

## Walden Ponds, Boulder, Colorado





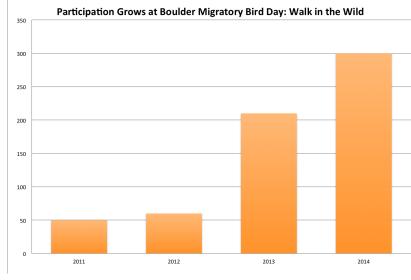


Over the past four years, Environment for the Americas has coordinated an International Migratory Bird Day: Walk in the Wild environmental education event that engages local families in conservation. Walk in the Wild raises funds for bird and other wildlife habitat restoration at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat. During this family friendly event, participants take part in guided bird walks, activities at education stations, create bird-focused crafts, and win some great prizes in our raffle!

## 2014 Accomplishments

### Increased participation numbers over the year

- Over 300 participants of all ages enjoyed outdoor activities and learned about local conservation issues.
- Participants donated over \$1,400 for habitat restoration at Walden Ponds. Since 2011, we have contributed over \$4,400 for projects at Walden Ponds.



Partnered with local science & nature organizations & engaged new visitors at one of the county's important sites for birds

#### We surveyed participants & learned:

- 69% came to the event with family members
- 58% had never been to a bird focused event
- 84% had been to an event at Walden Ponds before

## **Habitat Restoration**



Walden Ponds, once a gravel pit, is now part of Boulder County Open Space and is one of Boulder's most important wetland habitats. We have focused on restoring Walden Ponds because this recovering wetlands hosts hundreds of species of local and migratory birds.

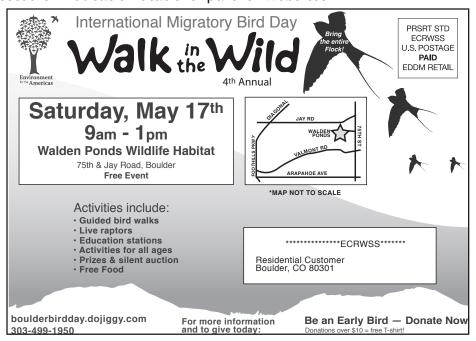
In 2014, we raised \$1,400 making our total contribution to the restoration at Walden Ponds over \$4,400. These funds support the purchase of wildflowers, willows, and cottonwoods that are important to nesting and migrating birds. All of these donations come from the youth and adults who join the event.

Special thanks to our \$100+ donors: Steve Frye Vanessa Hetzel

## **Promotional Materials**

#### PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS INCLUDED

- Four sponsored ads in the Boulder Daily Camera
- Mailing to 1,300 households in the area around Walden Ponds
- Tabling at other events including a CAEE conference, the Boulder County Farmer's Market, and attending a local school to hand out fliers
- Listings online on local event calendars
- Emails distributed to past participants, Education Station partner constituents, City of Boulder Open Space list, Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education member groups
- Live links posted on Education Stations partner websites







Walk in the Wild fliers, in both English and Spanish

Some of our favorite comments about the event include:

Mommy, let's go find some more birds! (a newly engaged birdwatcher)

Thank you guys so much for putting on a wonderful event! It was great fun for our who family and we will definitely attend again next year (Mom of two)

Thank you for hosting such a fun event. My scout had a great day helping and my daughter enjoyed all the activities! (Parent)



The crowd gathers for a live bird demonstraion by *Nature's Educators* 

Participants comparing their wingspan to bird's wingspans!

One of our various education stations, hosted by Wild Bird Centers, with

### Contact us!

Have questions about the event? Would you like to be a sponsor next year?

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