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### **Golden Eagle Audubon Society Announces New Habitat Patch Program**

The Golden Eagle Audubon Society (GEAS) is excited to announce the launch of its new Habitat Patch Program to promote local conservation efforts. The program encourages Treasure Valley residents and businesses to create natural ecosystem areas around their home, school, or place of business, providing birds, pollinators, and other wildlife with a safe space to thrive.

In addition to supporting local conservation efforts, participants will receive other perks for signing up for the program. Qualifying property owners will receive a Habitat Patch Program yard sign to proudly display in their habitat, and will have access to exclusive workshops and communications for participants to share tips, tricks, and ideas.

“We hope that participants find the Habitat Patch Program to be a fun, unique way to promote conservation on a more personal level,” said Liz Littman, GEAS Executive Director. “We know that the Treasure Valley community has many people who want to do their part to promote healthy habitat for birds and other wildlife, and this program is a great opportunity to do so.”

Properties must meet a variety of criteria to qualify, including the presence of at least three native plant species, at least two vegetation levels of bird habitat, and plans for the management or reduction of any present invasive species. Qualifying properties will also exhibit at least four bird-friendly practices, including preventing window collisions. Educational resources, guides and sign-up information about Habitat Patch can be found at [goldeneagleaudubon.org/habitat-patch-program/](http://goldeneagleaudubon.org/habitat-patch-program/). Registration is a one-time cost of \$25 for GEAS members and \$35 for non-members.

GEAS is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to building an understanding, appreciation, and respect for the natural world in order to conserve and restore natural ecosystems for birds and other wildlife. As the Southwest Idaho chapter of the National Audubon Society, GEAS offers birding trips for all ages, educational programs, community science programs, and supports the conservation and restoration of public lands.

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