

10 things

you might
not know about

Audubon's Women in Conservation



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National Audubon Society has led the way in celebrating great American women leaders with its prestigious Rachel Carson Award, one of the most coveted national awards for women in the environment.

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The Rachel Carson Award is named for Rachel Carson, a modest marine biologist whose bestselling book, *Silent Spring*, documenting the devastating effects of pesticides, sparked the modern environmental movement.

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Audubon's Rachel Carson Awards Council was formed to nominate Award honorees and represents a cross-section of influential women conservationists including filmmakers, writers, philanthropists, organic farmers, program officers, and green CEO's.

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The mission of Audubon's Women in Conservation and Council is to "recognize outstanding women leaders in today's conservation movement; to support environmental opportunities for girls and young women; and to educate women on important issues related to conservation and the environment."

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Female leadership is an Audubon tradition. In 1896 Harriet Hemenway, outraged by the slaughter of birds for use of their feathers in fashion, organized the first Audubon Society.

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Audubon established the Women in Conservation Internship Program in 2009 and, today, proudly boasts seven alumnae who have gone on to pursue conservation careers and environmental graduate degrees.

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Audubon's Women in Conservation tours critically endangered American landscapes. Council members have traveled to the challenged ecosystem of the Everglades, the Gulf of Mexico following the BP Oil Spill, and to Washington D.C. to promote that conservation has no party.

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Audubon's Women in Conservation values its Rachel Carson Awards Men's Council who make award nominations and represent a wide range of professions, interests, and geographic areas helping to ensure that Audubon casts a wide net in its search for Rachel Carson Award honorees.

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Through the Women in Conservation School Panel, Audubon is inspiring the next generation of female environmentalists. Previous panels have been hosted by Hewitt and the Chapin School on Earth Day and feature Rachel Carson awardees and women who have made significant contributions to the environment.

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Since its inception, Audubon's Women in Conservation has raised over \$2 million to promote environmental opportunities for girls and support Audubon's campaign to protect Long Island Sound. Audubon is leading the effort to restore the Sound's health in a way that supports birds and the greater ecosystem while balancing the needs of nature and people.