Annual Report

April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

"Our beautiful Illinois Audubon Society sanctuaries are fantastic places to visit and engage with nature. We also offer a variety of opportunities to volunteer at events focused on bird conservation, habitat restoration, and environmental education. These events, and your volunteer efforts at these events, not only help protect our avian friends but also promote stewardship of our local lands. Participating in these activities allows us to make a tangible difference while learning from experts and engaging with fellow nature enthusiasts."

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Conservation Science Committee: Randy Schietzelt (Chair); Doug Stotz, Andrea Tolzmann, Dan Williams, Evan Smith. Staff: Matt Hayes, Jo Fessett

Fiscal Year 2026

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Long-Range Planning Committee

The role of the Long-Range Planning Committee is to align the mechanics of the everyday activities of the Illinois Audubon Society with its core mission and long-term goals. Our committee takes the society's vision into everyday practices to ensure that the organization runs effectively and efficiently.

In September 2024, the committee began to revise the IAS Bylaws. These act as binding internal rules that dictate how the organization is governed, managed and operated. The revisions would require a two-vote process for approval. At the June 2026 board meeting, the board of directors approved the preliminary draft of the bylaw revisions. With only a few minor revisions remaining, we anticipate final approval of the bylaw revisions at the September 2026 board meeting. The amount of work and dedication to detail that was required to complete this task should not be overlooked. It is a testament to the tenacity of the Long-Range Planning Committee Members.

We have also been editing and revising the IAS Policies and Procedures Manual. Reviewing and fine-tuning the moving parts of the organization continuously are necessary for smooth operation of all its activities.

During the last fiscal year, our committee has accomplished the following:

- Established the Corporate Credit Card Policy for IAS staff.
- Established the Credit Card Use Agreement for IAS staff.
- Updated the Employee Expense Reimbursement policy.
- Worked with the Finance, Land Protection & Stewardship and Membership & Education Committees to update their policies and procedures sections.
- Established the Grants Program section.
- Established the Statewide Activities section, which includes: Field Trips, Annual Gathering, Nature Talks and Bird & Butterfly Sanctuary Certification Program.

During the last three years, the Long-Range Planning Committee helped to develop and implement a newly designed strategic plan, revised the IAS Bylaws and updated many sections of the Policies and Procedures Manual. That body of work speaks volumes about the hard-working character of this committee. I am delighted to work with this wonderful group of richly talented and creative nature lovers.

The Long-Range Planning Committee is ready to continue our efforts in support of the Illinois Audubon Society.

Frank J. Ibarra, Chair

Membership and Education Committee

The Membership and Education Committee has a long-term plan that includes supporting chapters, serving members, increasing membership, and educating our members and the general public on the joys of bird watching and the importance of ecological restoration.

Working toward these goals, we have emphasized Chapter Services because a strong statewide organization is reinforced by stronger chapters. Chapters are most often the public face of our organization. We have helped several chapters build and maintain websites, with more in the works. We have improved our social media presence. We continue to add speakers to our speakers bureau, Nature Talks. We have improved communications between chapters by sharing newsletters and holding quarterly chapter check-ins. And we streamlined the chapter certification process.

We added 391 new members in the past year. We are developing collaborative programs with like-minded organizations, like Clifftop, The Conservation Fund, Master Naturalists, and Wild Ones, to continue to build brand awareness, and increase membership. More importantly, by building stronger relationships in our field, we grow our ability to achieve our broader goals toward a healthier environment for birds and people.

Our Bird and Butterfly Sanctuary Certification program has grown beyond the certification of backyard prairies to include churches, libraries, schools, parks and businesses. We established a new committee, including Lisa Maier, Ethan Lynn, Martha Sojka and Sarah Anglum, with Brian “Fox” Ellis overseeing the committee. They approved 38 applications for a total of 1,895,165 square feet, which adds up to 43.51 acres.

We produced four quarterly magazines and a pocket guide to shorebirds, with a pocket guide to sparrows and warblers well underway.

Isaac J. Stewart, Chair

Conservation Science Committee

The Conservation Science Committee has spent its first year integrating the important functions of the Illinois Ornithological Society into Illinois Audubon Society. The remaining Meadowlark subscription obligations have been completed. And more than 150 years of bird data have been digitized, made accessible to the public and researchers alike, on a groundbreaking, innovative website: the Illinois Bird Records: illinoisbirdrecords.org

Our grants program for ornithological research has been expanded. A partnership with Windy City Bird Lab has been instituted to support them as they record and inventory migrating birds in the Chicago area and to produce educational opportunities for citizens to learn about birds in the city of Chicago.

In addition, we continue to build on our community science components for our preserves using eBird and iNaturalists so we can have a more accurate inventory of the species present and also engage our members in the collection of vital data. We are discussing preserve design, stewardship methods to keep viable populations of all the species currently present on IAS sanctuaries, targeting the most important natural areas remaining in Illinois, and cooperating with the Land Protection and Stewardship Committee to make sure our sanctuaries offer species the best possible route for long-term conservation.

Randy Schietzelt, Chair

Land Protection & Stewardship Committee

The Old English word “stig” means house. And “weard” means guardian. Stewardship literally means protecting and caring for your house and your resources. Originating in the 11th century, stewardship historically described managing a nobleman’s household, including its family, food and finances. The High Steward of Scotland was a very important person.

Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care. It encompasses watchful supervision, with an emphasis on ethical and long-term care. And it means being answerable, accountable, and honest. That’s a big responsibility for our committee. The Illinois Audubon Society’s mission to “promote the perpetuation and appreciation of native plants and animals and the habitats that support them” leads directly into the LPS Committee’s policy of sanctuary management: ecological habitat maintenance and restoration; management plan development and implementation; managing and applying for grants; providing relevant training to volunteers; and cultivating and maintaining relationships with sanctuary volunteers, neighbors, other land trusts and governmental organizations.

In Fiscal Year 2026, our committee met numerous times, both during board meetings and Zoom sessions in between, in order to address possible acquisitions (usually fun), daily management, and problematic issues (sometimes not so fun). Diverse opinions from diverse experiences ensure the best stewardship. We are indebted to the people serving on our committee.

Deb Carey, Chair

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee supports the Illinois Audubon Society’s mission, “to promote the perpetuation and appreciation of native flora and fauna of Illinois and the habitats that support them” by ensuring the financial future of the organization. We honor our members and donors by keeping the society’s mission going for many years to come.

We continue to work with staff and our sanctuary committees to refine the budgeting process. Purchasing land is just the first step. The Finance Committee is committed to ensuring that all the society’s properties have the stewardship that they need. Proper budgeting keeps the annual stewardship projects moving forward while protecting assets for future work.

I thank the members of the Finance Committee for sharing their time and talents to support the mission of Illinois Audubon Society. We are fortunate to have an extremely engaged Board of Directors and incredible staff to work with.

Francine Appleton, Board Treasurer and Committee Chair

We are grateful for those who support the Illinois

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NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Acres Protected	80
Acres we manage	7,000+
Cost of Stewardship	$482,000
Acres Restored by Bird & Butterfly Sanctuaries	43.51
Field Trips Hosted	17
Attendance at Field Trips	182
Research Grants Funded	$32,000
Number of New Members	391

PHOTO CREDITS

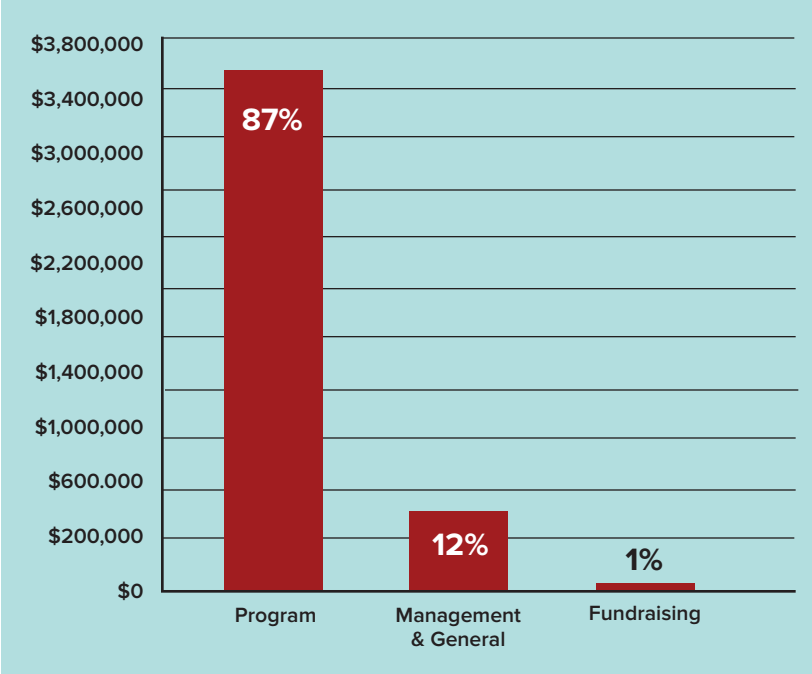
One of the many unsung heroes at the core of our volunteer stewardship program is Deb Doyle. She helps coordinate the crew of volunteer stewards working at the Green River Lowland Preserves. Every week she sends an email invitation and includes several gorgeous photos. These are just a few of the many pictures she has shared this year. All the photos in this Annual Report are hers.

FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

Presented by Francine Appleton
Treasurer, Illinois Audubon Society

REVENUE & SUPPORT	FY2026
Donations	$565,454
Membership Dues	$87,084
Contract & Grant Income	$ 1,503
Farm Income	$15,506
Programs & Projects	$44,052
Net Investment Income	$6,141,703
TOTAL	**$6,855,302**

EXPENSES FY2026



Program	$3,656,890
Management & General	$489,656
Fundraising	$41,254
TOTAL	**$4,187,800**

NET ASSETS	FY2026
Cash & Equivalents	$662,318
Other Assets	$376,919
Investments	$46,702,824
Property & Equipment	$11,416,986
TOTAL	**$59,159,047**

The Society's Certified Annual Audit was conducted by Estes, Bridgwater & Ogden, Springfield, Illinois