

Aiken Friends,

Last year we continued our first-ever voluntary membership for Aiken, a response to the question "How do I join Aiken?". With your continued increase in financial contributions, we were able to once again award more grants and educational support than ever before. With your support, and the gaining popularity of the Foothills and Prairie Grant and new Mini-Grant opportunities, we believe this number will grow again in 2025.

Aiken also took on a larger role at Chico Basin Ranch in 2024 under a layered lease with the State Land Board of Colorado to provide and maintain access for birders. Aiken managed the sale of 474 tickets for birders to see 217 species of birds across 10 weeks of Bird Conservancy of the Rockies' spring and fall banding seasons.

We are actively building our volunteer community so if you are unable to donate, we could certainly use some extra help (no birding expertise necessary). Watch for invitations to help us at outreach events across the region where you can spread our mission on behalf of birds.

YOU help Aiken Audubon support research, education, and programing that promote the enjoyment, study, and conservation of the birds of the Pikes Peak region. Thank you again for making Aiken so successful in 2024! We can't wait to see what this year brings.

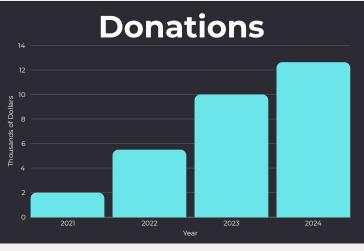
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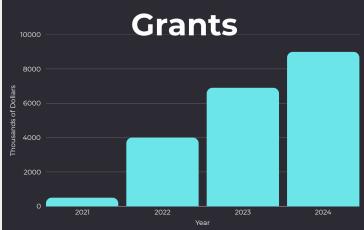
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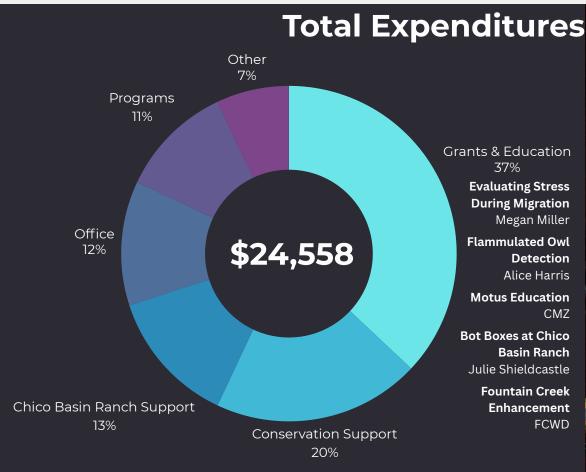


## **Annual Report 2024**











Dedicated to promoting the enjoyment, study, and conservation of the birds in the Pikes

Peak Region

**\$8,989** awarded in grants

>1200 volunteer hours annually

**\$0** to attend field trips; all of our events are free and open to the public!

**50** field trips

>500 field trip participants

A non-profit 501c3
that has been actively
involved in the
birding community
for over 50 years

**550** children taught about birds at Family Fun Day and Howbert Elementary

Funded by you - any amount helps!

Actively involved in local, state, and national conservation issues

O paid staff; Run entirely by a team of volunteers

8 children
attended
Catamount
Institute summer
camps with
Aiken-funded
scholarships



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