

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Membership in the AOS

What is the AOS?

The American Ornithological Society (AOS) is the largest organization in the world dedicated to serving the scientific and professional needs of ornithologists and advancing the scientific basis for the conservation of birds. AOS is a not-for-profit scientific society incorporated in Washington, D.C., and it is governed by four elected officers and 12 elective councilors.

What does the AOS do?

The AOS is a professional society that helps you network, collaborate, and develop your professional career, promotes your science, recognizes your accomplishments, and keeps you connected and engaged in our community. To do this, the AOS:

- Advances and promotes all disciplines of ornithological science
- Advances and promotes the scientific basis for the conservation of birds
- Produces publications of the highest quality that is immediately accessible to an active and diverse membership,
- Offers opportunities for sharing of ornithological knowledge between AOS members and the broader scientific community,
- Acts as an important source of unbiased scientific information about birds and their conservation for public policy makers,
- Fosters productive relationships with other organizations, and
- Encourages high ethical standards within the ornithological community.

Who are the members of AOS?

The AOS has ~3,000 members who are affiliated with educational institutions, government agencies, nonprofits, and the private sector. Members are researchers, teachers, students, administrators, consultants, and amateur ornithologists.

What comes with my AOS membership?

The AOS offers a variety of benefits that are automatic with your membership. Some of these are tangible benefits (such as free subscriptions to AOS' online publications) and some are intangible (such as career advancement opportunities). Our member benefits include:

- professional development opportunities and training,
- professional networking opportunities,
- free online access to the two journals, *The Auk* and *The Condor*,
- free access to the *Birds of North America* (BNAonline) and AOS Checklists,
- eligibility for AOS-specific society grants and awards,
- eligibility for professional recognition, including special membership classes
- reduced membership rates for some membership categories,
- discounted registration to meetings, and
- access to and support from the Ornithological Council.

What are AOS Student Membership Awards? Student membership awards are a one-year, free membership in the AOS. Membership awards are offered every year to any qualifying student who applies by the annual deadline, 31 December. To see if you qualify, visit: <http://www.americanornithology.org/content/aos-student-membership-awards>

When does my Student Membership Award expire? Student Membership Awards expire at the end of the calendar year (31 December) for which they were awarded. We hope you will renew your membership in the AOS at the student rate and continue to benefit from the many resources the AOS has to offer. If you received your terminal degree this year, *congratulations!* We hope you will renew your membership at the discounted early professional rate.

How do I access the society journals, the Auk and the Condor?

Members of the AOS receive unlimited online access to the complete contents of all issues of *The Auk: Ornithological Advances*, and *The Condor: Ornithological Applications*.

To access the journals online, simply

- ✓ Register on the AOS Journals Website at <http://www.americanornithologypubs.org/action/showLogin>
- ✓ Enter the same email address you use to access the OSNA Member Portal.
- ✓ Members and institutional subscribers receive unlimited online access to [The Auk](#) and [The Condor](#). Members and institutional subscribers may also order "Print on Demand" annual subscriptions or individual issues of the 2018 journals from Sheridan Press starting in December 2017 at <http://aos.sheridan.com>. Annual print subscriptions for libraries/institutions are \$400 for each journal. Annual print subscriptions for AOS members are \$160 per year for each journal, and individual print issues may be ordered for \$55 per issue. For information about print orders and payments, Carly Truitt is the print journal service representative at Carly.Truitt@sheridan.com or contact [717-632-3535](tel:717-632-3535) or pubsvc.tsp@sheridan.com