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Collier's Reserve Country Club

First Audubon Cooperative "Signature" Sanctuary

Collier's Reserve e is a 448 acre residential and golf community designed, constructed, and maintained to very high environmental standards. In 1994, it was awarded the first Audubon Cooperative "Signature" Sanchuary Status for mccting Audubon International's strict criteria. The property is now an international showcase as a "Signature" Sanctuary.

What is Audubon Signature Sanctuary Status?

"Signature" status is awarded only to new-communities which are designed and constructed according to Audubon International's precise planning standards and environmental disciplines. It reflects a strong commitment to the eco-systems and is considered the highest rating achievable by Audubon International. The "Signature" Sanctuary program is available in the [United States and Canada. More than 30 communities are seeking the "Signature designation and to date. only three communities have c earned it -- ('Collier's Reserve was the first designated Signature' Sanctuary.

What is Audubon International?

It is a non-profit environmental organization that specializes in sustainable natural resource management It conducts environmental research, and offers education and conservation assistance to help people improve the quality of the environment.

Our Goal

Collier's Reserve's goal is to preserve and enhance the existing plant and wildlife habitat on the property In addition. We see}' to educate our members, residents and the local community about habitat enhancement and preservation as well as take a proactive and positive approach to sustainable development.

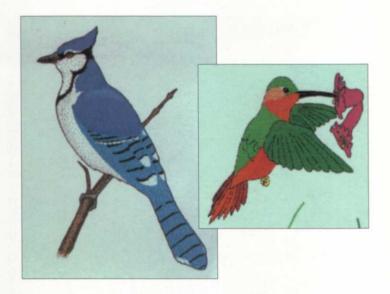
Five Areas of Concentration

Collier's Reserve e has focused on five specific criteria in order to achieve "Signature status. Those five areas are:

- Wildlife Conservation bird nest box program. special wildlife traffic signs, etc.
- Habitat Enhancement brush piles from downed and trimmed trees: native plants installed. restored and preserved
- Waste Management recycle glass plastic, aluminum; nest boxes made from discarded PVC pipe and 100% postconsumer, recycled plastic.
- **Energy Efficiency** Efficient air conditioners, white building and tinted outside windows to reflect heat away. T8 ballasts on lighting (the most energy efficient) and sky lights to minimize use of electric lights.
- Water Conservation Prescription irrigation (the strategic location of sprinkler heads to minimize water use) is used
 to irrigate the golf turf only. as native vegetation requires no watering once it is established. All irrigation is done with
 effluent (re-uscd water) and recycled water is used in all maintenance activities.



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Things you can do at home

- Put up a nest box for birds
- Set up a bird feeder
- Provide a water source for wildlife drinking and bathing
- Plant trees and shrubs that produce seeds, nuts and berries as a food source
- Plant flowers that produce nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies
- Create a brush pile for small animals as habitat
- Record what you see -- make a list of all birds and animals that visit your yard
- Draw what you see
- Make leaf prints -- paste a leaf on paper
- · Collect one leaf from each tree or shrub and find out what it is
- Investigate your neighborhood -- discover wildlife habitats
- Look at your trash -- find ways to recycle and cut back on waste

Commit to being an environmental steward! Join the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Backyards. The program provides information and guidance to help you turn your home backyard into a sanctuary. You will get a packet of materials to help you get started and you will receive *Field Notes*—the bimonthly Cooperative Sanctuary newsletter. The newsletter will also provide you with new ideas and suggestions for fun conservation activities that you can do right at home. For more information contact Audubon International, 46 Rarick Road, Selkirk, NY 12158; 518-767-9051



