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COMPANY GROWTH, YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS



David J. Miller

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FIVE YEARS have now passed since Audubon New York first identified a network of Important Bird Areas (IBAs) in New York State. Those 127 sites, from the Niagara River to the Adirondack High Peaks to Montauk Point, were recognized because of their significance to threatened species, habitat-restricted bird communities, and large congregations of birds. The idea then, as it is now, was to recognize the mountains, forests, fields, wetlands and coastal areas that are absolutely essential for the birds of New York State.

IBAs are the focus of Audubon New York's conservation mission to protect birds, other wildlife, and their habitats. In the past five years, we have steadfastly advocated for the protection and proper management of IBAs, whether they are publicly or privately owned, large or small, threatened or in need of stewardship. With the legislature and Governor, we passed the first Bird Conservation Area law, which translate Audubon's IBA program into state law for state owned properties. A "first in the nation" achievement, it has resulted in close to twenty Bird Conservation

Areas being designated by the Governor. New revisions to the law this year further expand and strengthen this historic law.

Through our open space protection efforts within the state's Open Space Conservation Plan and with private land trusts, we strive to have IBAs on private lands be prioritized for conservation action. Through our Smart Growth program, we encourage growing local communities to set aside IBAs in their planning processes. And, through our private stewardship initiatives, we assist owners of private forests and agricultural grasslands within IBAs to manage their lands in a manner compatible with the habitat needs of birds.

What began as a means of cataloging the best avian habitats this state has to offer, has developed over time into an organizing principle for all of Audubon New York's endeavors. As we fulfill our 2020 vision to establish Audubon Centers in order to connect people with nature, IBAs are once again a focus. Where better to bring people to experience the wonders of nature than to the most spectacular habitats around? Our latest Center, being developed at the Montezuma Wetlands Complex IBA in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, is a perfect example.

This fall, Audubon New York is embarking on a second round of IBA identification. By soliciting nominations from Audubon chapters, bird clubs, and wildlife professionals, and by utilizing new Geographic Information System technology and data, we will, over the course of the next year, be fine-tuning our network of IBAs. The results will ensure that our bird conservation mission meets the needs of birds and remains the best program of its kind in the nation.

Now it is time for you to once again get involved and help us build upon our great success. Contact our bird conservation staff at (607) 254-2437 and get material from our web site at <http://ny.audubon.org>. Help us identify more IBA's and be part of the conservation movement to ensure that these special places remain special for generations to come.

In conservation,

David J. Miller



CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

October 2002

27th

Join Eric Lind, director of the Constitution Marsh Sanctuary and Audubon Center, for a 10 a.m. tour of Constitution Marsh Audubon Center's exhibits followed by a walk through a portion of the Marsh.

November 2002

20th

The Keesee Award will be presented at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Yale Club in New York City. This year's honoree is Audubon board member John C. Bierwirth. For further information call (518) 869-9731.

March 2003

21st - 23rd

The Spring Council meeting will occur at the Gideon Putnam in Saratoga Springs, New York. For more information contact Daphne Lumpkin at (518) 869-9731.