



In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will understand only what we understand, and we will know only what we are taught.

— Baba Dioum



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

BLANDING'S TURTLE

Emydoidea blandingii

Threatened

This medium-sized, semi-aquatic turtle is easy to see at a distance because of its unique bright yellow neck and chin. The upper shell is brown-black with yellow streaks. An adult turtle grows to about 8-10 inches and can weigh up to 3 pounds. They prefer to live in grassy marshes with shallow water. Disappearing wetlands due to land development is the main reason for the turtle's decline. It is listed as endangered in Indiana and Missouri, and threatened in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.
- Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds.
Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.
- Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.
- Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.
- Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.
- Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.
- Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.
- Eat Organic Foods.
- Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.
- Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!
- Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.





*In wildness is the
preservation of the world.*

— Henry David Thoreau



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

BLACKNOSE SHINER

Notropis heterolepis

Endangered

The blacknose shiner is a small minnow species, growing to only 2.5 inches long. It lives in small creeks and in the weedy shallows of lakes and ponds. Like some of the other blackstripe minnows, it is becoming rare due to loss of habitat and deteriorating water quality.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Conserve Habitats** – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.
Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds.
Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.
 - Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.**
 - Use Alternative Energy**, such as a hybrid car and solar power.
 - Take Public Transportation.** Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.
 - Save Energy** by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.
 - Buy Products Made Without** the use of Chlorine.
 - Eat Organic Foods.**
 - Join An Organization** that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.
 - Make Your Voice Heard**, get out and vote!
- Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.*



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.



7 18122-92080 8

*It is good to realize that if love and peace
can prevail on earth, and if we can teach our
children to honor nature's gifts, the joys and
beauties of the outdoors will be here forever.*

— Jimmy Carter



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

HAY-SCENTED FERN

Demstaedtia punctilobula

Endangered

This species of fern is native to eastern North America, and is becoming increasingly rare in the western part of its range. It is a delicate looking fern which emits the smell of fresh cut hay when its leaves are crushed. It will grow to 40 inches.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.

Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds.

Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.

Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.

Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.

Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.

Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.

Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.

Eat Organic Foods.

Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.

Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!

Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Healdberg USA, Inc.



8



*All things share the same breath - the
beast, the tree, the man, the air shares its
spirit with all the life it supports.*

— Chief Seattle



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

SANDHILL CRANE

Grus canadensis

Threatened

This majestic species of bird has a wingspan of 7 feet, and is thought to be over 2.5 million years old. These birds prefer open fresh-water wetlands, but different subspecies will also use bogs, sedge meadows, fens and open grass-land. The need to protect breeding and migratory land is essential for this bird's continued preservation.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.
 - Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds.
 - Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.
 - Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.
 - Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.
 - Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.
 - Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.
 - Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.
 - Eat Organic Foods.
 - Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.
 - Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!
- Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.*



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.



7 18122-92080 8



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

MOUNTAIN BLUE-EYED GRASS

Sisyrinchium montanum *Endangered*

This species is a member of the iris family and has violet-blue, star-like flowers. It's a grass-like plant that grows between 6-15 inches in small clumps. While common in parts of it's range this flower is endangered in Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey and Ohio.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.

Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds. Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.

Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.

Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.

Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.

Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.

Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.

Eat Organic Foods.

Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.

Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!

Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.

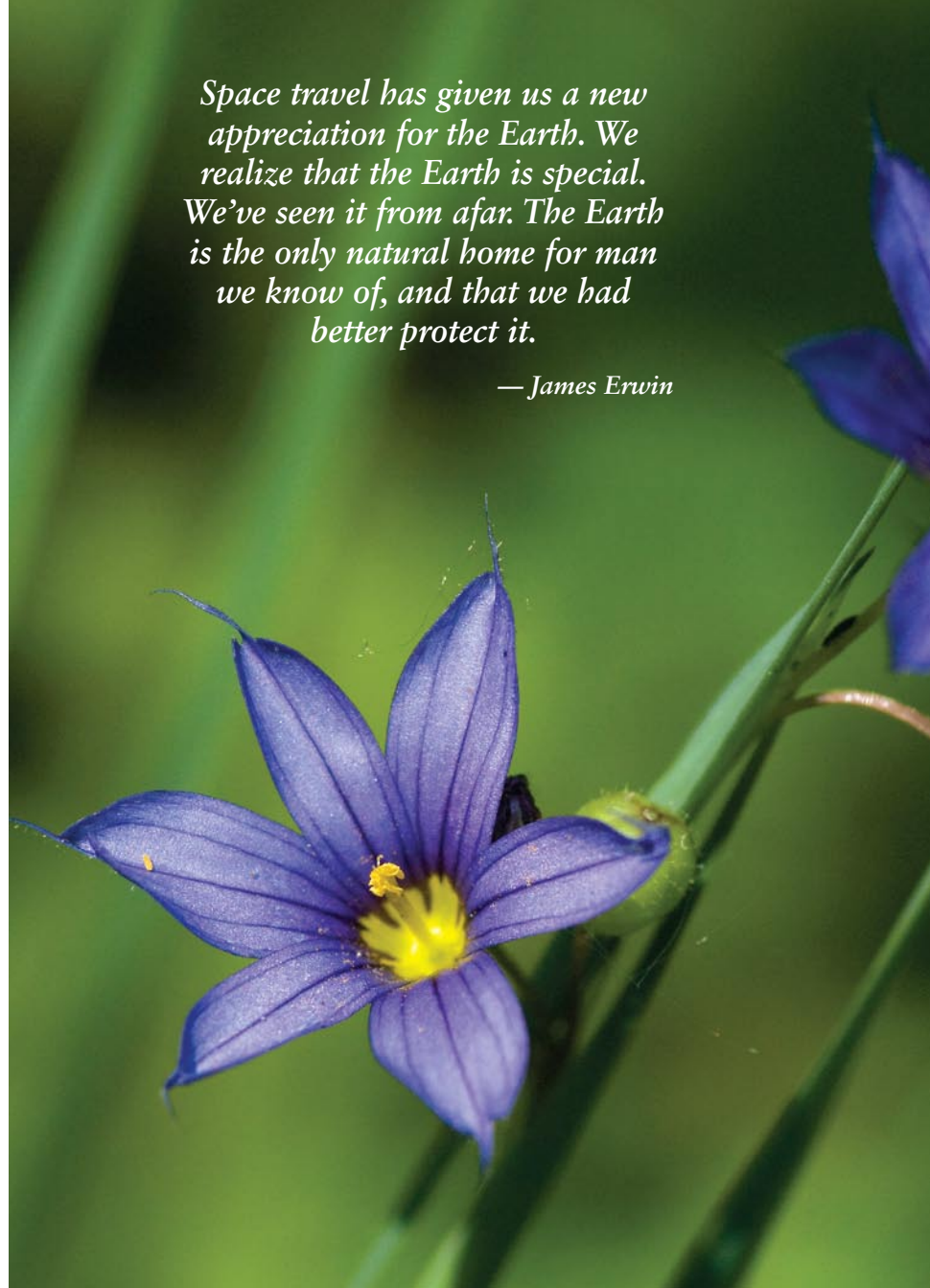


CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY 7 18122 92080 8

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.

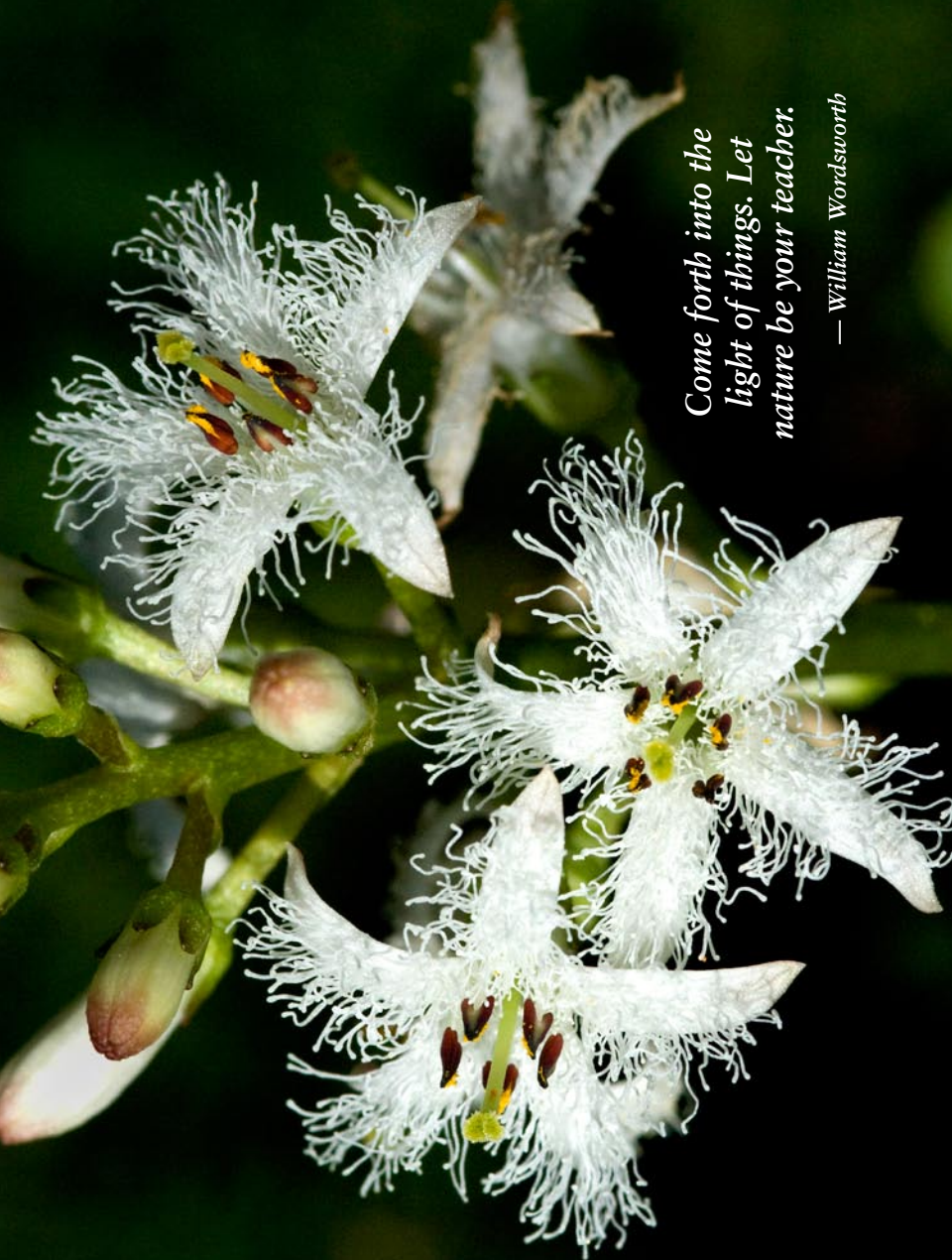
Space travel has given us a new appreciation for the Earth. We realize that the Earth is special. We've seen it from afar. The Earth is the only natural home for man we know of, and that we had better protect it.

—James Erwin



— William Wordsworth

*Come forth into the
light of things. Let
nature be your teacher.*



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

BOG BUCKBEAN

Menyanthes trifoliata *Threatened*

Fascinating feathery flowers adorn this perennial bog and wetland plant. It grows to 12 inches tall and blooms in the spring. It has a large range but is declining in some areas, most likely due to habitat degradation.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.

Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds. Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.

Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.

Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.

Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.

Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.

Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.

Eat Organic Foods.

Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.

Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!

Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.



7 18122 92080 8



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

DECURRENT FALSE ASTER

Boltonia decurrens *Federally Threatened*

This floodplain perennial is native to the Illinois River Valley. It is one of the rarest native species in this area. Plant populations have been reduced due to habitat destruction and modification. Construction of dams, locks and levees along the river has altered the natural flood cycles, causing either excessive or insufficient water levels for the plant to survive. A member of the Aster family, its light pink to lavender blooms can be seen from August to October. It can grow over 6 feet tall.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.

Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds.
Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.

Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.

Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.

Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.

Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.

Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.

Eat Organic Foods.

Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.

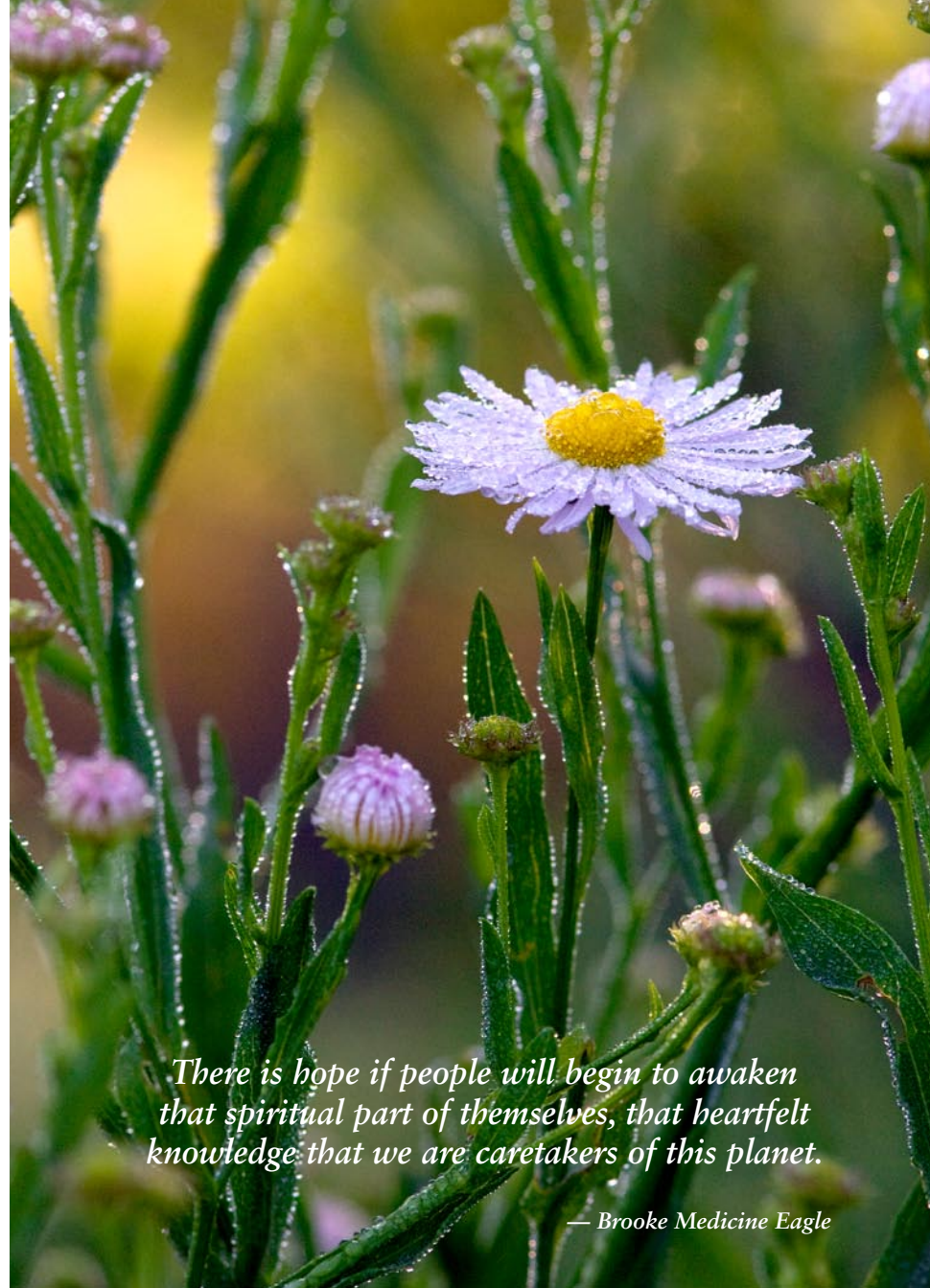
Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!

Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY 7 18122 92080 8

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.



There is hope if people will begin to awaken that spiritual part of themselves, that heartfelt knowledge that we are caretakers of this planet.

— Brooke Medicine Eagle



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

GRASS PINK ORCHID

Calopogon tuberosus Endangered

This orchid is native to the eastern United States. It is endangered in Illinois, Kentucky, and Maryland, and as “exploitably vulnerable” in New York. It has unique 1.5 inch pink flowers that bloom late spring or summer depending on its location. The presence of this orchid (as well as other orchids) is an indicator of high-quality natural areas. Most species of calopogon frequent wet and sunny swales, bogs, and edges of marshy areas. They associate with ferns, sedges, grasses and forbs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.

Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds. Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.

Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.

Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.

Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.

Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.

Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.

Eat Organic Foods.

Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.

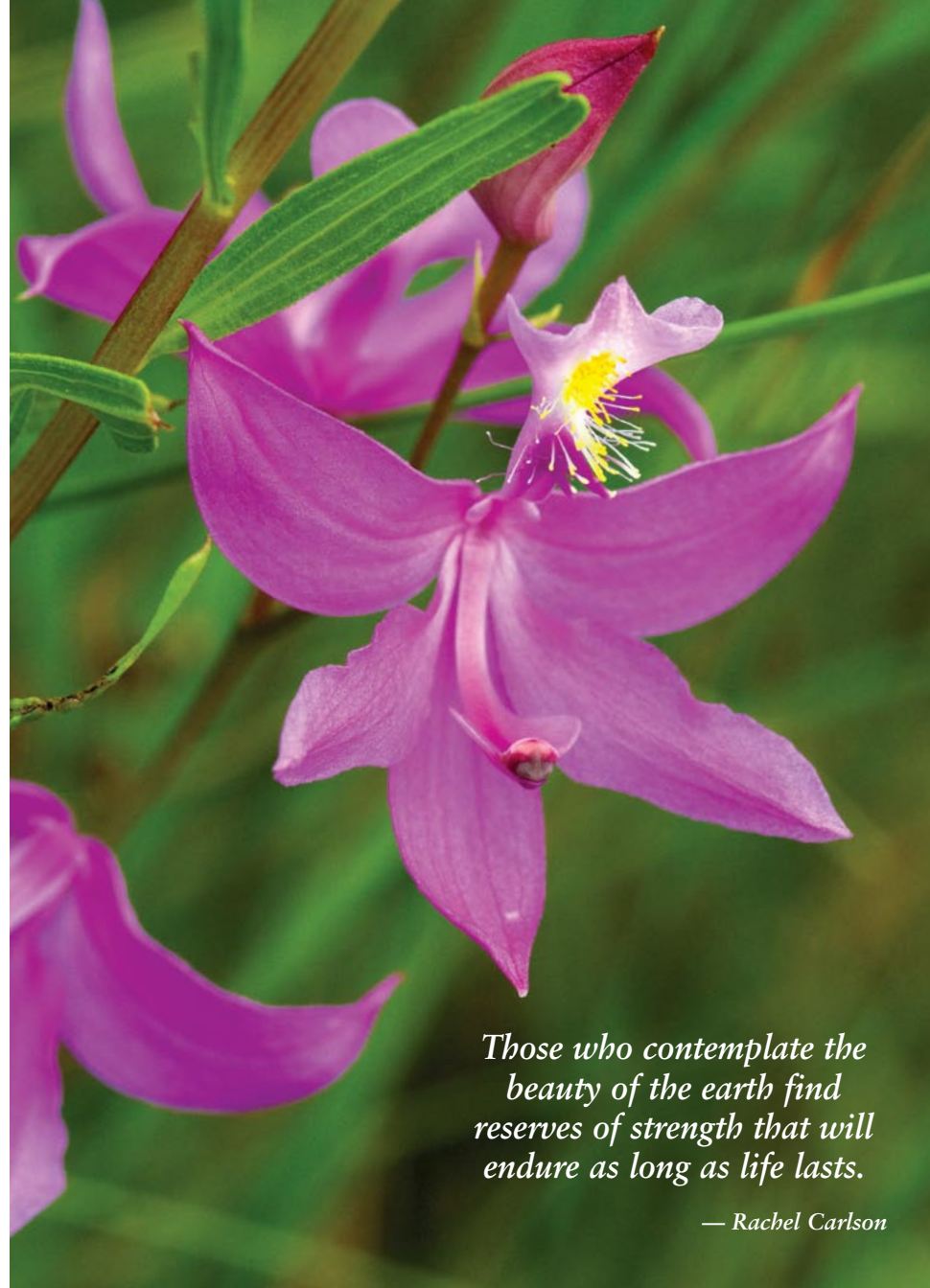
Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!

Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY 7 18122 92080 8

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.



Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.

— Rachel Carlson



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

SMALL WHITE LADY'S SLIPPER ORCHID

Cypripedium candidum *Threatened*

This orchid is found in wet prairies and fens, in rich, highly calcareous (alkaline) soils. *Cypripedium candidum* grows to a height of 4 to 10 inches tall. The 1 inch white slipper-like blooms can be seen from May to June. Populations of this plant have become rare and isolated, as much of its former habitat has been converted for agriculture and development. Unlike most orchids, it likes full sun as long as its roots stay cool and moist.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.

Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds. Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.

Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.

Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.

Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.

Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.

Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.

Eat Organic Foods.

Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.

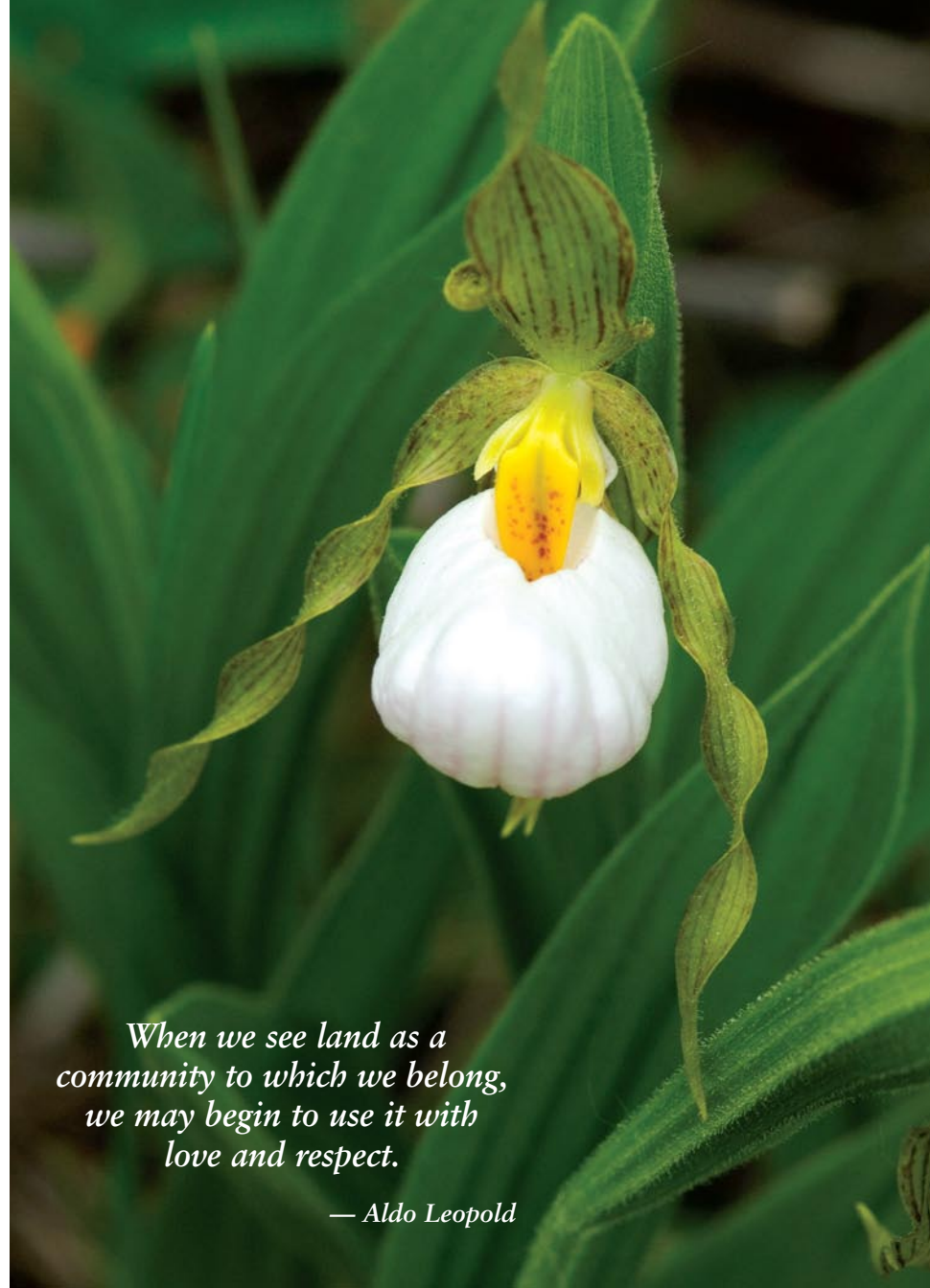
Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!

Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY 7 18122 92080 8

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.



*When we see land as a
community to which we belong,
we may begin to use it with
love and respect.*

— Aldo Leopold



The mission of Team Green Environmental Network is to educate, enlighten and inspire people to make the everyday choices that create a greener planet. Using compelling nature photography and informational graphics, Team Green communicates the important environmental issues of the day and offers ways for people to contribute to the health of the planet. To learn how you can help the environment and preserve endangered species visit www.teamgreenweb.org.

LAKESIDE DAISY

Hymenoxys herbacea

Federally Threatened

This bright, yellow flower is found in dry and rocky prairie grasslands underlain by limestone. It is named for Lakeside, Ohio, one of its best known sites. Limestone quarrying, which has increased in recent years, destroys the daisy's habitat. Collectors also pose a threat, as it is found in just a handful of sites. Fire suppression practices have eliminated the wildfires which once regularly cleared prairie grasslands of encroaching woods. Now the expansion of shrubs and trees threatens the daisy, which needs full sun to survive.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

Conserve Habitats – one of the most important ways to help threatened plants and animals survive is to protect their habitats permanently in national parks, nature reserves or wilderness areas.

Make Space For Wildlife – build a bird feeder and establish a birdbath for the neighborhood birds. Plant trees and plants that are native to your area.

Recycle, Reduce, & Reuse.

Use Alternative Energy, such as a hybrid car and solar power.

Take Public Transportation. Walk or ride bicycles rather than using a car.

Save Energy by turning off lights, radios and the TV when not in use.

Buy Products Made Without the use of Chlorine.

Eat Organic Foods.

Join An Organization that Supports Local Nature, like Team Green.

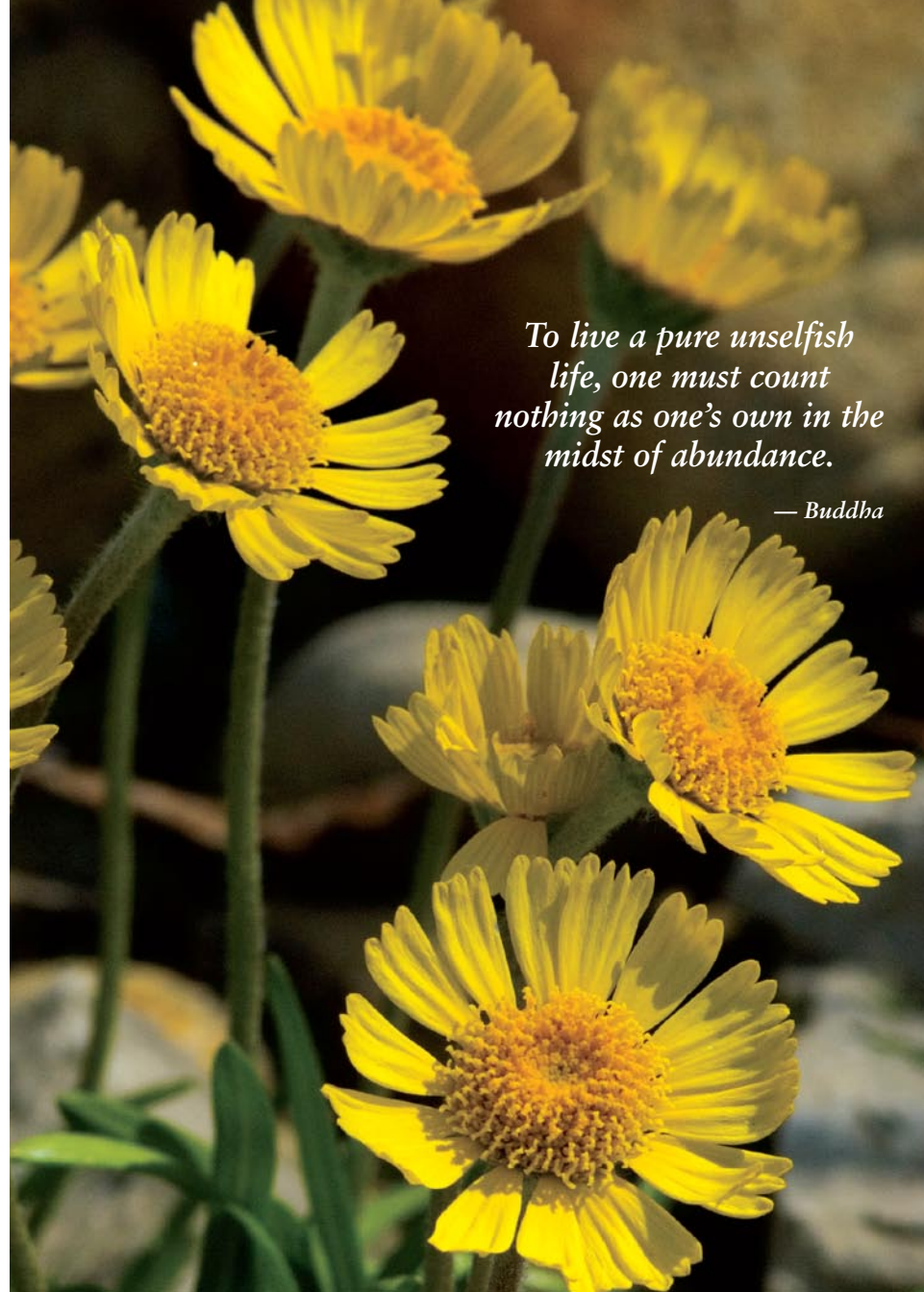
Make Your Voice Heard, get out and vote!

Enjoy the nature that is around you and share your experience with others.



CAROL FREEMAN PHOTOGRAPHY 7 18122 92080 8

Photograph ©2009 Carol Freeman, www.carolfreemanphotography.com. • Printed by Heidelberg USA, Inc.



To live a pure unselfish life, one must count nothing as one's own in the midst of abundance.

— Buddha