

Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary

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Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary



Did you know our Golf Course is an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary?

Achieving certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP) is a significant accomplishment. Courses must meet minimum standards set forth by Audubon International in six categories.

Courses designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary demonstrate their environmental leadership in the golf industry. Course staff and members can take pride in knowing that the course provides significant wildlife habitat and is maintained in an environmentally responsible manner.

By managing the property with a high degree of environmental quality, certified courses provide greenspace for people and wildlife and help to conserve resources for future generations through their management program.

Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Golf Courses:

- Demonstrate leadership among golf courses for their environmentally- responsible management practices
- Show a strong commitment to long-term environmental stewardship
- Provide valuable greenspace for people and wildlife
- Participate with other cooperative sanctuaries across North America
 - in providing habitat for migratory bird populations
- Conserve natural resources for future generations
- Serve as demonstration sites to educate golfers, the public, and golf course professionals about golf course management and the benefits of golf courses

How Does a Golf Course Achieve Certification?

A golf course must develop and implement an environmental management plan and document its results to become certified. Environmental management practices in six key areas are included:

- Environmental Planning
- Wildlife and Habitat Management
- Chemical Use Reduction and Safety
- Water Conservation
- Water Quality Management
- Outreach and Education

Designation as a *Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary* is awarded to a golf course upon meeting environmental management standards in all areas. Recertification is required every two years.