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MEDIA ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Take a Wildflower Walk at Otis Sanctuary

Goldenrod, asters and more are expected to be in bloom when Michigan Audubon holds a *Wildflower Walk* at the Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary on Saturday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m. Volunteer naturalist Greg Nelson will lead participants on a 2-hour walk through Otis Sanctuary while he points out the many different species of wildflowers that grow on the Sanctuary property.

Registration for the walk is required and can be done by calling the Michigan Audubon office before Friday, September 3 at 517-886-9144. After 5:00 p.m. on the 3rd, registration can be done by calling the sanctuary at 269-948-5777. The program fee is \$2 per person; Michigan Audubon members and children under the age of 12 can participate for free. The program will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Participants are requested to meet at the red barn on the sanctuary property. Recommended attire is long pants, good walking shoes, and a hat. Sunscreen and bug repellent is also recommended. Participants should bring a camera with them and a field guide if available.

Otis Farm Bird Sanctuary is located at 3560 Havens Road, approximately seven miles southwest of Hastings.

For additional information on this program or the many other programs and events of Michigan Audubon, contact Wendy Tatar at 517-886-9144 or e-mail her at wendy@michiganaudubon.org.