

LA Wetland Education Coalition

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1. American Field Guide Videos available free online!

Public television stations all over the United States have been producing educational, informative, and entertaining content for decades. The challenge that many stations have faced is how to provide the public easy access to this valuable material after it has been aired. Over a thousand videos, freely accessible, have accompanying scripts available through a pull down menu. Check out the videos from Louisiana's Sabine Wildlife Refuge, featuring nutrias and alligators, marsh and swamp ecosystems. A great search engine helps you find the videos you might be interested in and can narrow the search to a specific state. Also has a series of great videos on careers. Videos are in the Real Video and QuickTime formats and are five to ten minutes in length. Topics include earth and space, animals, ecosystems, plants, and public policy. Visit <http://www.pbs.org/americanfieldguide/>.

2. Wetlands tourism promoted to save coastal areas

"If [Louisiana] can get tourists to appreciate the natural wonders of Louisiana, they may be more apt to support efforts to save the state's quickly eroding coastline. The Louisiana Office of Culture, Recreation and Tourism recently announced the opening of 12 birding trails in southern Louisiana. To read about this new initiative, which will include bike trails in the near future, visit the Lafayette Advertiser Newspaper website [<http://www.theadvertiser.com>] and plug in "Wetlands tourism" in the archive search engine. The birding trails take advantage of the fact that Louisiana is located on a major migratory route for all sorts of birds. To find out more, download the PDF file, *Birds of Louisiana*, at <http://www.louisianatravel.com/outdoors/BirdsWeb.pdf> or <http://www.louisianatravel.com/outdoors/>.

Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program has educational posters and videos about migratory birds. Visit *Wings over the Wetlands*, at <http://birds.btneq.org>.

3. LSU AgCenter publishes *Louisiana Wetland News*

Published four times a year by the LSU AgCenter, Louisiana Wetland News covers timely topics related to Louisiana coastal erosion, restoration and preservation. You can access the latest

newsletter and an archive of recent newsletters at
<http://www.seagrantfish.lsu.edu/resources/wetlandnews.htm>

The Louisiana Wetland News website provides an archive of the history of Louisiana's wetland and coastal resource policy during the past decade. If you have not already done so, you can obtain this newsletter through an email subscription. By subscribing, you allow the LSU AgCenter to better track their readership and provide you with valuable updates between each issue. If you would like to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter, please send an e-mail addressed to <rcaffey@agctr.lsu.edu>. In the message body simply type your full name and the words, "Subscribe LWN".

4. LA Dept. of Natural Resources announces a new NOAA Community-based funding opportunity.

I wanted to let you know about a new NOAA Community-based funding opportunity through DNR that is open now through November 18, 2004. We have about \$195,000 available this year that encourages a 1:1 match, but does not require it. For those of you that have recently submitted proposals through some of our other partnerships (such as Gulf of Mexico Foundation), please feel free to re-submit those projects to DNR, which may help improve your chance of receiving funding. The announcement and application requirements can be found at the website below. Please contact Cheryl Brodnax, NOAA Restoration Center for additional information [225/ 578-7923]. Additional information can be found at <http://www.dnr.state.la.us/sec/mgtfin/contract/sfp-coastal-community.htm>.

5. Symposium on Wetland Loss and Restoration to Be Held at LUMCON in Cocodrie, LA, November 19-21, 2004

Please join the Southern Association of Marine Educators for a weekend focused on Louisiana's Coastal Wetland Loss at Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium in Cocodrie, LA. This workshop is for anyone who works in outreach to students, teachers or the general public, as well as teachers themselves. The keynote speaker Saturday morning will be Dr. Gary Shaffer who will describe the problem and begin a discussion of restoration efforts. Dr. Shaffer is a well regarded scientist, who has also won awards for his work with teachers. A panel of experts who will discuss different aspects of restoration will follow the keynote. A \$10 registration fee (\$15 after October 31) saves your spot for this workshop. The fee covers room and board at LUMCON from Friday 5pm- Sunday 1pm, as well as field trips, seafood boil Saturday night, and workshop materials, including a one-year membership to the National Marine Educators Association with the journal Current. If you can't come for the whole weekend, consider coming just for Saturday. The Gulf of Mexico Center for Ocean Science Education Excellence sponsors this workshop. For more information, or registration forms, please contact Dr. Jessie Kastler, [985/ 851-2848, jkastler@lumcon.edu] or Rachel Somers [225/ 578-6344, rsomer1@lsu.edu].

6. LAWEC-L LISTSERVE INFORMATION

- **Description of this listserve:** A listserve serving educators interested in LA wetlands.
- **To send a message of your own to the listserv:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and type your message into the body of the email. The message will be distributed to ALL PARTICIPANTS subscribing to the listserve.

- **To UNSUBSCRIBE from this listserve:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and enclose the following single line in the body of the email
unsubscribe LAWEC-L

Please do not reply to the entire list unless you want everyone to read your message!

