

Who are we?

The **National Audubon Society** (Audubon) is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to **conservation** with an emphasis on **birds**. Located in the United States and incorporated in 1905, Audubon is one of the oldest of such organizations in the world and uses science, education and grassroots advocacy to advance its conservation mission. It is named in honor of John James Audubon, a Franco-American ornithologist and naturalist who painted, cataloged, and described the birds of North America in his famous book *Birds of America* published in sections between 1827 and 1838.

The society has nearly 500 local chapters, which often organize birdwatching field trips and conservation-related activities. It also coordinates the Christmas Bird Count held each December in the U.S., a model of citizen science, in partnership with Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and the Great Backyard Bird Count each February. Together with Cornell, Audubon created eBird, an online database for bird observation.

Audubon Alaska is a statewide organization whose mission is to conserve Alaska's spectacular natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats, for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations. **Alaska Audubon** is a **state office** of the **National Audubon Society**.

Juneau Audubon Society is a **local chapter** of National Audubon Society, and an **independent** non-profit organization in Alaska. Since 1977 JAS has been focused on **birding, education, and conservation in Southeast Alaska**.



Local activities include: bird-watching and natural history field trips, educational presentations and programs for adults and youth, production of natural history and conservation publications, support of migratory bird research, providing for scholarships and internships, and serving as an information source for local planning efforts.

Juneau Audubon Society differs from the national and state Audubon entities in that we seek to keep our focus local and additionally in that our charter rules prohibit us from taking partisan stances or weighing in on any legislative actions. Juneau Audubon is administratively separate from Audubon Alaska.