

## Columbia Audubon Society Membership Form

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

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E-mail (required for receiving newsletter)

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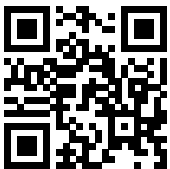
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City State Zip

### Membership Level

- \$15 - Student/Senior
- \$25 - Individual
- \$40 - Family
- \$60 - Donor
- \$300 - Friend

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/Pay Online



Scan this code into your mobile phone to join or renew your membership with a credit card or PayPal account.

JOIN ONLINE

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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:questions@columbia-audubon.org), write us at P.O. Box 1331, Columbia, MO 65205-1331, visit our website [Columbia-Audubon.org](http://Columbia-Audubon.org), or call us in Columbia at 445-7781.



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THROUGH  
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ENVIRONMENTAL  
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RESTORATION  
AND PROTECTION  
SINCE 1958**  
*... we also like birds*

**FIND OUT HOW YOU  
CAN GET INVOLVED**

[www.Columbia-Audubon.org](http://www.Columbia-Audubon.org)

**F**ounded 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

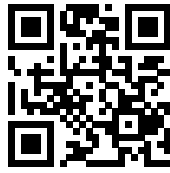
Everyone is welcome to attend our programs and meetings — held in person or online. Our guest speakers present talks on birdwatching, ecology, wildlife conservation, nature education or related topics. Afterwards, a short meeting is held to conduct society business. Visit [Columbia-Audubon.org/events](http://Columbia-Audubon.org/events) for an updated schedule of presentations and their locations.

## 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/events](http://Columbia-Audubon.org/events).

## 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/areas](http://Columbia-Audubon.org/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 28-acre site is located within 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

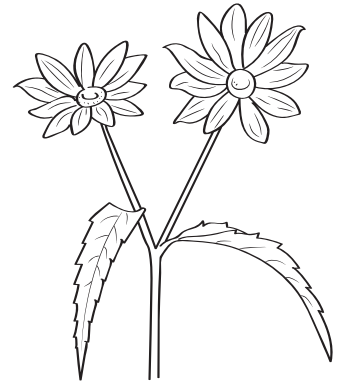
ponds. Areas are being managed to restore natural habitats, remove exotic plants, and establish habitat demonstration areas.

### 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 north-east 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 *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.