

## Montana Audubon Awards

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

### 2017

Conservationist of the Year – the Montana Natural Heritage Program

Special Achievement Awards:

- Outstanding Achievement – Jean and Chuck Carlson (for a lifetime dedication to birds and bird records)
- Outstanding Achievement – Gail Engler (for establishing the George and Laurene Engler Montana Audubon Conservation Fund)

Lifetime Achievement Award – Beth Hill (Upper Missouri Breaks Audubon)

### 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 (Sacjawa Audubon)

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

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

Special Achievement Award – Peter Norlander (Sacajawa 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)

**1996**

Conservationist of the Year - Jim Phelps (Billings)

Environmental Educator of the Year - Urana Clarke (Livingston)