

Bequests to Benefit the Cornell Lab of Ornithology

It's easy to affirm your commitment to bird conservation by including the Cornell Lab of Ornithology in your will. A bequest is a statement in your will that provides charitable funding for the Lab of Ornithology after your death. Bequests play an important role at the Lab of Ornithology, funding innumerable bird study, education, and conservation initiatives. They also account for a major portion of the Lab's endowment, thereby providing core support for all Lab activities.

Suggested Bequest Language

An unrestricted bequest for general purposes:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, [the sum of \$_____] OR [_____ percent of all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate] to be used by the Lab of Ornithology in support of its mission of bird study and conservation."

A restricted bequest:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, [the sum of \$_____] OR [_____ percent of all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate] to be used by the Lab of Ornithology with preference it be used in support of [name of project or program _____]."

A bequest for endowment:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to Cornell University, an educational corporation in Ithaca, New York, [money or property to be bequeathed] to establish an endowment fund to be known as the [_____ Fund], the income from which shall be used by the Lab of Ornithology in support of its mission of bird study and conservation."

To get started, call our office at 1-607-254-2420.