

News from the Island



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President's Message

The Fall Season – Protecting Dauphin Island for the Birds

Last year, at the fall meeting of DIBS, the Board of Directors quite briefly discussed the possible purchase and protection of four contiguous dune lots which were located on Longfellow Place. These prime properties were in the island's central maritime forest and were rumored to soon come on the sales market. This was a wonderful opportunity for habitat preservation on the Island; but to be quite realistic, at the time, we had no idea if DIBS could possibly swing such a deal- 4 dune lots at once = \$\$\$,\$\$\$\$. Long story short, the Longfellow lots came on the sales market in early May. Recognizing the importance of this property, we began working on a public appeal and fundraising plan specifically targeted to the acquisition of this unique property.

Then good things started to happen! There was a generous outpouring of support from several of our fellow conservation organizations and their memberships. To our astonishment, dozens of individual donations from conservation-minded individuals from far and wide started to pour in from our appeal. We at DIBS are truly humbled at the support we have received!

First of all, we wish to thank the family of our dear friends John and Beverly Winn for their request for the release to DIBS of monies from the 'Beverly Winn fund for the Birds,' held in trust by the Community Foundation of South Alabama. Years ago John Winn established this fund in Bev's memory with the stipulation that the funds were to be used specifically for purchase of land of high conservation value on Dauphin Island. Without John Winn's insight, the purchase of this important bird habitat would not have been possible. We were then able to apply this money as a dollar for dollar match to the generous donations by the conservation groups listed here:

- Alabama Ornithological Society
- Atlantic Coast Conservancy – Pelican Coast Conservancy (GA) (AL)
- Francis M. Weston Audubon Society (FL)
- Mississippi Coast Audubon Society (MS)
- Mobile Bay Audubon Society (AL)
- Pine Woods Audubon Society (MS)
- Shoals Chapter of National Audubon Society (AL)
- Tennessee Ornithological Society- Nashville, Kingsport, Elizabethton
- Weeks Bay Foundation – Alabama Coastal BirdFest

Additional dollar for dollar matches were made with generous donations from approximately 150 individual donors who gave both big and small amounts for a grand total of over \$70,000. We especially wish to thank Gaye Lindsey for her generous contribution dedicated to the stewardship of the Longfellow properties. Two outstanding donations were also granted to us as gifts of stock from the Ed Senter/Jessica Germany and Lori Oswald/Hans Paul families. Yes, we can turn stocks into cash, which in turn provides land for the birds!

Subsequently, in late June we were able to place an offer on Longfellow

Place lots and the owners of the lots agreed to sell the lots to DIBS, and at a reasonable price as compared with recent comparable closing prices on dune lots in the island maritime forest. I am please to inform you, our supporters, that we have completed these purchases and now have title to these unique properties. I wish to extend our thanks to the former owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Turner of Magnolia Springs, AL, and Mr. Bruce W. Wayne of Marietta, GA for their kind support of our mission.

As you know, our mission at DIBS is the conservation and perpetual protection of critical neotropical migratory bird stopover habitat on the Dauphin Island, officially recognized as a Globally Important Bird Area. Since 1993, DIBS has purchased and protected in perpetuity over 50 important properties and in light of the fact that development on Dauphin Island has greatly accelerated in the last few years, and with many properties being purchased by developers, clear-cut, houses built and flipped for profit, our mission continues.

There are approximately 35 undeveloped acres remaining on the island that are crucial for sustaining migratory bird habitat, primarily concentrated in the Tupelo Gum, Gorgas Swamp and Steiner Block areas. In addition, there are other lots of high conservation value scattered mostly on the eastern end that contribute significantly to the island's quality habitat. These are all considered invaluable for providing diverse shelter, food opportunities for migratory birds.

And good things continue to happen! In August, using the Beverly Winn Fund as match, we made an offer on a tupelo gum mixed woodland lot in the area of our present Gorgas Swamp Reserve properties. This beautiful property, which was slated for development is a great addition to our holdings in this area of the island.

Purchasing and conserving additional properties is our sole and ongoing mission and thanks to you, our supporters, DIBS is making a huge difference for the preservation of the unique natural integrity of Dauphin Island, for North American migratory birds, and for our resident flora and fauna as well. If you would like to learn more about how to help save bird habitat by making a personal contribution to Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc., please visit our website, coastalbirding.org, and like us on Facebook at Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries. We are an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and your contributions are tax deductible.

Come to the island and visit your DIBS properties and please consider joining us on Friday, October 11th through Sunday, October 13th for the Alabama Ornithological Society (AOS) fall meeting. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday at Church of the Island, located at 302 Key Street. I would also encourage you, our supporters, to ask your friends and family to consider joining us in the cause of habitat protection on Dauphin Island. You are the backbone of our mission of land preservation and stewardship on beautiful Dauphin Island!

Working for Conservation,
Ralph Havard, President
Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc.

New and Renewed Members through September 1, 2019

Yellowhammer

New

Jane George
Pat Grubbs
Susan Ledlow
Jennifer Mcclanahan
Lional Powers McLeod, Jr.
Kay & Richard Pinegar
Ronald & Tommie Rogers
John Velasquez
Judy Welford

Renewed

Ed & Linda L. Adrion
Carole Aitken
David Chaffin
James & Joy Cook
Bill Cox
John & Teddy Dismukes
Blanche S. Emerson
Patricia Grubbs
Livia & Tuck Hayward
Lynn & Alfred Howes
Michael Jordan
Richard Kittinger
Shirley McKenzie
Ann L. Miller
David Newton
Philothei Phoenix
John & Coralie Toomey
Diane & William Tyndall
John Velasquez
Mike & Karen Wilson
John & Mitzi Wolf

Magnolia Warbler

New

Robert Baker
Ray & Camille Brignac
John Froeschauer
Linda Hemstreet
Cordelia Patterson
Crystal & Benjamin Smith

Renewed

Emery E. Baya
Alice Christenson
Carey & Lynne Cooper
Philippe Lathrop & Judith S
Crittenden
Linda Fagan

Nancy & Jim Gaines
Jay & Mary Beth Isacks III
James Jeffery
Sandra Kendall
Peggy King
Joan & John Lane
Lynne Bass Lovoy
Edward B. McDermott
Mr. & Mrs. G C Newcomer
Susan Patton
Barbara Rancour
Charlie Burke & Betsy Rogers
Elizabeth Ryan
Kathy McKay & Lee Soderlind
Rolland Swain
Russell & Jeanne Voisin
Judy & Calvin Welford
Sarah Whitfield

Black Skimmer

New

Roberta L. Arsenault
Betty Bailey
Uwe & Brenda Bollow
Sally & David Carrington
Sharon & Greg Cobb
Michelle Reynolds & Robert
Farley
Carol Gobert
Veda Hackell & Tomislave
Gracanin
Julie & Kenneth Hare
Irene & Harold Hawkins
Fred Hill
Molly & Denis Hitchcock
Bernice Hotman
Martha Jenks
Dawn John
Patricia Kerr
Caroline Lamberth
William McAllister
Dianne Patterson
Linda & John Percival
Anne & George Petty
Judith & Marshall Presnall
John & Connie Roan
Denese & Thomas Skelton
Diane & Robert Steffy, Jr.
Barbara Teare

Jill Wicknick

Renewed

Gretchen Boyd
Franklin Chalk
Bobby & Doris Cheronos
Kenley Clark
Jeff W. Collier
Elsie Croft
Carole & Dick Finch
Kap Garmon
Topsy Granata
Rusty Gregory
Andrew Haffenden
Jean & Terry Henwood
Gladys Ishee
Karin & Michael Krumpelt
Paul Mayson
Jack & Emily O'Neill
Bruce Parsons
Linda & John Percival
Mary Anderson Pickard
Mr. & Mrs. Otto Ramsey, Jr.
Leslee K. Reed
Lisa Bailey & Pelham Rowan, Jr.
Ruston Sanders
Floyd Sherrod
Joan & Tom Siegwald
Dennis & Eva Strickland
Bill Summerour
Mariann Wilson

Osprey

New

Melissa & Mark Baginski
Lacy & Michael Curtis
Dean Cutten
Francis C. Fekel
Doris & Alan Gertler
Robert Holycross
Sylvia & Judson Johnston
Djuana & Paul Moreno
Teresa & Kelly O'Neal
Joan & Michael Russell
Maryella & Wayne Sirmon
Doris & Jimmy Stephenson

Renewed

Venetia Friend
Robert A. Stewart
Les & Pat Stinson

Painted Bunting

New

Carol & Ray Ascherfield
Nancy & Arthur Garrett
Carole & Philip Goodyear
Beth & James Lyons
Jonie Sue Lyons
Teresa Ridgeway

Renewed

George J. A. & Katherine Clemo
Stan & Dana Hamilton
Jane Ishee
Pamela & Steven Lasley
Kathryn Palmore

New Life Member

John & Mark Chalk Ridge Fund
Lola & Chuck Estes
Carol Gross
Carol & John Kautzman
Herbert & Terry Lewis
Gaye Lindsey
Robert Ludlow
Mildred Page
Patricia & Richard Patty
Jeffery & Elizabeth Reinert
Elisabeth Green Rencher
Judith & Donald Self

New Family Life Member

Sandra Allinson
Kim & James Burroughs
Ann & Jim Hancock



Donations via PayPal

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Roberta Arsenault
Paul Baicich
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For: Dena & Don McKee
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 Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuaries, Inc.

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 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: (____) _____
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Membership Levels:

- Yellowhammer, \$35
- Magnolia Warbler, \$50
- Black Skimmer, \$100
- Osprey, \$250

- Painted Bunting, \$500
 - Life Member, \$1,000
 - Family Life Member, \$1,250
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Announcements

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2019 Annual DIBS Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13, 1:00 p.m. at 1618 Cadillac Avenue, Dauphin Island, AL. All current members are invited to attend.

We encourage you to keep your DIBS membership current. Please check the mailing label above to confirm the renewal month. Or better yet, become a Life Member and never have to worry about renewing again!

Habitat Protection on Dauphin Island

As we have come to learn these past several months, the need to protect habitat on Dauphin Island is ongoing and urgent. The response of our members and friends in the conservation community has been tremendous, and with your continued support we can build upon our successes of this past summer! Here's how you can help:

- Purchase a designated property.
- By transfer of stocks or securities.
- Consider a donation above your annual dues.

Land Conservation Conference

The 2019 Partnership for Gulf Coast Land Conservation Conference was held in Point Clear on September 9-11. Five DIBS board members were in attendance at this annual meeting. The conference provided important background and information for funding and protection of coastal habitat, as well as many networking opportunities with like-minded conservationists.

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