investment)
- **32%** (Contributions and Other Support)
- **44%** (Programs)
- **13%** (Management)
- **80%** (Program Expenses)
- **75%** (Fundraising/Development)

**Expense Summary**

(Total Expenses: $2,679,884)

- **81%** (Program Expenses)
- **19%** (Management and Fundraising Expenses)
- **19%** (Fundraising/Development)
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**Expenses**

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**Net Assets**

| (Beginning of Year)                   | $5,816,039     | $3,870,177             | $13,301,180            | $22,987,396          | $21,944,048          |
| (End of Year)                         | $6,909,994     | $3,712,102             | $13,351,180            | $23,973,276          | $22,987,396          |

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*Based on audited financial statements*
Connecticut Audubon Society is most grateful to the many individuals, families, corporations and civic groups that help support our mission of conserving Connecticut’s environment through education and advocacy focused on the state’s bird populations. The following list celebrates these friends, many of whom also donate countless hours of their time. We extend our sincere gratitude to the thousands of friends who support our mission but are not listed due to space constraints. This listing reflects giving from May 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011. Please accept our apologies for any omissions, or errors. You may call the Development Office at (203) 259-4305 with changes to be made or e-mail membership@ctaudubon.org

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In August 2010 this white-tailed Kite was spotted flying over Stratford Point creating quite a stir as it was the first-ever sighting of this bird in Connecticut. Photo Credit: CAS EcoTraveler.
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Jim Schlenk celebrates at the TPC River Highlands tournament. Photo Credit: Carrie Shelton.

Morgan Cheney Sanctuary. Photo Credit: John Loveless.
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Harry Gurwitz of ShoreRico, sponsor of the 2020 Return of the Ophrey poetry contest was greeted by Coastal Center Director. Frank Galli. Photo Credit: Ann O’Leary.
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