

Dear Friend of Audubon:

*What motivated women to crusade? Courage? Brashness? Naiveté?*

Our women environmental leaders based their stand on serious study of the issues, characterized by enthusiasm, optimism, and perseverance. Plus that firm conviction of the rightness of saving the living world. This issue includes some of the great women heroes of the environmental movement, and *I hope that their stories will inspire you.*

*Audubon women have played a leading and crucial role in the environmental movement in this country.*



Helen Engle

an investment in the future of Audubon which has benefited from their unique contributions.

*Many Audubon women were stimulated to action in their roles as grandmothers, aunts and mothers*

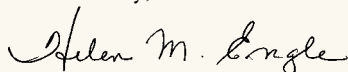
who wanted the young people in their realm to know the living world they had known, which they could see disappearing under development, pollution and desecration. Their eyes lit up and they went into action with the wonderful six words, “What can I do to help?”

From the stylish uppity women of Boston who took on the plume trade, to Mardie Murie who spent decades championing the wild nature of the North, to Margaret Owings sainted for her saving of sea otters, women in conservation have always had one thing in common – a love of the living world. Academicians, scientists, lawyers, teachers, business women have shared their talents, life-force energy, and sometimes their fortunes to bring about many wonderful success stories. Rachel Carson and Margery Stoneman Douglas have inspired a generation of women with their groundbreaking books.

*Please join me and the countless visionary, energetic, determined, remarkable women*

who have preceded us in ensuring that the work started by our sisters continues into the future. Please consider including a bequest in your will to the National Audubon Society. Look inside to find information on how to name Audubon in your plans, and where to get additional information. Thank you, in advance for your support.

Sincerely,



Helen Engle

*Note: Helen Engle is a founder and Past President of the Tahoma Audubon Society, Board Emeritus, National Audubon Society, member of the Audubon Council of Washington, and has received countless awards for her tireless efforts to protect our natural world.*

# Make a Bequest to Audubon...

Mrs. Louis Agassiz, one of the first Vice Presidents of Massachusetts Audubon 🐦 **Mary Lee Archer**

🐦 Marie Aull donated 195 acres creating the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm and established an endowment ensuring environmental education to four decades of children

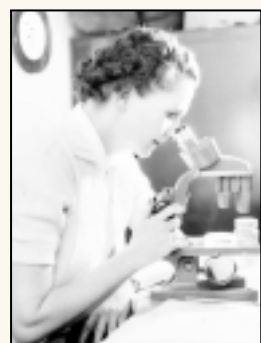
🐦 **Mollie Beattie**, first female Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation in Vermont and first female Director of US Fish and Wildlife

🐦 Millicent Todd Bingham, donor of Todd Wildlife Sanctuary, Maine 🐦 **Helen Black**, longtime supporter of environmental projects in Ohio 🐦 Tris Booth

🐦 **Elizabeth Boyer**, Dorothy Boyer Foundation 🐦 Frances Breed, the first director of Audubon's population program 🐦 **Carol Browner**,

Chair of the Board, National Audubon Society, former EPA Administrator 🐦 Fran Buchholzer, former Director of the Ohio Department of

Natural Resources and co-founder of the Ohio League of Conservation Voters



Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library

Rachel Carson

🐦 **Harriett Bullitt**, Audubon Board member, received Audubon Medal in 2004 🐦 Rachel

Carson wrote the best seller, *Silent Spring*, in 1962, exposing the environmental costs of DDT, prompting Audubon to take the lead in her defense to reform the pesticide policy

🐦 **Meredith Ching** 🐦 Althea Wood Clark

Bequeathed her entire estate in 1993, creating Bent of the River Audubon Center

🐦 **Lula Coffey**, bird bander and songbird recorder, Mississippi

🐦 Reba Collins 🐦 **Anne Conover**, Anne was a pioneering conservationist who, in 1965, donated tidal wetlands to Audubon

and persuaded many of her like-minded neighbors to do the same, creating the Guilford Salt Meadows Sanctuary in eastern Connecticut

🐦 Frances A Cook, founder Mississippi Museum Natural

Science 🐦 **Mary Cooke** 🐦 Margaret Copeland, leader of Starkville Audubon chapter, Mississippi and advocate for Red-cockaded Woodpecker



Marie Aull

## Is Audubon In Your Planning?

### Transcending Generations From Cradle to Cradle

Audubon has touched the lives of birdwatchers for many generations. Hundreds of thousands of nature lovers – of all ages – have become conservationists. For 100 years, Audubon has nurtured friends of birds and other animals to become advocates of nature protection.

For many, Audubon has become like a family. We hope that every member of the Audubon family will decide to support Audubon's efforts beyond their lifetimes by including a bequest to Audubon in their wills, naming Audubon as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or insurance policy, or through a charitable gift annuity or other life income gift arrangements.

If you are like many Americans who want to support future generations of heirs and charities, you will probably think about your will or living trust. Making a bequest to Audubon will cost you nothing out-of-pocket during your lifetime.

Naming Audubon as beneficiary of just 1% of your estate can materialize into a very generous gift to support Audubon's conservation and education programs.

### When to Review the State of Your Estate?

Audubon members have commented that they review their estate plans before taking major travels. In addition to reviewing their gifts to children, grandchildren and their friends, these members also re-confirmed their bequest intentions to favorite charitable institutions, like Audubon. Other occasions to review estate plans include marriage, divorce, births, death, windfall, sale of house, and retirement.

Do you also know that some assets make better gifts to charity than to family members because of tax laws? Retirement plans are the most tax-disadvantaged asset after death, and they are an extremely expensive way to pass assets to heirs. Retirement plans only defer taxes during lifetime. After death, a bequest of retirement plan assets to your heirs will be subject to both income tax and estate tax, whereas other assets that you can leave to your heirs may be subject only to estate tax. A bequest of your retirement plans, or a percentage, to Audubon is a very smart and tax efficient way to support Audubon.



Anne Conover

# Endow the Legacy ...

✦ Erin Crotty, former Commissioner of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and Audubon Board member ✦ Grace DeLaet, conservationist Mono Lake ✦ Bix Demaree

✦ Bucky Dennerlein, Audubon Alaska ✦ Marjory Stoneman Douglas, "There are no other Everglades in the world. They are, they have always been, one of the unique regions of the earth; remote, never wholly known

Nothing anywhere else is like them..." These opening words from Marjory Stoneman Douglas' immortal book "Everglades: River of Grass" (1947) crystallize the uniqueness of the Everglades ✦ Susan Roney Drennan,



Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Photo by Klara Farkas



Jamalee Fenimore

Editor of American Birds ✦ Rosalie Edge, founder of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, Pennsylvania ✦ Laura Elcock ✦ Helen Engle served on boards of National and local Audubon societies, founder and past President of Tahoma Audubon Society, recipient of numerous environmental achievement awards ✦ Margot Ernst, Board member of Audubon and of Adirondack Museum ✦ Ellen Fennell ✦ Jamalee Fenimore,

she loved Cranes and prairies. Her bequest is helping to protect Sandhill Crane habitat at Audubon's Rowe Sanctuary in Nebraska ✦ Ruth Finley and Margaret Finley Shackelford donated their antebellum plantation and family home, which became Strawberry Plains Audubon Sanctuary and each provided an endowment for operations of the Sanctuary and the state office



Ruth Finley and Margaret Finley Shackelford



Keyo Ford

✦ Keyo Ford, in 1961, she donated her estate in northwest Connecticut to become Sharon Audubon Center. ✦ Sally Gaines, conservationist Mono Lake ✦ Jan Gardner ✦ Janet Gibson, created first coral reef in Central America, worked with Belize Audubon Society ✦ Thelma Gilmur, chapter leader in Audubon Washington ✦ Marcy Golde ✦ Jan Gordon, helped to protect East Park Reservoir in Philadelphia ✦ Janet Haas ✦ Minna Hall ✦ Donna Hanley, Audubon chapter in Yukon Kuskokwim Delta ✦ Marian Heiskell, donor and Board member, Audubon New York and National Audubon ✦ Harriet Hemenway, founder of Massachusetts Audubon

# of Women in Conservation

🦋 Lynn Herring 🦋 Lois Herrmann 🦋 Elanora Durham Hersey, *the Elanora Hersey Bird Classroom was dedicated in memory of her husband at Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, and she made several gifts to support children's programs at Aullwood* 🦋 Terry Hershey *a well-known Houston philanthropist, former National Audubon board member, Terry is a leader in establishing several conservation organizations in Texas* 🦋 Adriana Hess 🦋 Christine Hires, *a member of the Hires Root Beer family. When she came to Vermont, she refused to accept a fur coat for a wedding gift, and instead bought a farm in Huntington, which she later donated to the Green Mountain Audubon Society. Her farm is now the Green Mountain Audubon Center* 🦋 Karen Hixon 🦋 Jean Holt, *donor to John James Audubon Center at Mill Grove, PA* 🦋 Mrs. Elon Huntington Hooker, *raised funds to acquire Fairchild Garden for Audubon Greenwich in 1945* 🦋 Aline Hosman, *major planned gift for Rowe Sanctuary, Nebraska* 🦋 Celia Hunter, *co-founded Alaska Conservation Society and Alaska Conservation Foundation* 🦋 Beth Hurst-Waitz, *President of Central New Mexico Audubon Society* 🦋 Kim Hurt, *prime mover to acquire 280 acres for Dogwood Canyon Audubon Center, creating the first custom-designed Audubon Center in Texas* 🦋 Betty Jenkins 🦋 Sarah Orne Jewett 🦋 Lady Bird Johnson, *American Beautification Project, First Lady of United States* 🦋 Helen Keller, *frequent visitor to Greenwich Audubon Center* 🦋 Karen Kjølgaard, *VP, Siskiyou Audubon Society* 🦋 Charity Krueger, *Executive Director, Audubon Aullwood Center and Farm* 🦋 Kitty Lagaretta 🦋 Dixie Larkin 🦋 Martha V. Leonard 🦋 Edith Leopold, *donor of home to Audubon Connecticut, niece of Aldo Leopold* 🦋 Ruth Lofgren 🦋 Jan Lubchenco 🦋 Sister Pat Lupo, *Presque Isle Audubon* 🦋 Anita MacFarlane 🦋 Mrs. Kingsmill Marrs 🦋 Elaine Marsh 🦋 Carol Ann May, *Audubon Board and staff, chair of Corkscrew Swamp capital campaign* 🦋 Lucy Warner Maynard 🦋 Gail Mayo



Christine Hires

## Bequests:

If you are considering including a bequest to Audubon in your will or living trust, ask your attorney to use the following language:

*I bequeath to the National Audubon Society, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, incorporated under the laws of New York State, with its principal offices located at 700 Broadway, New York, NY 10003, a \_\_\_\_\_% of my residuary estate (or the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) for its general unrestricted environmental conservation purposes (in the state of \_\_\_\_\_).*

If you are considering including a bequest to Audubon in your retirement plan or of life insurance policy, ask your plan or policy administrator for the appropriate beneficiary form, and use the above language.

## For Additional Information, Contact:

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✿ Sylvia McLaughlin, donor to Audubon Richardson Bay Center ✿ Emily Winthrop

Miles a poet, writer and artist, inspired by nature, who donated her estate to Sharon Audubon in 1962, now the 1,500-acre Miles Sanctuary ✿ Phoebe Milliken,

honored for her generous support of conservation with Audubon; pictured with Tom Baptist, Executive Director, Audubon Connecticut and Nathaniel Pryor Reed, former board member of



Phoebe Milliken, Nathaniel Pryor Reed and Tom Baptist at award presentation to Phoebe.

National Audubon ✿ Jane-Kerin Moffat, long-time conservationist and chapter/state leader in

Audubon Connecticut ✿ Mary J. P. Moore, long time donor to Audubon Sharon, Connecticut

✿ Christine Morgan, in 1946, National Audubon Society named her as the outstanding Junior Audubon organizer in the United States ✿ Margaret (Mardy) Murie, grandmother of the



Holly & Wayne Mones, Margery Nicolson

conservation movement, winner of 1980 Audubon Medal ✿ Virginia Newman

✿ Margery Nicolson, Board member, National Audubon, Audubon Alaska, California and Nebraska ✿ Katie O'Brien, Board member, Audubon Connecticut

✿ Peg Olsen, Vice President of Audubon. ✿ Donna O'Neill,

her legacy through a generous bequest to Audubon in 2004 will help continue the pioneering habitat restoration at Audubon's Starr

Ranch Sanctuary in Orange County, CA ✿ Nan Owen, Alaska became the focal point



Donna O'Neill



Nancy Owen

of her conservation interests. Her bequest to Audubon Alaska will help protect the

Tongass National Forest ✿ Margaret Owings, prominent California conservationist

who saved sea lions ✿ Julie Packard, received Audubon medal in 1998, founder of Monterey Bay

Aquarium ✿ Mrs. John Dewhurst Patten ✿ Edith Pierpont ✿ Martha Ann Platt,

as chair of the Oregon Audubon Society's conservation committee, she successfully lobbied for the Society's proposed Model Hawk Law, which protects hawks, eagles,

owls, falcons, and ospreys ✿ Jan Portman, Audubon Ohio leader and board of directors for

The Nature Conservancy ✿ Wendy Paulson, initiator of Audubon For the Birds program

✿ Sarah Jeffords Radcliffe, President, Pinetree Conservation Society ✿ Sally Reahard, was a generous

donor to Aullwood and Beidler Audubon Centers ✿ Eleanor Clovis Reece with her husband

donated 281 acres in the 1940s for the Greenwich Audubon Center ✿ Jan Roberts ✿ Anna Rockefeller,

in 1957 she funded a new lodge at Greenwich Audubon Center ✿ Jan Rodenfels, rehabilitation volunteer at

*Ohio Wildlife Center Audubon chapter, state Board member and co-chair of capital campaign* 🦋 **Grace Rainey Rogers** 🦋 **Eleanor Roosevelt**, donor of *Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center in 1923* 🦋 **Lillian Annette Rowe** was a New Jersey school teacher, whose bequest helped purchase of 782 acres on Nebraska's Platte River.



*Anna Rockefeller*

*The Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary is a major staging area for 80% of the world's population of Sandhill Cranes* 🦋 **Ruth Russell** 🦋 **Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage**, funded the *Junior Audubon Program* 🦋 **Barbara Salzman**, *President Marin Audubon, nationally recognized conservationist* 🦋 **Marika Schoolar** 🦋 **Lorraine Schulte**, *coordinator of Audubon Adventures* 🦋 **Emmey Seymour** 🦋 **Cathy Shropshire**, *Executive of Mississippi Wildlife Federation* 🦋 **Anna Slemmer** 🦋 **Mary Smith** 🦋 **Virginia Stowe**, *Board member and founder in For the Birds Program, Audubon New York* 🦋 **Katherine H. Stuart** 🦋 **Stacy Studebaker**, *Audubon Board member, Alaska* 🦋 **Alma Stultz** 🦋 **Tice Supplee** 🦋 **Ellen Swallow**, *First Lady of Environmental Science* 🦋 **Lynn Teneffoss** 🦋 **Elizabeth Terwilliger**, *nationally recognized naturalist, still teaching at age 95 in Marin County, CA* 🦋 **Celia Thaxter** 🦋 **Laura Thompson** 🦋 **Judy Toups**, *founder of Mississippi Coast Audubon Society, mentor to expert birders* 🦋 **Dorothy Treat** 🦋 **Dorie Vallier**, *donor of Schlitz Audubon Center* 🦋 **Ann Vileisis** 🦋 **Pat Waak**, *led Audubon contingent to NGO forum during International Conference on Population and Development* 🦋 **Lucy Waletzky**, *Board member, National Audubon and Audubon New York* 🦋 **Maggie Walker** 🦋 **Jenai Wall** 🦋 **Lynn Watanabe** 🦋 **Anna Wiancko** 🦋 **Rhona and Elizabeth Williams** 🦋 **Cynthia Wilson** 🦋 **Anne Woker** 🦋 **Hazel Wolf**, *chapter president, received Audubon Medal in 1997* 🦋 **Ginny Wood**, *co-founder of Camp Denali, Alaska* 🦋 **Mabel Osgood Wright** 🦋 **Kathryn Wriston**, *2003 donor of Deer Pond Farm for future Audubon Sanctuary, Connecticut* 🦋 **Mary Bird Young**, *2003 bequest of home; proceeds for Sharon Audubon Center* 🦋 **Fern Zimmerman**, *founder of Sea and Sage Audubon chapter*

