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Re PCB 2007-084 North Milam

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I urge the Board to find that the proposed North Milam landfill site in Madison is incompatible with the surrounding area, including Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site and Horseshoe Lake State Park.

Putting garbage on this sacred site is disrespectful to Native Americans and should be unacceptable to everyone.

In addition, landfills do not belong in wetlands and in the floodplain and should not be sited adjacent to a state park where people fish, hunt, camp, recreate, walk trails, observe nature and picnic.

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I am a regular visitor to the Horseshoe Lake area. Even with general degradation of the area wetlands, Horseshoe has fair biodiversity, considering it's managed mostly for fishing and hunting. An expansion of the landfill would be very injurious to the remaining features.

I've worked on an area checklist of birds for Horseshoe and surrounding areas. Hundreds of thousands of birds use the area as a migration stop. By forcing more birds into a smaller area, diseases like avian flu

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and Duck Plague can wipe out thousands of birds at a time. Chemicals from the landfill will definitely cause additional problems, because the lake is already polluted.

Lastly, my mother's maiden name was Maize, like the Indian corn. I have Amerind ancestors and have great respect for their cultures. The Mississippian, as these Indians were called, once numbered as many as 200,000 in the St. Louis area. That proposed area is certainly the nesting place of some of these people.

In enclosin, an area bird report I do for the Webster Groves Nature Study Society. It will demonstrate our members frequent use and continued interest in Horseshoe Lake and adjacent wetlands.

Sincerely

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North American Butterfly Association
St. Louis Chapter

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The St. Louis Chapter of NABA, a non-profit organization, is working to promote the public enjoyment and conservation of butterflies in the St. Louis area. Please join us in these efforts.



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The objectives of the society are: To stimulate interest in nature study on the part of adults and children; to cooperate with other organizations in nature study; to encourage amateur research in the natural sciences; to promote conservation of wildlife and natural beauty. Open to all with an interest in nature.

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AUGUST BIRD REPORT 2007

Jim Ziebol & Yvonne Homeyer

Introduction: This a response to our newsletter editor's comments about Rachel Carson and her life's work. The Xerces Society is an organization dedicated to invertebrate conservation, particularly pollinators. Its members include Thomas Eisner, E. O. Wilson, Paul Ehrlich, Robert Michael Pyle, Jeffrey Glassberg, and their current present May Berenbaum. Dr. Berenbaum is a biologist and entomologist at the Univ. of Illinois, Champagne-Urbana. Quoting her from the Spring 2004 issue of *Wings*, "Synthetic pesticides, for example, target basic physiological processes but are so crudely nonspecific in their application that, each year pesticide use results in about 22 million human poisonings and 220,000 fatalities worldwide. By one estimate, the environmental and public health costs of pesticides exceed \$9 Billion a year in the United States alone." Dr. Berenbaum has testified before Congress on these matters. Several recent authorities have published the fact that we've lost 70% of the Neotropical migrant songbirds since the 1960s. For the first time ever, in my backyard, the Robins and Cardinals failed to fledge young, due to the fact that there aren't any insects to feed the young.

Undoubtedly the best birds of August was an adult Rufous Hummingbird that briefly visited Kraig Paradise's yard in north County.

Sightings: Mike Pinnell reported 6 Common Moorhens at HL on 8/14. Two Blue-winged Teal were seen at HL on 8/15 (FH) and one was seen at Riverlands on 8/26 (JU). The first Shoveler to appear this fall was at HL on 8/23 (FH). On 8/25, 5 Avocets were seen at very close range at the HL Causeway (m. ob.). A Willet, seen at Alta Villa on 8/30, was a good find for Connie Alwood. On 8/28, a Red Knot, 3 Ruddy Turnstones, and a Black-bellied Plover were also seen at Alta Villa (CM). A visit to Riverlands on 8/29 produced 2 Sanderlings, 12 Black Terns, and a Least Tern. Three Buff-breasted Sandpipers were seen near Keeteman Road on 8/6 (CM). The Thursday Group paid a visit to the Hwy. 79 corridor on 8/9 and found Pectorals, Semipalmated Plover, Yellowlegs, Spotted Sandpiper, Killdeer, peeps and a Buff-breasted (J Chain). On 8/19, Frank Holmes located a Caspian Tern at HL. Forster's Terns, Black Terns, and 12 Caspian Terns were found at Riverlands on 8/26 (JU). Four Least Terns were seen at the HL Causeway on 8/24 (FH). A trip to CL on 8/25 produced 4 apparent Least Terns and 5 Caspian Terns (J Chain). The Thursday Group located an Osprey and 2 Loggerhead Shrikes at CL on 8/23 (J Chain). Jackie and Jane Allen also found a Mississippi Kite in Maplewood on 8/25. A pair of kites was seen throughout August in Brentwood (YH).

On 8/23, a male Rufous Hummingbird was briefly observed at a feeder in Kraig Paradise's yard in north county. Throughout the end of August, up to 6 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were seen in his garden. Flocks of Nighthawks were reported, with 20 in Clayton on 8/24 (J Cook) and about 50 in University City on 8/25 (MT). Clarence Zacher reported 2 immature Red-headed Woodpeckers, a Kingbird, and a Kestrel in FP on 8/26. Two calling Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were reported at Cuiivre River SP on 8/9 (J Chain). As many as 25 Fish Crows were flocking along Bend Road on 8/26 (FH). A Sedge Wren was located at HL on July 31 (FH). Kraig and Mark Paradise carried out a

Bluebird Project at North County Recreational Area, and 10 Bluebirds fledged there in August. On 8/24, a Plumbeous Vireo was seen in TGP (CA, Sue Schoening, m. ob.) This is only the second Plumbeous Vireo observed in TGP. On 8/31, a male Golden-winged Warbler appeared in TGP (Lori Vitt, RAB). On 8/24, a Worm-eating Warbler was videotaped at close range at Young C.A. (JZ). The Saturday Group reported Redstart, Canada Warbler, Chestnut-sided, Ovenbird, Red-eyed Vireo, and Blue-headed Vireo at TGP on 8/25 (D Becher). A female Mourning Warbler and a Blue-winged Warbler were seen in TGP on 8/26 (J Chain, RW). On 8/30, 13 species of warblers were present in TGP, including a female Black-throated Blue (PB, LJ). A Lark Sparrow was found at the first parking lot at MTC on 8/5 (JZ). A White-throated Sparrow, seen by Mike Brady at CSP on 8/4, was either a post-breeding dispersal bird or an injured bird that didn't migrate out.

A typical day at CSP on 8/8 included several Indigo Buntings, Common Yellowthroat, House Wren, Scarlet Tanager, Summer Tanager, 3 Kentucky, and Yellow-throated Vireo; 2 White-eyed Vireos were drinking at pools along Kiefer Creek (MB). Castlewood State Park is one of our finest areas for breeding birds.

Back Yard Birds: On 8/1, an adult Crow brought 2 young to Jim Ziebol's yard; these are the first crows seen in his neighborhood in several years. A Sharp-shinned Hawk flew over Mike Thelen's yard on 8/7. On 8/22, Margy Terpstra saw her first fall migrants – a Redstart and a Canada Warbler. Tina Weyman saw a possible N. Parula there that day.

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Abbreviations: BCA, Busch Conservation Area; CC, Clarence Cannon NWR; CL, Carlyle Lake; CSP, Castlewood State Park; CB, Columbia Bottoms; FP, Forest Park; HL, Horseshoe Lake; LP, Lafayette Park; LCCL, Little Creve Coeur Lake; MTC, Marais Temps Clair; RMBS, Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, SNR, Shaw Nature Reserve, TGP, Tower Grove Park.