

EDGE Case Study

Wildlife Viewing

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“Bird Cam” is an educational, inexpensive and fun way to promote wildlife awareness

Royal Oaks Country Club is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary and 18-hole traditional-style golf course located on 150 acres. Twelve of these acres are dedicated natural areas for wildlife enhancement. In the spring of 2005, the club’s Audubon committee approved a bird cam project to monitor the arrival and nesting habits of swallows.

Purpose of the project:

- Provide basic education on birds and the stewardship efforts of the club
- Promote member involvement in regard to wildlife
- Promote awareness of wildlife on the property
- Inform club members of the programs instituted through the club’s Audubon membership
- Complement the 28 existing bird boxes that are located throughout the property

“Getting golfers and their families involved and interested in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary program at Royal Oaks Country Club became much easier when we installed the bird cam and monitor for viewing. We had so many positive comments from members and staff. I can’t imagine not continuing this project and perfecting the equipment as much as we are able.”

– Donna and Gerald Schwanke, ROCC Audubon Committee



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