

# Thousands Gear Up for Nationwide TogetherGreen Volunteer Days

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Looking to roll up your sleeves and give back this Earth Day? *TogetherGreen* can help!

Twenty-four participating Audubon sites nationwide will host *TogetherGreen* Volunteer Days in celebration of Earth Day to provide thousands with opportunities to take hands-on, local conservation action. Volunteer Days are a centerpiece of the *TogetherGreen* (<http://www.togethergreen.org/>) conservation alliance of Audubon and Toyota.

This series of days ? part of 240 taking place annually ? will occur in select cities across the country during the weekends of April 18th, April 25th and May 2<sup>nd</sup>, continuing the momentum of volunteer activity which started in September 2008. Activities include habitat and trail restoration, river and lake clean-ups, invasive species removal, nest-box building, wildlife and plant surveys, and more!

?By connecting communities across America with the nature and resources that surround and sustain us, *TogetherGreen* Volunteer Days aim to launch a continuing cycle of positive environmental impact,? said Audubon President John Flicker. ?Through ongoing *TogetherGreen* volunteer offerings, we hope to engage people of all ages, from every community and all walks of life to create a truly diverse constituency for conservation.?

The following 24 Audubon sites will host 30 *TogetherGreen* Volunteer Days over the three week period. For complete event details, please visit the [Volunteer section](#) of TogetherGreen.org.

| Date | Location           |
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| 4/18 | Portland, OR       |
|      | Pagosa Springs, CO |
|      | Columbus, OH       |
|      | Carson Valley, NV  |
|      | Patterson Park, MD |
|      | Richardson Bay, CA |

Los Angeles, CA

Austin, TX

San Diego, CA

Greenwich, CT

4/19 Dania Beach, FL

Easton, MD

Smith Valley, NV

Hazel Crest, IL

Milwaukee, WI

4/20 Madison, WI

4/22 Patterson Park, MD

Madison, WI

Terre Haute, IL

4/25 Patterson Park, MD

San Diego, CA

Naples, FL

Hawthorne, NV

Columbus, OH

Dayton, OH

New York City, NY

4/26 Walker Lake, NV

5/1 Swan Lake, NV

5/2 New York City, NY

Felts Audubon Preserve, FL

To-date, 5,850 *TogetherGreen* volunteers have donated more than 28,000 volunteer hours at 40 Audubon locations. Additionally, over 60 major partner organizations, including the Sierra Club, AmeriCorps, and the US Army Corps of Engineers have worked with TogetherGreen Volunteer Day participants, as well as local schools, businesses and government.

Hundreds of Toyota employees and their families from across the country have participated in the initial series of TogetherGreen volunteer events and will continue join the efforts over the five-year initiative.

“These events have been a wonderful opportunity for our employees to make a difference for the environment,” said Pat Pineda, group vice president of Toyota Motor North America. “Our alliance with Audubon provides our employees with the tools and information to bring conservation into their everyday activities.”

### **About *TogetherGreen***

Audubon and Toyota launched the five-year TogetherGreen initiative in 2008 to fund conservation projects, train environmental leaders, and offer volunteer and individual action opportunities that significantly benefit the environment. To date, 5,850 TogetherGreen volunteers have contributed more than 28,000 hours to community conservation efforts. The TogetherGreen initiative is funded by a \$20 million Toyota gift to Audubon, the largest in the conservation group’s long history. For more information, to take individual conservation action and share and celebrate conservation success stories, visit [www.togethergreen.org](http://www.togethergreen.org).

### **About Audubon**

Now in its second century, Audubon connects people with birds, nature and the environment that supports us all. Our national network of community-based nature centers, chapters, scientific, education, and advocacy programs engages millions of people from all walks of life in conservation action to protect and restore the natural world. Visit Audubon online at <http://www.audubon.org/>.

### **About Toyota**

Toyota (NYSE: TM) established operations in the United States in 1957 and currently operates 10 manufacturing plants. Toyota is committed to being a good corporate citizen in the communities where it does business and believes in supporting programs with long-term sustainable results. Toyota supports numerous

organizations across the country, focusing on education, the environment and safety. Since 1991, Toyota has contributed more than \$464 million to philanthropic programs in the U.S. For more information on Toyota's commitment to improving communities nationwide, visit [www.toyota.com/community](http://www.toyota.com/community).

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