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Field Guide Author Kenn Kauffman, Giant Puppets of River Creatures of the Past, and Tales of Eagles & Prehistoric Fish highlight Detroit River Program

Sat. March 26, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Detroit Audubon Society's Annual Conservation Program will celebrate the Detroit River this year from Cobo Hall, in a room that looks out through plate glass picture windows at the Detroit River. The event is cosponsored by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy and DTE Energy. Kenn Kauffman, noted field guide author, will premiere his new presentation on birds and rivers, Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge Manager John Hartig will regale us with tales about the return of the Detroit River's Megafauna (including a fish that dates from prehistoric times), Caleb Putnam who coordinates Michigan's Important Bird Area (IBA) Program will talk about why the Detroit River has been designated an IBA, then as a finale the Matrix Theater Company will present Ghost Waters a play with people and giant (and some small) puppets bringing to life the creatures of the ghost waters (tributary streams and wetlands of the Detroit River that have been covered over) leaving us with hope for the future. An optional walk to Milliken State Park on the riverwalk will put the caper on the event. A luncheon will be served, and there will be a silent auction, raffle, and exhibits from environmental groups and businesses.

The program including the luncheon is \$35 for members of any Audubon Society or Chapter and \$45 for non-members (you can become a member at this event). Go to Detroit Audubon's website at www.detroitaudubon.org download the registration form, fill it out and send it in, or call 248-354-5804 from Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to register by phone. Register early so you won't miss out. Registration must be in by the close of business on Friday March 18. For more information call 248-354-5804 or 313-928-2950.