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IPL's Green Power Option

By Mary Ellen Gadski

If you have ever considered signing up for the Green Power Option offered by Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL), now might be the time. Recently the cost of participation, which is ever changing depending on market prices, has dropped markedly. My husband and I have been enrolled for the past five years, and I was amazed to see that the supplemental cost for the green power charge on our monthly bill was only 68 cents in both January and February.

In 2008 I researched and wrote an article in *Indiana Living Green* on the subject of local green power programs. I had wondered: Are these programs effective at encouraging the markets in alternative power? Or are they merely a voluntary tax on environmentally aware do-gooders? I concluded that it was one of the only ways that my individual action could help show public demand for green power. How else can we demonstrate to our state legislators that we want an alternative to burning coal? It may take a while for policy and legislative efforts to catch up with our values. Meanwhile, we are helping to encourage new energy from wind, solar, and biomass sources.

In IPL's December 2011 letter to program participants, Glenn Livers, the program's manager, indicated that 4,099 customers were enrolled. Participation has increased a little every year over the 10-year history of the program, and enrolled customers tend to remain loyal. However, this figure equates to less than 1% of its 450,000 customers. A national report on consumer attitudes towards renewable energy concluded that only one in six

consumers is aware of the green power option offered by their utility company. More than 850 utility companies across the U.S. offer their customers these voluntary programs. Last year's report by the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory ranked IPL's option as number one for offering the lowest incremental cost to its customers.

In 2011, IPL's green power customers' purchases of renewable energy accounted for about 88,000 metric tons of avoided CO₂ emissions, which is equivalent to removing more than 17,000 cars from the road for a year. Clearly that is a contribution to the environment. Please consider hopping on the bandwagon! You can enroll online at www.IPLpower.com.

Last Monthly Program Meeting Until September

All programs are held at the Holliday Park Nature Center, 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, at 7:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month unless otherwise noted. They are free and open to the public. Information: Email Jeanette Frazier at fjfff58@comcast.net or call (317) 979-6926.

May 8: Chimney Swift Towers and Bird Trails — An Update on Local Bird Projects

Presenter: Don Gorney, AWBAS President

Amos W. Butler Audubon is busy with exciting bird projects! Join Don Gorney, AWBAS president, as he provides an update on the conservation and education work being done in the Indianapolis area. Included in the presentation will be updates on our conservation initiatives for Chimney Swifts and Common Nighthawks, an announcement about our new Cats Indoors project, an overview of avian education being provided to local schoolchildren, and news about our participation with the City of Indianapolis on an Indianapolis Birding Trail.

AWBAS Activities

Bird Hikes at the Indianapolis Museum of Art

Once again we have partnered with the Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA) to present free bird hikes once a month from May through September at the IMA's "100 Acres," the Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park, at 4000 Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Join Don Gorney and other leaders at 2 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month as we explore this area to see what birds are present from month to month. Meet at Lake Terrace (southeast side of lake) on May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, and September 23.

Parking: The most convenient parking is off 38th Street, near the basketball court sculpture. You must be in the westbound lanes of 38th Street to reach this lot. Pass the main museum entrance and take the White River Parkway exit (right turn). The parking lot is located within the exit ramp. If this lot is full, you will need to park at the museum and walk to 100 Acres.

Members-only Activity: Spring Wildflower and Bird Hike

**Burnett Woods Nature Preserve, Avon
Sunday, May 6; 2-4 p.m.**

Leader: Mike Homoya

Join Amos Butler Audubon and the Central Indiana Land Trust as we explore Burnett Woods Nature Preserve near Avon. Hike guides will lead participants through the preserve and will identify wildflowers, other plants, and birds along the trails of this 80-acre flatwood preserve.

Registration is required. This hike is open to members of Amos Butler Audubon and Central Indiana Land Trust only. To register, please email your name and the number of people in your party to Stacy at info@conservingindiana.org or call (317) 631-5263. The hike is limited to 30 people.

Audubon May Bird Count

Saturday, May 12; 8 a.m.

**Cool Creek Nature Center
2000 East 151st Street, Carmel**

Volunteer to help the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation and the Indiana Audubon Society as we count birds throughout our county. This annual count takes place on International Migratory Bird Day. The results serve as a valuable tool in tracking bird populations throughout the United States. Birdwatchers of different skill levels will be paired together and assigned to various areas of the county. After the morning festivities, an optional lunch will be provided in the Cool Creek Nature Center, (317) 774-2500.

Fee: \$1.00/participant, pre-registration required. Call (317) 748-4140 or email robert.ripma@nuttybirder.com

Regularly Scheduled Bird Hikes

**Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center
6515 Delong Road, Indianapolis
Every Sunday year-round, 9 a.m.**

Meet at the Ornithology Center.

**Fort Harrison State Park
5753 Glenn Road, Indianapolis
Bird hikes led by Don Gorney each Sunday in May
Meet at 8 a.m. at the Delaware Lake parking lot.**

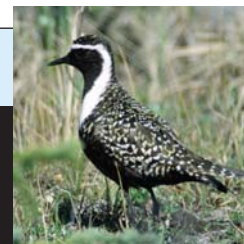
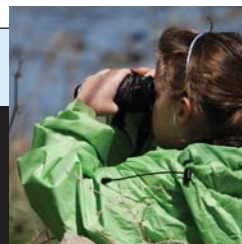
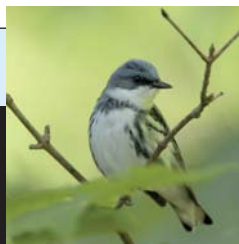
**Cool Creek Park Saturday Morning Spring
Migration Bird Hikes
2000 East 151st Street, Carmel
Saturday, May 5, 19, 26; 8-10 a.m.**

Catch a peek at some beautiful birds as they make their annual trip north this spring. The hikes are led by well-known birder, Keith Starling. After the hike, stop by the Nature Center's Wildlife Viewing Area for coffee and doughnuts. Meet in the north parking lot of Cool Creek Park, past the Nature Center, (317) 774-2500.

**Strawtown Koteewi Park
12308 Strawtown Avenue, Noblesville
Wednesdays: May 2, and June 6, 8:30-10 a.m.**

Meet at the Taylor Center of Natural History, (317) 984-5556.

Cerulean Warbler by Greg Lavaty courtesy ProAves, girl with binoculars courtesy of Central Indiana Land Trust, American Golden-Plover by Dominic Sherony.



AMOS W. BUTLER AUDUBON SOCIETY BIRDATHON 2012

On a Quest To Protect Our Birds

For 25 years the Amos Butler Audubon Society has been raising funds for special projects, both local and global, through its annual Birdathon. In 2011 the accumulated grand total reached a milestone of a half million dollars! Our projects in Latin America to preserve winter habitat for our birds have always been alluring to our donors. Several of this year's local projects will introduce youngsters to the joys of birding, hopefully creating some budding conservationists in the process.

We are committed to funding these projects to carry out our mission of "Promoting the enjoyment and stewardship of the birds of Central Indiana:"

- **The purchase and protection of prime habitat for the Cerulean Warbler in central Colombia.** Through our long-time partner, the American Bird Conservancy, and its partner, Fundación ProAves, this year's funds will go toward enlarging the Pauxi Pauxi Reserve and providing a shelter for forest guards in a remote area.
- **Habitat restoration at Marian University's EcoLab.** Thousands of students and adults have participated in restoration and conservation work at the EcoLab. Birdathon donations will continue to provide funds to purchase native vegetation used to replace invasive plants.

- **A Purdue-sponsored study of the impacts of wind farms in Benton County on the American Golden-Plover.** Previous research has shown that this area of Indiana is of global significance to this migratory species.

- **The Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center.** This specialized nature center is all about birds and is designed to educate the public on the ecological and aesthetic role of birds in the environment.

- **The purchase of binoculars for school children.** The ability to see birds up close will encourage their appreciation of birds and inspire them to become future conservation champions.

Birdathon Teams Will Be on a Species Quest

Birdathon teams will be scouring the state during May to count the maximum number of species possible in a 24-hour period and asking donors to sponsor their efforts. If you don't know a team member, you could choose to make a donation directly to the Birdathon. Either way, your dollars will go far to ensure the future of our Indiana birds.

Make a Difference, Make a Pledge!

START PROTECTING OUR BIRDS TODAY! CUT HERE AND MAIL YOUR PLEDGE OR GO TO WWW.AMOSBUTLERAUDUBON.ORG

AMOS W. BUTLER AUDUBON BIRDATHON 2012 PLEDGE

▶ Name _____
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- ☐ YES, I'LL SUPPORT YOU WITH MY PLEDGE OF ____10¢ ____25¢ ____50¢
 ____\$1 OR ____ per species up to a total gift of ____ for this team;
- ☐ DNR ☐ EcoLab ☐ Bud & Carl's Legacy ☐ Cool Ponds
☐ Carbon Neutral ☐ Community Hospital ☐ Noddy Little Gulls
☐ Walmart ☐ Team Bishop ☐ Lights Out/Wings Over Indy
☐ Wild Birds Unlimited ☐ High count ☐ Other _____
- ☐ My gift of \$_____ is enclosed, payable to the Amos W. Butler Audubon Society. *Your gift is tax deductible as allowed by law.*

Thank you for sponsoring the Amos W. Butler Chapter Birdathon 2012. Every urgently needed dollar you give will go toward:

- purchase and protection of Cerulean Warbler habitat in Colombia
- habitat restoration at the Marian University EcoLab
- Purdue University American-Golden Plover research project
- Eagle Creek Park Ornithology Center
- Binoculars for students to learn about birds
- Keep Indianapolis Beautiful's introductory birding program

Return by May 31 to: Donna McCarty, Birdathon Chair, 7492 Runningbrook Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46254-9770

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Membership benefits:

- 100% of your dues support AWBAS educational programs and urban conservation projects
- *Audubon LifeLines*, the chapter newsletter
- Workshops and entertaining monthly program meetings

☐ **One-year chapter supporter \$20**

☐ **Two-year chapter supporter \$35**

One-year student memberships are free. Chapter supporter can be combined with National Audubon membership for a total of \$40.

☐ **National Audubon Society Membership Introductory Offer \$20** for first-time members only. Includes *Audubon* magazine

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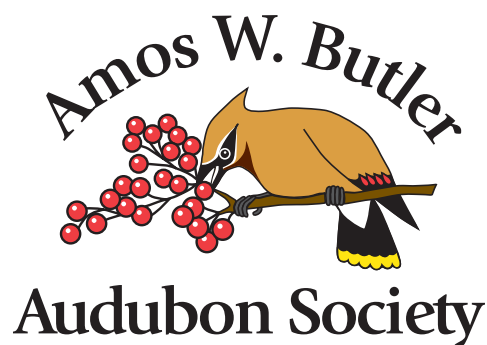
E-Mail Address, Anyone?

Join the hundreds of other members who have signed up for electronic *LifeLines* newsletters and meeting reminders. Send your request, including your name, to Martyn Roberts at info@amosbutleraudubon.org. This shift towards electronic communication continues to save AWBAS hundreds of dollars each year in printing and mailing costs.

Are You a Chapter Supporter?

The expiration date of your Chapter Supporter membership is printed on the mailing label on the paper copy of your *Lifelines*, to the right of your name; "N/A" denotes that you have not paid Chapter Supporter dues. For the expiration date of your National Audubon Society membership, refer to the address label on your *Audubon* magazine.

If you receive *LifeLines* electronically or if you have any other membership questions, please contact Martyn Roberts at info@amosbutleraudubon.org or call (317) 251-2908.



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To promote the enjoyment
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of the birds of central Indiana*

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