

2017 President's Award

As presented by Doug Bechtel at the New Hampshire Audubon Annual Meeting, September 23, 2017.

The President's Award recognizes a strong friend of New Hampshire Audubon whose actions and commitment have significantly furthered the work of the organization. The recipient of the 2017 award is David Ries.

David P. Ries has been a board member for NH Audubon since 2006. He is in his 12th year as a trustee and has reached his term limit this year after serving several years as Chair of the Board.

David has seen the organization through thick and thin for over a decade, has helped hire the last two Presidents, has been a guiding force, and a committed and determined leader on the Board. I also consider David a close ally, friend, and mentor, starting when I first met him in my first job interview for this position, almost two years ago.

David has introduced me to some of our most important allies and donors. He has been to countless committee meetings and board meetings. My favorite memory of David spanned several days when we shared a hotel room for several nights in Oregon at the National Wildlife Federation Annual meeting. We shared many thoughts, ideas, and strategies for the future of NH Audubon, usually over breakfast.

David's good humor, candor, big smiley personality and laugh have been present throughout both my and predecessor's (Mike Bartlett) entire tenures as President. He is a role model and leader among an excellent Board of Trustees. He is a champion of conservation, and his influence and impact has been, and will be, felt at NH Audubon for years to come.

NH Audubon's 2017 President Award is presented to David Ries for his outstanding service, loyalty, and enduring commitment to NH Audubon's mission and success. We are forever grateful.



David Ries (left) receiving the 2017 President's Award from NH Audubon President, Doug Bechtel.

Photo by Dyanna Smith.

