

Conservation

The mission of the Anchorage Audubon Society includes promoting conservation of wildlife, and providing opportunities for people to enjoy and learn about wildlife. We especially work to keep healthy populations of birds and other wildlife in Southcentral Alaska. Most of our efforts are directed toward conservation of habitats in southcentral Alaska. Birds and other wildlife need natural, undisturbed habitats in order to feed, rest, raise their young, feel safe, and travel. While Anchorage is developing, we must preserve some natural habitats, or else wildlife will disappear from our area. People benefit from natural areas in many ways, from enjoying wildlife to reconnecting with nature.

Activities of the Anchorage Audubon Society's Conservation Committee include:

- Reviewing development proposals and land-use plans
- Writing letters to public officials
- Testifying at public hearings
- Working with officials of the municipal, state, and federal governments to refine land-use plans
- Working with private developers who are interested in protecting wildlife habitats as well as developing other lands

We base our opinions on scientific data, collected and evaluated by our volunteer scientists as well as other researchers. We also tell the government about the opinions of our members and the public at large.

Recent environmental issues that we've worked on include habitat protection in Bicentennial Park, the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge, at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport, at Connors Lake, and at Business Park Wetlands in Midtown.

Please contact us if you would like more information, to let us know about an issue that concerns you, or to get involved! The Conservation Chair is Vivian Mendenhall, fasgadair@attalacom.net.