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## **Santa Barbara Golf Club Joins Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System**

Santa Barbara, CA--The Santa Barbara Golf Club has received certification in Environmental Planning from the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), an international program administered by Audubon International designed to help landowners preserve and enhance the environmental quality of their property. This program also provides an advisory service to help existing golf courses develop effective conservation and wildlife enhancement programs. By participating in the ACSS, the Golf Club will be involved in projects that enhance habitat for wildlife and preserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community. Projects include placing nesting boxes for cavity-nesting birds such as bluebirds and swallows; utilizing integrated pest management techniques, conserving water and maintaining food and cover for wildlife.

“The open space of a golf course is utilized not only by golfers, but is habitat for a variety of wildlife species,” explains Jeremy Taylor, Staff Ecologist for Audubon International. “We welcome the Santa Barbara Golf Club’s commitment to the environment and to managing the golf course with wildlife in mind.”

For information on the Santa Barbara Golf Club, go to [www.sbgolf.com](http://www.sbgolf.com) or call 687-7087.