



## **BIGPOCKETS™ FIELD CLOTHING SPONSORS MBC**

**BIGPOCKETS™**—DAPHNE GEMMILL'S BRAND OF HIGH-TECH FIELD GEAR—helps to support bird and habitat conservation through an annual contribution to the Migratory Bird Conservancy. MBC is a partnership of birders, birding businesses, and the conservation community. The organization hopes to raise a half-million dollars annually from its sponsors to distribute in grants for use in habitat projects that benefit birds and the sport of birding.

Daphne, a long-time birder, a current director of the Association of Field Ornithologists, and a former director of the American Birding Association and Audubon Naturalist Society, says that helping to create a brighter future for birds was one of her goals in starting up BigPockets™ (www.bigpockets.com). Contributing to MBC, she says, also supports her own goals and gives her company great satisfaction.

Daphne originated her line of high-tech field clothing because she could never find what she needed for birding. The garments are made of high-performance textiles in synthetic fibers. They are manufactured and constructed to accommodate vigorous action with minimal rustling, to manage moisture, and to defend against the elements. The jackets, shorts, and pants are long-lasting. The clothes travel well and always look and feel good. Each garment features ample pockets for field guides (including David Sibley's extra-large new field guide), maps, binoculars, water bottle, camera, film, and all the other equipment needed for a day in the field. Although BigPockets'™ start-up was only in June 1999, several hundred customers are already wearing Daphne's clothing for activities in the temperate-zone, as well as in the Arctic, when layered with other clothes.

The BigPockets™ label is now gracing a second line of vests, shirts, and convertible pants/shorts—specially designed and constructed for field action in hot and humid places. Besides the new tropic wear, BigPockets™ offerings now feature hand-finished British woolens from Guernsey—the home island of Daphne's family. The BigPockets™ 2001 catalog includes field guides written and autographed by their author s—Kenn Kaufman, Bill Clark, Jon Dunn, Kimball Garrett, David Sibley, Bob Ridgely, and Paul Greenfield—an array of efficient high-tech field-birder accessories and gear, such as backpack, hats, socks, overshoes, inflatable kayak, portable chair, walkie-talkies, automatic opening and folding umbrella, software, insect repellents and nets, an "Introduce a Friend to Birding" package, lens cleaning kit, and much more.

"We're proud of our products," Daphne says, "both old and new. And equally proud of BigPockets'™ commitment to be a values-oriented, socially-responsible company. Sponsoring MBC is one way we can do that."

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