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We are delighted that 1998 marks the completion of Audubon's most successful year. Our annual report details the numerous accomplishments we've achieved which represent real changes towards fulfilling our mission. They demonstrate how your financial support is a powerful lever for the work of Audubon staff, strategic partners and volunteers.

The following is a small sampling of the results from your investments:

- Purchased the 610-acre O'Brien ranch near Lincoln, Nebraska, one of the largest remaining parcels of native tallgrass prairie. It will become the site of an Audubon Education Center.
- Initiated the American Heritage Forest Campaign to protect over 30 million acres of wilderness land in our national forests.
- Achieved official designation of more than 100 new Important Bird Areas (IBA) in 18 states for a total of over 500 state IBA's.

The IRS requires taxpayers that itemize their deductions to substantiate their charitable gifts. According to our records, you gave gifts to Audubon in 1998, which total \$1,500.00. I hereby state, on behalf of the National Audubon Society, that you received no goods or services of significant value in exchange for these gifts. **Please keep this letter with your other important financial records as documentation of your donation.**

We, at Audubon, appreciate your generosity and we look forward to another year of great achievements. Thank you so much for your support!

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