Promoting Pragmatic Solutions that Benefit Birds & People in South Carolina

Our Priorities in the Palmetto State

Audubon South Carolina (ASC) and our network of passionate advocates, volunteers and partners promote bipartisan policy solutions that not only protect birds and communities, but also protect the state’s iconic coast and landscapes, clean air and water, and $29B tourism, $23B forestry, $52B agriculture, & $1.5B solar industries.

STRATEGIC LAND PROTECTION
Promoting landscape scale protection and restoration of priority bird habitat, as well as measures to increase resilient, bird-friendly management of South Carolina’s private and public lands. This includes supporting the Working Agricultural Lands Preservation Act (H. 3951), which will create a program and fund to encourage the permanent protection of valuable working farmland and beneficial wildlife habitat through conservation easements.

SUSTAINABLE BIRD-FRIENDLY ENERGY
Advocating for pragmatic policy reforms to facilitate the rapid expansion and swift deployment of responsibly sited renewable energy projects and transmission infrastructure; increase access to affordable, reliable clean energy for South Carolina residents and businesses; and limit carbon emissions, habitat destruction, and other negative impacts associated with energy development and transmission.

RESILIENT LANDS & COMMUNITIES
Supporting implementation of bird-friendly best practices outlined in SC’s statewide resilience plan, focusing on the use of nature-based solutions to conserve habitat, improve quality of life, and mitigate flooding and erosion in vulnerable communities. This includes conserving Carolina Bays and other threatened wetlands, which provide essential habitat for birds and other valuable ecosystem services for people.

About Audubon South Carolina

We protect birds and the places they need using science, advocacy, education, and on-the-ground conservation. We own and/or manage more than 30 thousand acres of SC’s most important bird habitat.

This includes our Silver Bluff and Beidler Forest sanctuaries, which not only serve as demonstration sites for sustainable forestry, but also provide public access to greenspace, inclusive educational programming, and valuable ecosystem services for some of the state’s most rapidly developing communities.

Beyond the lands we steward, our statewide programs help advance our mission and scale our impact across every region and county in the state.

ASC at a Glance

- 30k supporters & 10 chapters & bird club partners
- 30k acres of land owned/managed across the state
- 18k-acre Beidler Forest Center & Sanctuary in Harleyville,
- 3,500-acre Silver Bluff Sanctuary in Aiken County
- 36 hunting & fishing club partners
- Thousands of visitors & students served annually