

There's a Way

Gifts of all types strengthen the New Jersey Audubon Society's work to safeguard nature's treasures, providing a legacy for generations to come. Indeed, through charitable bequests and other forms of deferred giving, you can have a long-term impact without interfering with your present plans. The value of your gift is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes and can therefore reduce or eliminate the tax burden on your estate.



Where There's a Will

Where there's a Will there's a way – a way to express a lifetime of love, and to provide for family and friends. A Will can also give you the pleasure of furthering a cause that you care deeply about through a charitable gift (also known as a bequest). One such cause might well be a healthy and preserved environment from which all may benefit.

More than likely you recognize the critical need for wise stewardship of natural habitats and the wild species they sustain. A gift to the New Jersey Audubon Society through your Will helps assure the continuation of the environmental education, research, and conservation efforts necessary to achieve this goal. It gives you the satisfaction of knowing that the work you believe in will be carried on by an organization that shares your values and has the expertise to succeed.



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Your Will and the
**New Jersey
Audubon
Society**



A Partnership in Preservation,
a Legacy for All

Ways of Giving

There are four types of testamentary gifts made through your Will that can be used to support the New Jersey Audubon Society:

A Specific Bequest – Provides the New Jersey Audubon Society with a specific dollar amount or a specific asset or collection of assets in the form of cash, securities, real estate, or any designated articles of property.

A Residuary Bequest – Provides the New Jersey Audubon Society with all or a percentage of the remainder of your estate after all specific bequests have been satisfied.

A Contingent Residuary Gift – Provides the New Jersey Audubon Society with all or a portion of the remainder of your estate in the event that you outlive your beneficiaries. This type of gift can avoid costly litigation or prevent property from going to the State.

A Testamentary Trust – All or a part of your estate may be left in trust for the New Jersey Audubon Society, with the income paid to one or more heirs for their lifetimes. Upon the death of the last beneficiary, the principal is paid to New Jersey Audubon. This type of gift allows your money to work twice and reduces estate taxes.

If you already have a Will, you and your attorney can prepare a simple amendment of codicil to realize your desire to support New Jersey Audubon without affecting your other plans.

A life Insurance or Retirement Plan Alternative

You may include provisions for the New Jersey Audubon Society through beneficiary designations of life insurance proceeds or retirement plan assets.

When Making a Charitable Bequest to the New Jersey Audubon Society

Although we are allied in spirit with all other Audubon societies, please note we are legally a separate non-profit organization. If we are to benefit from your generosity, be sure to use our exact legal name: *New Jersey Audubon Society*. You can also specifically name one of our staffed nature centers to be the beneficiary of your bequest.

Sample Language for Wills and Estate Plans

I bequeath to the New Jersey Audubon Society, Inc., a non-profit organization, with its principal offices located at 9 Hardscrabble Road, Bernardsville, New Jersey, the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my residuary estate) to be used at the discretion of its governing board for the society's ongoing work to preserve wildlife and at-risk, natural habitats through environmental education, conservation and research initiatives.

Please note that the sample language above should be written or adapted by legal counsel to fit your individual situation.

Additional Information for Your Attorney

Legal name: New Jersey Audubon Society, Inc.
Address: 9 Hardscrabble Road, P.O. Box 126, Bernardsville, NJ, 07924; Tax ID #: 22-1539642;
New Jersey Audubon Society is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization.

A Look at Our Past

Founded in 1897, New Jersey Audubon Society is New Jersey's oldest conservation organization and one of the most effective nationwide, with a long-standing track record of success. The society is a leader in environmental education, conservation, and wildlife research, with staffed nature centers strategically located throughout the state and an additional 34 wildlife sanctuaries, representing and preserving New Jersey's rich diversity of natural habitats. The society's staff of highly experienced naturalists, teachers, scientists, and conservation professionals fosters an environmental awareness and conservation ethic among people of all ages to help preserve wildlife and natural habitats.



New Jersey Audubon Society has been protecting wildlife and natural places since 1897.

With an Eye to the Future

If a bequest through your Will or some other gift in the service of our environmental future is of interest to you, we would be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

And we would be honored to thank you personally for your generosity. New Jersey Audubon has established the Heritage Society to recognize those who have made



A gift through your will helps preserve our natural heritage for future generations.

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