

November 2020

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Dear

An interesting incident occurred at my feeder the other day. For the first time a Steller's Jay was joined by a new visitor to the area... a Blue Jay! I noted the defensive posture this life-long native Montana bird took as this newcomer from the east approached *his* food. As a lover of birds and a student of the natural world, I was once again reminded how nature can mimic society and be a source of self-reflection (not to mention comic relief!). This has been a year like no other. A year of divisiveness in our society has tested our ability to find common ground. That is why I am so proud to be part of an organization that has accomplished so many conservation victories in the face of unprecedented challenges.

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Stellar's Jay

This year, with your generous and loyal support we remained focused on protecting our state's treasured wildlife and landscapes. Because of you, we were able to bring positive change.

Please continue your involvement with this important work and support Montana Audubon today!

Thanks to your support, in 2020 we were successful in the following areas:

- Leading our Montana Audubon Center preschool, summer camps and public programs through coronavirus restrictions, temporary center closure, and cancellation of school field trips.
- Winning our first lawsuit to protect the Greater Sage-Grouse by pushing back on oil and gas leasing on our federal lands.

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Blue Jay

birds and beyond

- Helping to pass the most important piece of federal conservation legislation in our lifetime guaranteeing dedicated, full funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund in perpetuity.
- Launching the Montana Audubon Conservation Ranching initiative to preserve grassland birds.

***Show your gratitude for the birds and other wildlife you cherish:
Support Montana Audubon's conservation work today!***

Even with these successes, Montana Audubon recognizes the increasing challenges we face in our native bird population decline, climate change, pollution, and habitat loss. We rely on your support to continue this work in the year ahead:

- Spearheading our Audubon Conservation Ranching initiative by enlisting Montana ranches to promote innovative land management and ranching practices, which protects critical habitat for our native grassland birds.
- Educating the next generation of conservationists at our Montana Audubon Center.
- Finding common ground in our advocacy work to promote strong conservation policy that protects birds, wildlife and natural ecosystems in Montana.

***Support from you is critical, now more than ever.
Please support Montana Audubon this season of giving with
a tax-deductible gift that is personally meaningful to you.***

As we are all looking forward to putting 2020 behind us, we charge headlong into 2021 knowing we can't do this work without you. Let us know you believe in our work and make a contribution today to support the future of Montana's birds and other wildlife. As the vivid memory of two jays fighting over food will stay with me forever, it will continue to serve as a reminder that we all need to work together to ensure conservation wins in the last best place.

Please consider a year-end gift to Montana Audubon!

Yours in Conservation,



Larry Berrin
Executive Director