



David Yarnold



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Even when the last tar ball is cleaned from the last gulf beach, a huge task awaits.

[New York Times Editorial](#)

David Yarnold to join Audubon as President & CEO September 1.

On July 29 The National Audubon Society announced that David Yarnold has been named President and Chief Executive Officer. A passionate conservationist, Yarnold served as Executive Director of Environmental Defense Fund and was a Pulitzer Prize-winning editor at the *San Jose Mercury News*.

According to the August 12 issue of *The Chronicle of Philanthropy*, "Mr. Yarnold's first act, after settling for a week or so into his new office, will be to buy a new pair of 'bins'-bird-watcher speak for binoculars." He will have a chance to see many birds and Important Bird Areas with Audubon experts across the country as Yarnold visits state offices, chapters, and Audubon initiatives from New Orleans to Mexico.

"Audubon's mission has never been more relevant. From the grassroots to state houses to national and regional policy, its wingspan is unparalleled," Yarnold said. "I'm excited by the opportunity to work with a nationwide network of Audubon Chapters and Audubon Centers that combine local concern, knowledge and action to equal conservation that makes a difference on a grand scale. It will be an honor to lead an organization whose name has meant 'trust' and 'conservation achievement' for more than a hundred years."

"David brings proven leadership in the for-profit and non-profit sectors to Audubon at a time when efforts to protect birds, habitats and the resources that sustain us are needed more than ever;" said Holt Thrasher, Audubon's Board Chair. "We all owe a debt of gratitude to Frank Gill for his outstanding leadership during this transition."

Related news stories: <http://bit.ly/ddIuGM> <http://bit.ly/cQ209y>

Press Release <http://www.audubon.org/newsroom/press-releases/2010/audubon-taps->

[noted-conservation-and-communications-leader-new-president](#)

See video and blog Yarnold wrote after visiting the Gulf <http://huff.to/dCizNd>

NEWS FROM THE AUDUBON NETWORK

Highlights of recent achievements, events and actions throughout the Audubon Network

AUDUBON REMAINS ON THE FRONTLINES OF GULF RESPONSE & RECOVERY

With over 1,000 volunteers deployed and a visionary long range plan for restoration, Audubon continues to address the impact of the largest oil spill of its kind in U.S. history, as well as the continuing threat to people, wildlife, and habitat during this peak hurricane season.

On July 28 a "Common Ground" white paper was issued by Audubon and partners for Louisiana Coastal Restoration. <http://www.audubon.org/newsroom/press-releases/2010/bp-5-billion-down-payment-among-recommendations-restore-coastal-louisi-0>

Related news on the plan:

NBC Nightly News: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032619/#38457557>

AP: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9H8OQ0G0.htm>

The Times-Picayune: <http://bit.ly/c3pKSY>

Audubon's Greg Butcher gets final word in Leslie Kaufman Times story on oil remaining in Gulf <http://nyti.ms/cqLEUx>

Butcher says of NOAA report: "They are trying to get off the front pages."

<http://bit.ly/aeXbds>

Both the oil that remains and the chemical dispersants used to break them up can cause ecological damage. <http://bit.ly/dhaqzu>

Birds Migrating to Gulf still face grim welcome <http://bit.ly/bAtcN1>

Melanie Driscoll, director of bird conservation for Audubon's Louisiana Coastal Initiative, offered a sobering counterpoint to oil companies' assurances during testimony for the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, or BOEM. Delivering a statement on behalf of wildlife affected by the disaster, she said: "You protect us after the fact with imperfect protection, imperfectly managed. It must never again be acceptable to perform a massive chemical experiment on our Gulf waters and the living resources within." <http://bit.ly/bRpThV>

Driscoll's full testimony <http://bit.ly/b044ll>

Driscoll: We won't know impact for years. <http://bit.ly/c33BNP>

Driscoll profiled in Real Simple magazine, which reaches 8 million readers. <http://bit.ly/bARbXL>

Audubon volunteers and David Ringer talk to Yahoo News

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ynews/ynews_ts3421

Dr. Paul Kemp Ponders Unseen Effects

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20100802/NEWS01/8020320/1002>

Kemp: We're going to see generations of damage

<http://bit.ly/a5gBRR>

Mark LaSalle, executive director of the Pascagoula River Audubon Center, comments on oil in marshes

<http://bit.ly/dB0UWL>

From a music concert in Destin, Florida to a lemonade stand in Greenwich, Connecticut, people have demonstrated extraordinary ingenuity to support Audubon's ongoing work in the Gulf.

In the photo at right: Tom Baptist, Executive Director, Audubon Connecticut with Solene Bryant, Sage Bryant, and Cecilia LUX. photo: Greenwich Audubon



Read about their lemonade stand fund raising here <http://bit.ly/avhTGo>

Concert in Florida raises funds for Audubon effort
<http://www.bmi.com/news/entry/548975/?link=navbar>

11 year old Olivia Bouler Talks About How One Person Can Make A Difference

<http://bit.ly/cunpb6>

Video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQzDEpR1zxs>

Pennsylvania "Concert for the Gulf" to benefit National Audubon Society:

<http://bit.ly/ayDIh3>

New Jersey fund raiser: Teenagers Care donates \$5,000

<http://www.nbc40.net/pages/videoplayer/video.php?vid=13870>

This Week in Baseball episode features Crystal Durbin and other baseball players' wives who are supporting Audubon efforts in the Gulf. The story starts around the 12-minute mark and features footage from their trip to Grand Isle, and an interview with Bruce Reid, Director of Conservation Outreach for the Mississippi River Initiative.

http://mlb.mlb.com/video/play.jsp?content_id=11292877

Keep up to date on Audubon's response and media coverage on Twitter.
www.twitter.com/audubonsociety

AUDUBON POLICY ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Audubon Alaska: Critical Alaska Habitat Spared From Oil and Natural Gas Development
<http://p2.to/VNh>

AUDUBON IN THE NEWS

Dr. Steve Kress Tells USA TODAY about the high energy costs of a green lawn
<http://bit.ly/96Ri2L>

MISSISSIPPI RIVER INITIATIVE

Jackson Free Press names David Ringer, Audubon's Mississippi River Initiative Communications Coordinator, person of the day. <http://bit.ly/cAYseL>

IMPORTANT BIRD AREAS

Mattawoman Creek Important Bird Area Dedication in Maryland
<http://mddc.audubon.org/events/1944> and
<http://somed.com/news/headlines/2010/12281.shtml>

Jackson County Michigan A Bird Lover's Paradise in Michigan
<http://www.visitjacksonmi.com/index.php/Birdwatchers>

Birds may provide economic boost to Sandhills region of Nebraska <http://bit.ly/bzWORy>

Seneca Army Depot Important Bird Area New York <http://www.senecawhitedeer.org/white-deer-natural-resources/important-bird-area/>

Nanticoke Important Bird Area Identified in Maryland
<http://www.friendsofthenanticoke.org/newsBirdArea.htm>

Searching for Purple Martins on Tejon Ranch IBA in California
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-3hoOikF5A>

Check out the latest features on the Audubon IBA website. Now you can easily find information about Important Bird Areas throughout the country, with new maps and graphics. Among other things, state pages now include ownership information and a summary of acres encompassed by IBAs, and site profiles now display location as well as images. Start exploring [here](#).

Audubon At Home

According to Audubon Minnesota Society member Ron Windingstad, 188 chimney swift birds flew inside of the Oltman Middle Schools chimney on a recent night. Windingstad stood there below the chimney with his binoculars counting one by one.

<http://www.startribune.com/local/east/99521074.html>

AUDUBON MAGAZINE Photo Entry Deadline September 7

Audubon magazine, the flagship publication of the National Audubon Society, invites nature photographers and bird watchers to submit their best photos for the second annual Audubon Magazine Photography Awards: Birds in Focus competition, held in partnership with *Nature's Best* Photography magazine. Last year's winning shot of a pair of dueling American bald eagles graced the cover of the venerable magazine and led a parade of dazzling images online. Check out the competition in this interactive feature featuring the top 100 photos from last year. www.audubonmagazine.org/issuearchives/issue1001.html

More about the awards at <http://audubonmagazinephotoawards.org>

To ask questions about the competition photoawards@audubon.org

Screensavers of last year's winners

http://www.audubonscreensaver.org/2010_ssaver_download.php

Follow the magazine online www.audubonmagazine.org

AUDUBON MARKETPLACE



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Audubon Owls \$0.99

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The 2011 Audubon Calendars are in stores now! Classic favorites such as **Wildflowers**, **Nature**, the **Audubon Engagement Calendar & Songbirds** are still available. Along with **365 Butterflies Calendar**, **Audubon's Green World** and **John James Audubon's Birds of America**. Chapters please keep an eye out in the mail for the latest Chapter discount offer! For more information: [Workman Audubon Calendars](http://www.audubon.org/workman) or (800) 722-7202.

TOGETHERGREEN

TogetherGreen supported the seventh season of Audubon New York and Nature Conservancy Explorer's program, summer environmental internships created to provide youth with meaningful experiences in the natural world. Read about this 2009 Innovation Grant project in this recent Columbia Paper article: <http://bit.ly/cEuazT>

Citizen scientists in Arizona are profiled for playing a hands-on role in monitoring hummingbirds. Learn how *TogetherGreen* Volunteer Day organizer, Audubon Arizona, is teaching community members how to best observe these fast fliers in this *Sante Fe Mexican* article: <http://bit.ly/9ZaMrw>

To celebrate the success of its 2009 Innovation Grant project, Dungeness River Audubon Center is holding a contest for visitor! To win, correctly answer questions based on interpretive signs posted throughout the site. Read more in this Sequim Gazette article. <http://bit.ly/aZ4Ytm>

Looking to roll up your sleeves and give back this Fall? *TogetherGreen* Volunteer Days may be just what you need. Over three weekends in September, dozens of *TogetherGreen* Volunteers Days will be held nationwide. To find a site near you, visit: <http://www.togethergreen.org/Volunteer/VolunteerEvents.aspx>

The *TogetherGreen* team is updating <http://www.togethergreen.org/> and would love to hear your thoughts on what you like or don't like about the site. Please take the short survey here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9MDJDBN>. There are no required questions; skip any questions or exit at any time. The survey will be up through September 1.

Follow *TogetherGreen* on Twitter to be the first to learn about Year III Fellows, Innovation Grants, and Pennies for the Planet projects at <https://twitter.com/togethergreen>

AUDUBON STATE, CHAPTER AND CENTER NEWS

Audubon Alaska

Teshkepuk Lake receives further protections when BLM spares critical caribou habitat from oil/gas lease sale; Audubon's Eric Myers is quoted.

<http://bit.ly/cXr61l>

Sen. Murkowski's revisions to Sealaska Bill for the Tongass National Forest is still bad for conservation; http://www.juneauempire.com/stories/070210/loc_664414314.shtml

US court halts Arctic oil drilling for review. <http://bit.ly/9maMka>

Audubon Arizona

Tice Supplee, director of bird conservation for Audubon Arizona, says "Hummingbirds are great ambassadors for getting people involved in conservation." <http://bit.ly/9ZaMrw>

Audubon Arkansas

Judge postpones request to halt coal plant

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9HDE6901.htm>

Greg Butcher talks to Little Rock NPR about ways to help migrating birds

<http://bit.ly/a517K2>.

Dan Scheiman, bird conservation director with Audubon Arkansas, says natural Prairie Grass is ideal for quail, rabbits, turkey and deer along with songbirds. <http://bit.ly/cWX0hp>

Audubon of Florida

Expansion of Panther Sanctuary sought from DOI

<http://bit.ly/9p4y5c>

Eric Draper praises Everglades Plan as "Doable"

<http://bit.ly/a5VGTX>

Audubon of Maine

Steve Kress, director of seabird restoration for Audubon, interviewed by Maine Public Radio

www.mpbnet.com/News/MPBNNews/tabid/1159/ctl/.../mid/.../Default.aspx

Audubon Minnesota

Chimney Swift conservation work appeared in the Pioneer Press on the front page of the Sunday Life Section.

http://www.twincities.com/horoscopes/ci_15684890

Audubon Mississippi

Annual Hummingbird Festival at Strawberry Plains <http://bit.ly/9YYx1w>

Artist paints bird mural for Volunteer Center in Moss Point

<http://bit.ly/9d2n6b>

The Pascagoula River Audubon Center sent two Mississippi area students to take part in the Ocean Science and Leadership Expedition to Prince William Sound, Alaska

The Mississippi Press <http://bit.ly/cDS9i0>

Audubon Montana

Osprey chicks dying in baling twine across Montana

<http://www.krtv.com/news/osprey-chicks-dying-in-baling-twine-across-montana/>

Audubon in New Jersey

Butterfly festival at DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst, NJ with Bergen County Audubon Society:

<http://bit.ly/b3CM9h>

<http://bit.ly/am2EpF>

Bergen County Audubon helps with cemetery project

<http://bit.ly/cJKc49>

Audubon New Mexico

Grant to help maintain historic home and studio of artist Randall Davey. <http://bit.ly/axkvkk>

Audubon New York

Ted Scherff has been named the new director of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center, the oldest Audubon Center in the country. More at <http://bit.ly/9QVXgD>

Dawn bird banding at Constitution Marsh

<http://www.philipstown.info/ptwp/?p=2984>

NYC Audubon promotes Lights Out Program to protect migrating birds

http://www.nycaudubon.org/projects/safeflight/lightsout_pressrelease.shtml

Valerie Freer, president of the Sullivan County Audubon Society, pays tribute to Kelly Sheridan.

<http://bit.ly/9z8UTs>

Audubon North Carolina

Audubon wins victory for Piping plover in beach battle [North Carolina Global Important Bird Area - <http://bit.ly/c3Ghef>] - <http://bit.ly/cAWXIS>

<http://bit.ly/a0EVZ7>

Audubon in Oregon

East Cascades Audubon Society (Bend, OR) has a new online guide which directs birders to over 1000 top birding locations throughout the state of Oregon. Each location contains DeLorme Map information, geographic coordinates, a Google Map, a Google Earth link, how to get to each site, and a description of what kind of birding you might experience. In addition, many sites have added links to resources like bird lists, site brochures, or alternative activities which are site-specific. To access the web guide, visit

<http://birdingoregon.info/> and click on the county of your choice.

Audubon Pennsylvania

Audubon's First Print is found, ending long search

<http://m.npr.org/story/128934691>

Audubon Texas

Bob Johnson, a former president of the local Audubon Society chapter, said 204 species of birds have been identified at Keystone Heritage

Park. http://www.elpasotimes.com/ci_15771711?source=most_email

Audubon in Wisconsin

Audubon chapter wants to make Racine more hospitable to birds

http://journaltimes.com/news/local/article_98394a9c-af70-11df-afd4-001cc4c03286.html

BIRDS & BIRDING

Dr. Greg Butcher comments on Purple Martins swarming Omaha

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20100731/NEWS01/707319849/0>

Purple Martin roost and staging area in downtown Richmond, VA, just upstream from the Lower James River IBA.

<http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2010/aug/01/mart01-ar-357094/>

Audubon's Mary Elfner describes Purple Martin migration in new video <http://bit.ly/comkiz>

Birds using Ants to clean themselves

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10220/1078224-140.stm>

Special glass to protect birds

<http://www.geekosystem.com/ornilux-glass/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Chapters and state offices can help teachers bring the natural world into their classrooms with *Audubon Adventures*. This engaging school program focuses on themes important to Audubon's mission, with appealing stories and vibrant photos that help 3rd through 5th graders form positive attitudes about nature. By sponsoring classrooms in communities, chapters extend their reach into the community, gain visibility and meet education goals. Debra Eichner, *Audubon Adventures* Coordinator at Lane County Audubon Society in Oregon says "*Audubon Adventures* has been an active program for our chapter, allowing us to reach out to local schools with a valuable tool to help enrich our children's education."

Entering its 27th year, *Audubon Adventures* reaches nearly 4000 classrooms and 150,000 kids each year. Dick Lee, Education Chairperson at Ohio's Black River Audubon Society has experienced the growth of the program first hand "I would say that the repeat use of *Audubon Adventures* kits year after year is a measure of the success."

Marsha Brooks of Rutland VT whose chapter has seen significant growth tells us that her board "went to the schools/teachers meetings and invited the principals. They gave a presentation of *Audubon Adventures* and signed up teachers that way."

Teacher feedback is enthusiastic. One wrote: "*Audubon Adventures* material worked out perfectly with the 'Environments' unit we're studying. The kids really enjoy reading it." For more information on this year's program **Wildlife on the Move**, a four-part exploration of migrating animals, and support material to help you. visit:

<http://education.audubon.org/special-section-audubon-chapter-leaders>

Finally, explore our brand new web site design www.audubon.org

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