

Steward Network

What Is the Audubon Steward Network?

The Audubon Steward Network is comprised of Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) members who have volunteered to help Audubon International maintain local sources of support in their regions for ACSP programs. As working partners with Audubon International staff for education and outreach, Audubon Stewards use their knowledge and experience within the ACSP to provide information and assistance to others who have registered or might be interested in ACSP programs. Audubon Stewards efforts seek to assist others in becoming better environmental stewards and to promote greater and more effective participation in the ACSP, in order to further Audubon International's environmental mission.

Goals of the Audubon Steward Network:

- To exchange and share information on environmental stewardship with others interested in improving the quality of life and the environment through ACSP programs.
- To educate and assist others in becoming more knowledgeable and effective environmental stewards.
- To encourage and assist increased and more effective participation in ACSP programs and progress toward certification of member properties in order to improve the quality of life and the environment.

Qualifications for Becoming an Audubon Steward:

- Demonstrate understanding of and dedication to good environmental stewardship.
- Show good knowledge of Audubon International and its programs.
- Facilitate a property's designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.
- Demonstrate good communication and leadership skills.
- Keep membership in a program current.

Responsibilities of Audubon Stewards:

- Maintain contact with ACSP members in the region through e-mail, phone calls, written correspondence, or site visits
- Provide encouragement, advice, and ideas to ACSP members in the region about environmental stewardship, best management practices, and projects to protect and improve the environment on member properties.
- Offer certification assistance to ACSP members in the region.
- Make presentations on the ACSP (AI can provide assistance on presentations) and provide information and assistance to people and organizations that might be interested in joining the ACSP.
- Submit articles on the ACSP to newspapers and organization newsletters in the region.
- Keep a record of interactions with members and non-members to send quarterly to AI (see page **).

Audubon Steward Recognition and Publicity

- AI will recognize and congratulate Audubon Stewards on AI's website and publicize and promote their activities in related articles in AI's Stewardship News and related press releases or articles for other publications or media outlets
- AI will award each Audubon Steward a certificate of recognition
- When requested, AI will provide letters of recommendation for Audubon Stewards
- Audubon Stewards are eligible for a 25% discount off items in AI's online store and catalog