



**THIRD  
ANNUAL AUDUBON SC SWALLOW-TAILED KITE SURVEY  
APRIL 17-20, 2009**

The Swallow-tailed Kite is an endangered-species in South Carolina and considered a species of highest conservation concern throughout its breeding range in North America. It has been recently added to the Audubon/Birdlife International/Partners In Flight WatchList.

Last year the survey was conducted by canoes, kayaks and motorized boats by Audubon SC staff and volunteers on the Edisto, Santee (including Wambaw Creek) and Black (including Black Mingo Creek) Rivers. The survey will expand this year to include sections of the Savannah and Waccamaw Rivers. If you would like **volunteer** one of the four days to survey a section of one of the rivers, please contact:

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It would be helpful if you have a boat, but if you do not, it is possible to borrow one. Start watching for the magnificent kites in late March and watch for them through the summer and report any sightings to the STKI Hotline toll free 1-888-296-4732 or the website <http://www.thecenterforbirdsofprey.org/>. Your participation will help the SC Working Group for Swallow-tailed Kites monitor Swallow-tailed Kite distribution, identify important nesting and foraging areas, and promote conservation of this important species and their habitats.