



NAMING SEATTLE AUDUBON IN YOUR WILL

If you decide to name Seattle Audubon in your will, please designate “**Seattle Audubon Society, a Washington non-profit corporation.**” It is very important that “Seattle Audubon Society” be clearly stated in the designation. Our tax ID number is 91-6009716 and our address is 8050 – 35th Avenue NE, Seattle, Washington 98115.

When a bequest only identifies “Audubon” confusion may ensue because there are many Audubon chapters. Also, gifts to “Audubon” do not necessarily flow through to the chapters, instead, they may be split 50/50 between national and the state offices of the Audubon family, not the chapters. Thus, you should specify Seattle Audubon Society if you intend for your gift to be received by this chapter.

Founded in 1916, Seattle Audubon is one of Washington’s oldest environmental organization. Seattle Audubon cultivates and leads a community that values and protects birds and the natural environment. We do this because we envision a healthy environment in balance with nature, where people enjoy, respect, and care for the natural resources that sustain the community of life. **We invite you to advance our mission, vision, and program work for the next 100 years, creating the next generation of environmental stewards through our conservation, education, and outdoor enjoyment activities.**

Our dedication and commitment to habitat conservation, science, and environmental education makes Seattle Audubon a regional environmental leader. Planned gifts are a very important source of income for Seattle Audubon as they provide greater financial stability for our programs.

TYPES OF PLANNED GIFTS THAT SEATTLE AUDUBON WILL ACCEPT

There are three main ways in which you can fund the future of Seattle Audubon:

1.) Bequests:



You can include a provision in your will directing that a gift be paid to Seattle Audubon after your death or the death of your survivors.

- You can give Seattle Audubon either a specific amount of money or item of property (a “specific bequest”), or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate after taxes, expenses, and specific bequests have been paid (a “residual” bequest).
- Also, you can tell us to use your bequest for a particular Seattle Audubon program or activity that is especially meaningful to you, or you can allow us to use it where it is needed most.

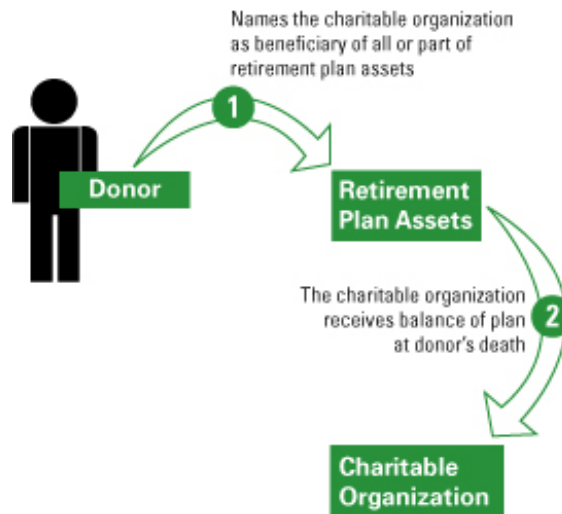
2.) Life Insurance:

You can designate the death benefit of your life insurance policy to be paid to Seattle Audubon as a charitable gift.

- You can contribute a fully paid-up policy (all or a portion), or
- You can (revocably) name Seattle Audubon as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy that you continue to own and maintain.

3.) Retirement Plans:

Retirement Plan Assets



You can name Seattle Audubon the successor beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA, 401(k), or other retirement accounts. The designation is revocable and does not generate a charitable income tax deduction, but:

- Distributions from retirement accounts to surviving family members can be subject to both income and estate tax. Directing the balance of a retirement plan to charity removes the most-taxed asset from your estate, freeing up other, more favorable taxed assets to give to family and heirs.
- You have the reassurance that you can continue to take withdrawals from your plan during your lifetime, and then you can change the designation of the charitable beneficiary if your circumstances change.

Thank you for considering Seattle Audubon as part of your legacy. It is through the generous support of individuals like you that Seattle Audubon continues to play an active and leading role in the protection of the Northwest's natural environment. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Lee, Director of Membership and Development, at 206-523-8243 x 16 or at leahl@seattleaudubon.org.

The information included here does not constitute legal or financial advice and should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice. Seattle Audubon encourages you to seek professional legal, estate planning, and financial advice before deciding on a course of action. All information submitted to Seattle Audubon will be held in confidence.