

# KEEP CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

AUTUMN 2014

VOLUME 8



Dear Friends and Supporters of Wildlife

Another year has passed with devastating news about habitat loss and decline of species all over the world. Birds appear to be the canaries in the coal mine, letting us know that when habitat is destroyed species cannot survive as their feeding, mating and breeding grounds disappear. Extinction threatens birds and other animal life at an unprecedented level.

When we began Keep Conservation Foundation nearly fifteen years ago, our mission was to preserve habitat for birds and other plants and animals so that they could continue to grow and thrive. As the years have passed our mission continues to be accomplished. KCF preserves have matured, and with careful management continue to provide food and shelter for the many species living on them. Not only have we protected species we had on our lands, but they have been joined by other birds, mammals, butterflies, amphibians and reptiles and a more diverse community has been established. Our plants and trees are beautiful in spring and summer and provide food and shelter during the long winter months.





The Keep Conservation Port Republic Preserve has seen an increase in wildlife populations as the warblers migrating along the Atlantic flyway stop in flocks to fuel up on the specific plants, insects and berries needed for their arduous journey southward.

The pond we acquired and added to the preserve provides a fresh water source for the amphibians that breed there and the sandpipers and herons that wade the edges looking for small crustaceans and frogs.

Winter is alive at Port Republic with the chickadees, nuthatches, Red-bellied Woodpeckers and Dark-eyed Juncos that make a raucous winter chorus as they look for food in the bark and cones of the pines.

This spring, we plan to do an extensive trail mapping project to offer our increasing number of visitors routes around and through the preserve to viewing points in the salt marsh and the pond.



Our Pamela Kahn Bacca Preserve in Maricopa County Arizona continues to provide a tranquil spot of undisturbed desert beauty. Both the creatures who live on and the visitors to the preserve appreciate the peace and silent wonder of protected desert land in the midst of rapidly developing Maricopa County.



In this past year we have received many letters of appreciation from visitors to our Keep Conservation Preserves. Most thank us for enabling them to have silent time on undisturbed trails where they have the pleasure of immersing themselves in the natural world. Others thank us for providing teachers and guides to help them learn about and appreciate nature.

We remain committed and determined to protect and enhance our lands and to provide the education and pleasure in nature that will enable children and adults to fully value, commit to and join us in protecting the natural world around us.

Your help and support is vital to our mission.

AMERICAN GOLDFINCH	WOOD THRUSH	BELTED KINGFISHER	ROSE-BREADED GROSBEAK	PEREGRINE FALCON	GOLDEN EAGLE	OTHER
50	75	100	500	1,000	5,000	
<input type="checkbox"/>						

To become a member to support our mission please fill out the form below and send it with your 501C3 100% tax deductible contribution to : KEEP CONSERVATION FOUNDATION 38 West 11th Street. New York.NY 10011

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_