



**AUDUBON  
SOCIETY**  
*of GREATER DENVER*

# **47 Years Connecting People with Nature**

## **Our Mission**

Advocate for the environment,  
connecting people to nature  
through education, conservation,  
and research.

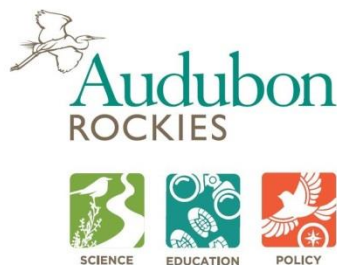
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# Audubon Chapters

*A grassroots network that spans the continent*

Banding a young Flammulated Owl. Photo: David Arsenault/Plumas Audubon Society





# Audubon Nature Center at Chatfield State Park

# We're About Local Birds . . .



# We're About All Local Wildlife . . .




# We're About People . . .



# We're About Western Places and Western Spaces . . .



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A photograph of a person walking away on a dirt path through a field of tall green grass. A large, textured tree trunk is on the right side of the frame. A large white circle is superimposed over the center of the image, containing text.

**“Maybe it’s time to rethink both nature and cities.** What if nature were re-envisioned . . . And what if cities, rather than banishing nature, welcomed native plants and animals? Imagine if buildings behaved like trees, harnessing the energy of sunlight and recycling their wastes . . .”

~ Scott D. Sampson, Author  
*How to Raise a Wild Child*

# Our Backyards and Businesses Part of a Larger Landscape





# Denver: The Next Biophilic City?



# People and Animals all need:



WATER



FOOD

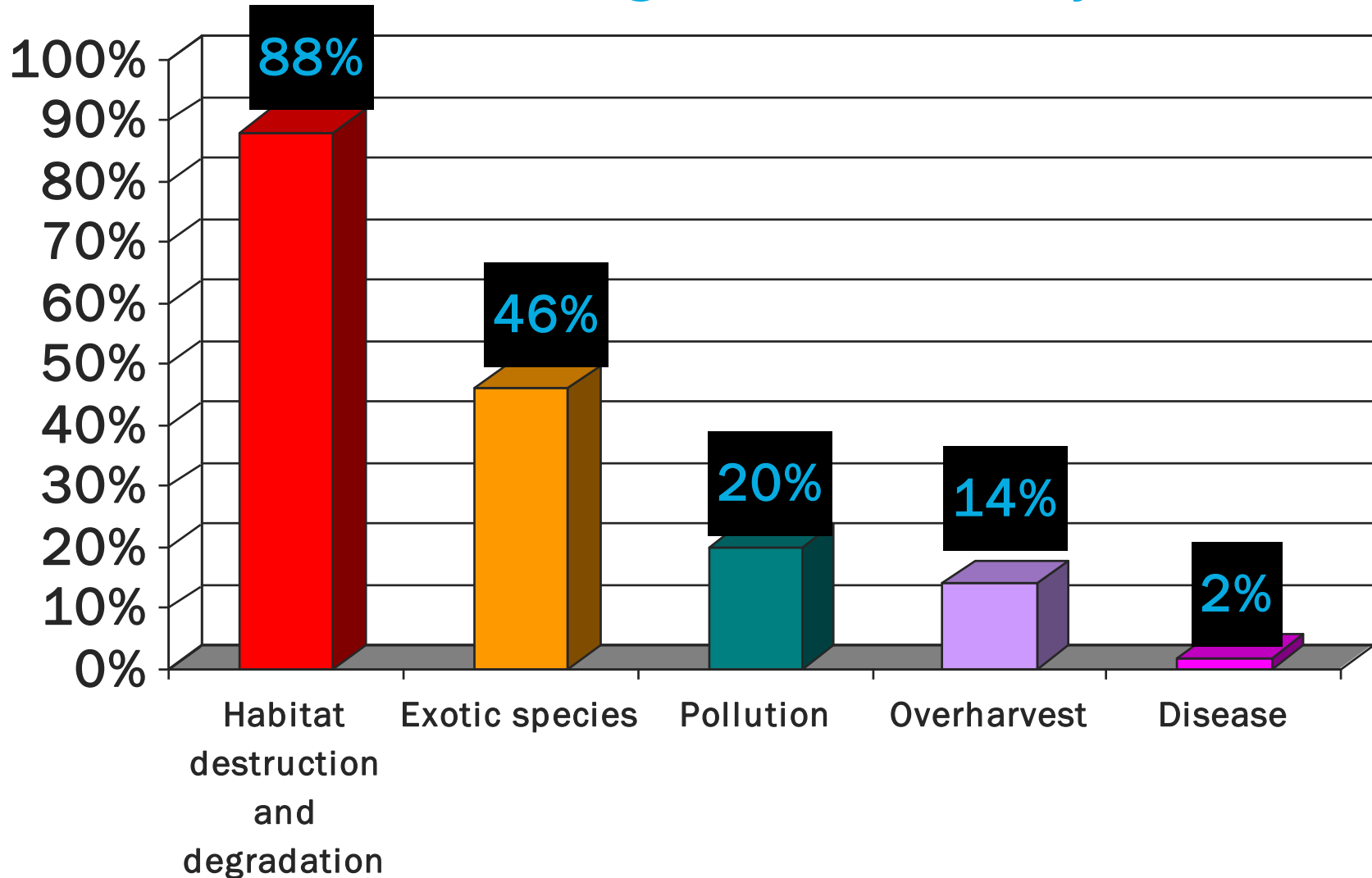


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SPACE

## Providing Habitat is Key



# EMBRACE Wildscaping

- Water Conservation
- Protect Water Quality
- Eliminate Chemicals
- Plant Natives (Regionally Adapted)
- Control Invasives
- Support Wildlife





# ***Penstemon Wildflowers***

- 100 species in Genus
- Diversity of flower colors and heights
- Great nectar source for hummingbirds & insect pollinators



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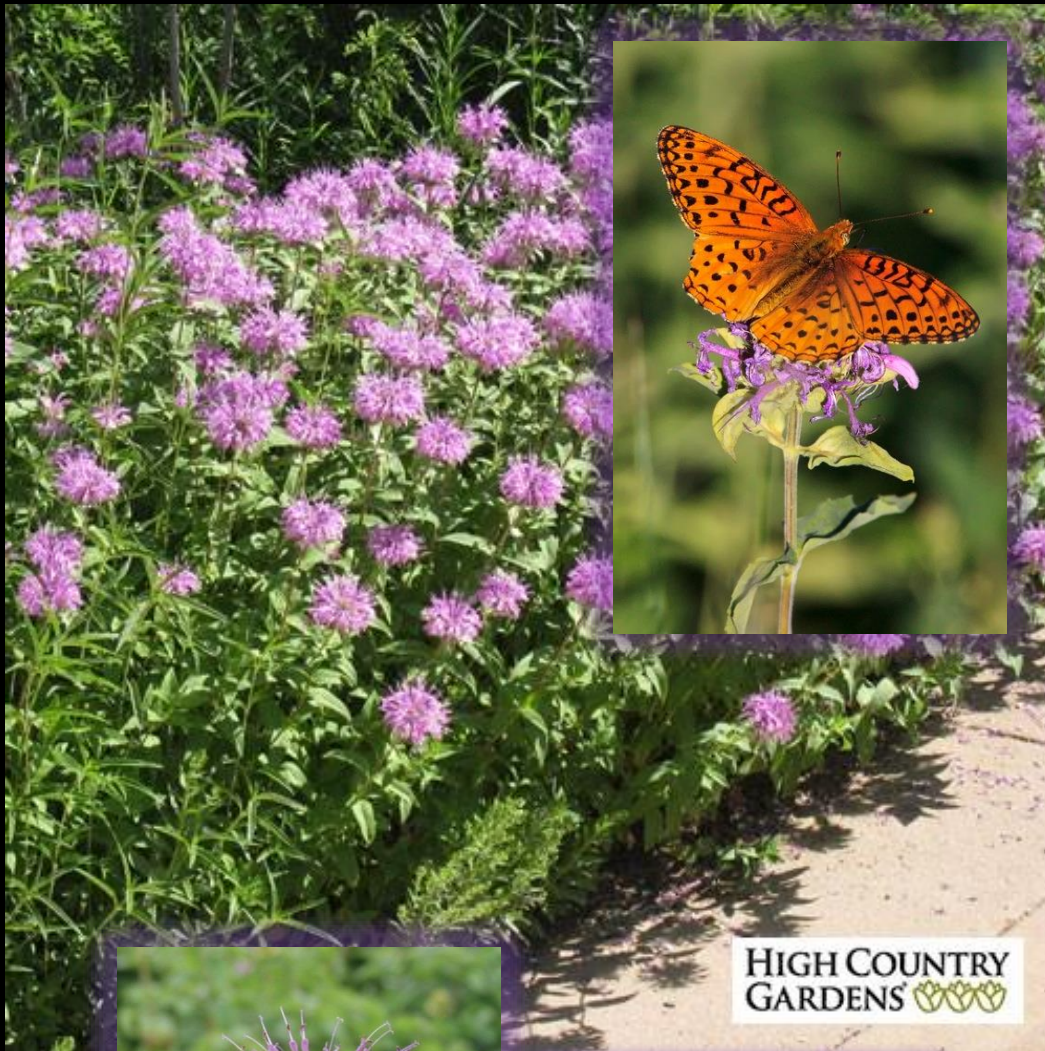
## ***Blue Grama Grass***

- Colorado State Grass
- Sun to part shade, welldrained soils
- Ornamental or turf use



# ***Beebalm Wildflowers***

- ***Sun to part shade***
- ***Most or dry conditions***
- ***Provides caterpillars and nectar for food***
- ***Attracts butterflies, bees, birds***



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# *Golden Currant*

- Compact Shrub
- Ripening in Summer
- Full sun/Partial Shade
- Tolerates most soils
- Provides great cover





## Bottom Line:



- Yards and public landscapes that do not fit into our natural semi-arid Colorado environment take MORE time, money, and water to maintain!
- ***Diversity, Diversity, Diversity.*** This is the key to maintaining a wildlife habitat as well as a human habitat that is attractive to wildlife and to people! We need to introduce diversity in structure, food, and cover

# Habitat Hero

*Bringing Conservation Home, One Garden at a Time*

A close-up photograph showing several human hands of different skin tones gently cupping and supporting a small, colorful bird. The bird has a bright blue head, a yellowish-orange breast, and greyish-black wings and tail. It is being held in a way that suggests care and protection. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the bird and the hands.

Together we can make a difference for  
our **CITY**, our **PEOPLE**, and our **WILDLIFE**!

# Questions?

