

Montana Audubon Awards

Beginning in 1996, Montana Audubon has recognized the following outstanding Montanans:

2016

Conservationist of the Year – Becky Kean (Montana Raptor Conservation Center)

Environmental Educator of the Year – Larry Weeks (Missoula)

Citizen Scientist of the Year – Gary Swant (Deer Lodge)

Lifetime Achievement Award – Bev Orth Geoghegan (Five Valleys Audubon)

Special Achievement Awards:

- Outstanding Achievement – Jeff Marks, Dan Casey & Paul Hendricks (co-authors of the 2016 reference book, *Birds of Montana*)
- Science Outreach Award – Whisper Camel-Means and Stephanie Gillin (Tribal Wildlife Management Program, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes)

2015

Conservationist of the Year – Amy Cilimburg (MT Audubon staff)

Environmental Educator of the Year – Vince Yannone (Helena)

Citizen Scientist of the Year – Harriet Marble (Chester)

Special Achievement Award – Jane Beasley (Helena)

Special Achievement Award – Jay Sumner (MT Peregrine Institute)

Lifetime Achievement Award – Jo Lace and Brian Shovers (Last Chance Audubon)

2014

Conservationist of the Year – Paulette Epple (Sacjawea Audubon)

Environmental Educator of the Year – Carol Ward (Montana Audubon)

Citizen Scientist of the Year – Kate Stone (Bitterroot Audubon)

Special Achievement Award – Peter Norlander (Sacajawea Audubon)

Lifetime Achievement Award – Jack Kirkley (Pintler Audubon)

2013

Conservationist of the Year – Kristi DuBois (MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks)

Environmental Educator of the Year – Heather Bilden (Montana Audubon)

Citizen Scientist of the Year – Dan Sullivan (Last Chance Audubon)

Special Achievement Award – Bob and Beverly Skinner (CM Russell National Wildlife Refuge)

2012

Conservationist of the Year – Linda Winnie (Flathead Audubon)

Environmental Educator of the Year – Ashley Mason (Flathead Audubon)

Citizen Scientist of the Year – John Parker (Sacajawea Audubon)

Lifetime Achievement Award – Bob Lopp (Flathead Audubon)

2011

Conservationist of the Year – Steve Hoffman (Montana Audubon)
Environmental Educator of the Year – Carla Wambach (Helena)
Special Achievement Award – Catherine Wightman (MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks)
Lifetime Achievement Award – Ron Farmer (Sacajawea Audubon)

2010

Conservationist of the Year – Dr. Steve Running (University of Montana)
Environmental Educators of the Year – Dick Hutto and Sue Reel (Missoula)
Special Achievement Award – Bitterroot Audubon (Bitterroot IBA)
Lifetime Achievement Award – Jim Brown (Five Valleys Audubon)

2009

Conservationist of the Year – McKenzie Graye (Valier)
Environmental Educator of the Year – Lisa Flowers (Boone and Crockett Club)
Special Achievement Award – Richard Mousel (Upper Missouri Breaks Audubon)
Lifetime Achievement Award – George Engler (Upper Missouri Breaks Audubon)

2008

Conservationist of the Year – Theresa Keaveny (Montana Conservation Voters)
Environmental Educator of the Year – John Miller (Billings)
Special Achievement Award – Kayhan Ostovar (Yellowstone Valley Audubon)
Lifetime Achievement Award – Jim Phelps (Yellowstone Valley Audubon)

2007

Conservationist of the Year – Five Valleys Audubon (Clark Fork River/Grass Valley IBA)
Environmental Educator of the Year – John Scheuering (Rosebud Audubon)
Special Achievement Award – Angie Kociolek (Sacjawea Audubon)
Lifetime Achievement Award – Debra Doerflinger (Pintler Audubon)

2006

Conservationist of the Year – Dan Casey (American Bird Conservancy)
Environmental Educator of the Year – Dean Smith (Yellowstone Valley Audubon)
Special Achievement Award – Dennis Jones (Dillon)
Lifetime Achievement Award – Jim Brown (Five Valleys Audubon)

2005

Conservationist of the Year – Elsie Tuss (Upper Missouri Breaks Audubon)
Environmental Educator of the Year – Arla Eckert (Upper Missouri Breaks Audubon)
Special Achievement Award – Mary Geis (Bozeman)
Lifetime Achievement Award – Don Stoecker (Pintler Audubon)

2004

Conservationist of the Year – Louie Bouma (Blackfoot Valley)
Environmental Educator of the Year – Ellen Horowitz (Columbia Falls)
Special Achievement Award – Hilary Turner (Last Chance Audubon)

Lifetime Achievement Award – John Ormiston (Bitterroot Audubon)

2003

Conservationist of the Year – Brent Mitchell (Flathead Audubon)

Environmental Educator of the Year – Flathead Audubon Community Naturalist Program

Special Achievement Award – Susan Lenard (for work on MT Bird Distribution)

Special Achievement Award – Cedron Jones (for work on MT Bird Distribution)

Lifetime Achievement Award – Chuck Carlson (Ft. Peck)

2002

Conservationist of the Year - Larry Weeks (Five Valleys)

Environmental Educator of the Year – Jean Smith (Billings teacher)

Special Achievement Award – George Holton (Helena)

Lifetime Achievement Award - Helen Carlson (Billings)

2001

Conservationist of the Year - Janet Ellis (MA staff)

Environmental Educator of the Year - Ana Marquez (Birds Beyond Borders/Mexico)

Special Achievement Award - Harriet Marble (Chester)

Lifetime Achievement Award - Ferne Cohen (Flathead Audubon)

2000

Conservationist of the Year - Howard Strause (Great Falls)

Environmental Educator of the Year - Kate Davis (Raptors of the Rockies)

Land Stewardship Award - Flathead Audubon - for Owen Sowerwine

Lifetime Achievement Award - Rod and June Ash (Flathead Audubon)

1999

Conservationist of the Year - Rod Ash (Flathead Audubon)

Environmental Educator of the Year - Beth Underwood (Bitterroot Audubon)

Land Stewardship Award - Mary Bradshaw (Ovando)

Lifetime Achievement Award - Gordon and Lila Weber (Yellowstone Valley Audubon)

1998

Conservationist of the Year - George Engler (Great Falls)

Environmental Educator of the Year - Jean Smith (Helena)

Land Stewardship Award - Vince Ames (Red Lodge)

1997

Conservationist of the Year - Margaret Adams (Great Falls)

Environmental Educator of the Year - Pat Gudmundson (Miles City)

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Conservationist of the Year - Jim Phelps (Billings)

Environmental Educator of the Year - Urana Clarke (Livingston)