



Tom Coffey (left), president, Naples Orchid Society, and George McBath, ornithologist, provided in-depth information at the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program workshops on working with orchids and bird species often found on Florida golf courses.

## AUDUBON COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAM WORKSHOPS

In November 2002, the USGA Green Section worked with Audubon International to host four one-day workshops in Florida to promote active participation in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP). Many courses take the first step to join the program but fail to complete the documentation necessary to achieve certification. The workshops were designed to help superintendents begin completing the first certification category: site assessment and environmental planning.

Over the course of the four days, 150 people took time to spend the day learning about environmental education on the golf course. Approximately 90% of the participants had registered for the ACSP but had failed to take the next step of submitting their environmental plan. Invited speakers, Audubon International staff, and Green Section staff presented examples of various projects taking place on golf courses actively participating in the ACSP. Audubon staff spent the afternoon working with the superintendents to take them through completing their site assessment and environmental plan. After the workshop, participants needed only to return to their golf course to fill in the specifics about their property and submit their paperwork. Effectiveness of the workshop and follow-through of the participants will be measured in following the workshops.

The Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, administered by Audubon International, is designed to help golf courses play a significant role in enhancing and protecting wildlife habitats and natural resources, while reducing environmental risks. There is much to be proud of since the first golf courses joined the program in 1991. Today, 2,094 courses throughout the United States are enrolled, 954 have become certified in one or more categories, and 408 have achieved designation as Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries by implementing and documenting a full complement of conservation activities in six categories.

## WHITE PRESENTED SERVICE AWARD

Karen White received the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association Distinguished Service Award at their Annual Meeting on November 3, 2002. Karen served as Executive Director of the GGCSA from 1989 to 2002 before joining the USGA Green Section staff in 2002 as an administrative assistant in the Mid-Continent Region. Her husband, Bud White, works as a regional agronomist in the Mid-Continent Region, covering the southern half of the region.

## PHYSICAL SOIL TESTING LABORATORIES

The following laboratories are accredited by the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA), having demonstrated ongoing competency in testing materials specified in the USGA's Recommendations for Putting Green Construction. The USGA recommends that only A2LA-accredited laboratories be used for testing and analyzing materials for building greens according to our guidelines.

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