



PINEHURST CENTENNIAL # 8

PINEHURST, NORTH CAROLINA

Natural Region: Southeastern Plains

Watershed: Upper St. Johns

The sandhill uplands of Moore County in south central North Carolina, provides the setting for the 350-acre eighth Certified Audubon International Signature Sanctuary. Pinehurst Centennial # 8 is flanked by colorful wetlands that highlight plants such as switch cone, American spikenard, and sweet pepperbush. Wildlife includes red-tailed hawk, box turtle, cottonmouth, and pine barrens tree frog. The 18-hole golf course is among the first courses in the United States to become involved in the United States Fish and Wildlife Services Safe Harbor Program. The Safe Harbor Program is aimed at protecting endangered species through agreements between government and private landowners that provide greater land management flexibility overall in return for specific protective measures. In this case, the red-cockaded woodpecker is a federally listed endangered species and is endemic to the pine forest of the southeastern United States. Pinehurst # 8 became the first Certified Audubon International Signature Sanctuary in North Carolina on March 31, 1998.



Freshwater marshes, center of bird activity at Pinehurst # 8, are managed to promote the reestablishment of emergent herbaceous vegetation. Often seen in the marshes are herons, egrets, and a variety of duck species.