

July 18, 2003

Steve McCormick
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Dear Steve,

For over half a century, the National Audubon Society has worked with The Nature Conservancy as a partner in protecting America's great natural heritage. Over these many decades, the Conservancy has earned a stellar reputation for innovation, integrity and professionalism in protecting some of this country's most threatened species and habitats.

The Conservancy has remained consistently faithful to its scientific mission, focusing on the most rare and threatened species. It is pragmatic and businesslike in its approach to conservation. And most importantly, it gets results.

Thanks to its focused persistence, there are thousands of communities across the country today that can point to some place locally where the Conservancy stepped up at a critical time to make an investment that added value to the community and that made their environment better for future generations. In addition, countless volunteers, donors and staff have personally become engaged in conservation by devoting time and resources to make a difference.

At Audubon, we continue to marvel at the Conservancy's overwhelming record of success. Millions of acres of critical habitat in this country and around the world are protected today because the Conservancy stepped up when and where it was needed.

Sincerely,

John Flicker
President