

Bristlecone Audubon Society Constitution



Mission

Bristlecone Audubon is dedicated to preserving all wild lands, wild watersheds and their wildlife habitats on public and private lands in northeast Nevada, protecting them from ongoing threats, educating the public about the value and need for healthy living landscapes, promoting a conservation ethic in our communities and improving the management and restoration of all native landscapes for the benefit of humanity and earth's biological diversity.



Ringtail (*Bassariscus astutus*) out on an evening hunt in the Snake Range of eastern White Pine County, Nevada, October 2010 (Photo courtesy of Ben and Lauren, Wildlife Research Biologists) .

Vision

*Working with others to maintain and restore natural ecosystems
of the Intermountain West and the World.*



Collared Redstart (*Myioborus torquatus*) at the Monteverde Reserve in Costa Rica
(Photo courtesy of Gary Clark, Member, Bristlecone Audubon) .

Bylaws

- A. Bristlecone Audubon territory includes that area of northeast Nevada bounded by the counties of Elko, Eureka, Lander and White Pine. While this area is roughly the size of some eastern States (e.g. Maine), every attempt will be made to include our far flung members in all Chapter activities.
- B. Bristlecone Audubon will meet monthly either in a field setting or in a conference setting to encourage an appreciation of natural history and create and/or foster a Conservation Ethic in our communities.
- C. Bristlecone Audubon will develop a program of advocacy and science-based education focusing on the preservation, conservation and restoration of wildlife habitats.
- D. Bristlecone Audubon will actively seek conservation-oriented grant opportunities and other partnerships for on the ground habitat restoration projects and expanded conservation education in our communities.



Quaking Aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) and Subalpine Fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*) in the wilds of the Bull Run Mountains, Elko County, Nevada, November 2005 (Staff Photo, Bristlecone Audubon) .

- E. All community outreach activities conducted by Bristlecone Audubon will always include a membership recruitment component.



North American Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*) in Pearl Wilderness, White Pine County, Nevada, January 2006 (Staff Photo, Bristlecone Audubon) .

- F. Coordination with adjacent Audubon Chapters will always be a high priority for Bristlecone, particularly when conservation issues we share in common are indentified.
- G. Coordination with National Audubon will always be a high priority for Bristlecone Audubon, especially when it comes to defining and voting on regional and national Conservation Issue priorities and Action Agendas for Audubon.
- H. Bristlecone Audubon will submit an Annual Report to our Chapter Services Representative that will include our Annual Plan for the subsequent calendar year, a Previous Year Summary, a Financial Report or a copy of the Chapter's IRS Annual Information Return (Form 990), any Chapter changes (Bylaws, 501c.3. status, etc) and an updated Chapter Leader Roster.

- I. Annual Chapter/National membership dues will remain \$20.00 into the foreseeable future.
- J. This Constitution reflects the will of Bristlecone Audubon and its founding members. It is meant to serve as a living document and therefore is subject to revision over time.



Lawrence's Goldfinch (*Carduelis lawrencei*) perched in backyard ornamental, Battle Mountain, Lander County, Nevada, October 2009 (Photo Courtesy of Larry Teske, Member, Bristlecone Audubon) .

- K. Neither Bristlecone Audubon nor National Audubon shall enter into any commitment binding on the other without written authorization to do so.
- L. Any Change in Chapter Status – Circumstances may arise under which either Bristlecone Audubon or National Audubon may choose to reconsider their relationship. In such situations, it is the responsibility of the Chapter Services Office to work with Bristlecone Audubon to attempt to return the Chapter to full activity or to compliance with Chapter Policy. The Chapter Services Office is encouraged to use whatever tools or resources are needed to restore the Chapter to full Chapter activity or to compliance. If Bristlecone Audubon is not able or willing to return to full activity or to compliance, then the Chapter Services Officer may recommend to the Senior Vice President for Field Operations (SVP) that Chapter de-certification is warranted and request revocation of Bristlecone Audubon’s Charter. If that recommendation is approved, the SVP will provide sixty days written notice of de-certification to the Chapter President. Similarly, Bristlecone Audubon, by vote of its Board, may revoke its charter and cease to be a Chapter of National by providing sixty days written notice of such decision to its Chapter Services Office. In any case, each member of Bristlecone Audubon will remain a member of National for as long as their Audubon membership is current.



Great Basin Gopher Snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus*) and Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*) in Jarbidge Wilderness, Elko County, Nevada, August 2007 (Staff Photo, Bristlecone Audubon) .

This Constitution approved by unanimous voice vote of Bristlecone Audubon membership,
on this day, Wednesday, 17 November 2010, Elko, Nevada, USA.



Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*) and Painted Bunting (*Passerina ciris*) males
perched in backyard ornamental, Lamoille, Elko County, Nevada, May 2008,
(Photo Courtesy of Don Muckel, Member, Bristlecone Audubon).

