This guide has been created to educate and promote better awareness of the environmental aspects of our course and this property. As you enjoy your round of golf, please note the following programs and practices that have been implemented to help further protect and enhance the environmental benefits of the golf course:

Tree snags are left standing when they pose no safety hazard to golfers. These snags are important for cavity nesting birds such as woodpeckers.

A variety of nest boxes have also been placed around the golf course to attract purple martins, bluebirds, and bats. All of these consume large numbers of insects and in particular, mosquitoes. They will help us reduce our reliance on chemical control treatments to some degree.

Native plants are utilized in landscaping of the golf course to provide habitat and food sources for wildlife, as well as reduce maintenance inputs and aid in water conservation in out of play areas.

Aquatic and shoreline plantings are important for minimizing the potential for pesticide and fertilizer runoff, as well as bank stabilization. Furthermore, aquatic plant material improves water quality, is important for wildlife habitat and is an aesthetic highlight.

Please be aware that the wetland areas between the 5th and 7th holes and the 12th and 13th holes are extremely sensitive sites. Their boundaries are designated by the green topped stakes, and in accordance with USGA Rules, a local rule is in effect. Please see the scorecard for exactly how the local rule applies. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation in not searching for errant shots that go into these sensitive areas.

It would also be pointed out that eradication of weeds and other pest organisms is economically and environmentally impossible. Thus, a management philosophy of establishing and maintaining an acceptable level of control is being practiced as part of our Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program. We hope that golfers will understand and accept a little more pest activity and weeds in the out of play deep rough areas of the course.

Furthermore, the computerized irrigation system allows conservation of water by only applying supplemental irrigation in accordance with the needs of the turf. We encourage you to become aware of these practices and to even implement them at your own home. If you have any questions or if we can be of assistance, please call the maintenance facility and speak to the golf course superintendent. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST AND ENJOY YOUR DAY AT THE GOLF COURSE!**
The TPC of Michigan incorporates a nature guide into its scorecard, pointing out specific wildlife to be found on each hole. The wildlife guide for the back nine is enlarged below a reduced version of the entire front side of the scorecard.

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