

## About Us



Born of a desire to protect declining numbers of beach-nesting birds along Mississippi's gulf coast, the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society (MCAS) has grown to be the largest of five Audubon Chapters in Missis-

issippi. The Chapter's "Nest In Peace" project began in 1975, with the chapter chartered the following year by the efforts of primary charter member Judith Touns. Judy was a mentor to numerous birders in Mississippi and the country. She is much loved and missed by many. MCAS partners with several other agencies including the Pascagoula River Audubon Center to promote an awareness and concern for coastal habitats.

## Activities



In addition to its long-standing efforts to protect and monitor beach-nesting populations of Least Terns and Black Skimmers on Harrison County beaches, the chapter also actively promotes a wide range of bird monitoring projects, including the annual Christmas Bird Count, a long-running weekly inventory of the Seaman Road Lagoons, the Annual Great Backyard Bird Count, the Annual Judy Touns Bird-a-thon, the Coastal Bird Survey, and periodic monitoring of a number of sites for the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain. MCAS is also committed to assisting Audubon Mississippi with long-term monitoring of the Pascagoula River and other Important Bird Areas (IBA).



# Audubon

Celebrating over 100 Years of Conservation



Audubon is a network of people who share a love and respect for nature and a feeling of responsibility to care for the planet. They are the members and volunteers, scientists and educators, sponsors and donors- who are helping to protect our great natural heritage for future generations.

Our approach is threefold: sound science to direct conservation action, educational programs to engage and inspire people, and public policy advocacy to ensure the protection of birds, other wildlife and their habitats.

Audubon's 23 State Offices and 43 Audubon Centers are working to achieve the Audubon Mission, setting the conservation agenda for the region and providing educational programs and hands-on learning experiences in natural settings for people of all ages. The Mississippi Coast is home to the Pascagoula River Audubon Center in Moss Point. The center is open Monday-Saturday. See PRAC's website for details. [www.pascagoula.river.audubon.org](http://www.pascagoula.river.audubon.org)

Visit MCAS's website for updates, field trip activities, coastal birding checklist, and other important information.

[www.mscoastaudubon.org](http://www.mscoastaudubon.org)

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# Nest In Peace

## Mississippi Coast Audubon Society

Promoting Fun, Learning,  
Public Service, Conservation &  
Environmental Stewardship



Join Us Today!

## Our Mission Statement

MCAS strives to promote the interest, enjoyment and understanding of our natural world. This includes habitats within the Mississippi coastal plains as well as our urban environment along the immediate coastal counties. We work to do this through education, volunteerism, and the stewardship of our fragile coastal environment. We actively encourage the protection of all wildlife and restoration of these native habitats including the flora and fauna that exist within them.

We offer a great opportunity for individuals to get involved in their community, meet people committed to conservation, learn more about their local environment, enjoy a birding trip, or volunteer to help make a difference. Join us today!



MCAS serves Jackson, Harrison, Hancock, George, Stone, and Pearl River Counties.



## Education & Conservation



MCAS is active with The Ward Bayou Wildlife Management Trail and The Turkey Creek Greenway projects. We have collaborated on the

Coastal Birding Trail and The Mississippi River Birding Trail programs. We help support the Pascagoula River Audubon Center's education programs and community outreach events and festivals across the coast. We are dedicated to school based programs and the early education and environmental awareness of youth. We also work with public officials to assist with our Beach Stewardship programs. From the beginning of our existence, we have fought for beach nesting birds on the coast and we will continue to be pro-active today and in the future.



Join the Mississippi Coast Audubon Society

As a member, you will receive AUDUBON magazine and MCAS newsletter "E-Skimmer". Learn more about Audubon's membership benefits at: [www.audubon.org/sa/membership](http://www.audubon.org/sa/membership)

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