



First Global Wildlife Ambassador Award honours Audubon and BirdLife supporter Jane Alexander

Title

Renowned actress Jane Alexander, a member of the board of the National Audubon Society (BirdLife in the USA), is to be the first recipient of an award named in her honour, which recognises individuals who support the natural world by leading others to action, and who lend a credible, consistent, and effective public voice for the sustainability of wildlife. The Jane Alexander Global Wildlife Ambassador Award was inaugurated by the Executive Committee of the Indianapolis Prize, which was initiated by the Indianapolis Zoo to bring the world's attention to the cause of animal conservation and the brave, talented and dedicated men and women who spend their lives saving the Earth's endangered animal species.

Jane Alexander has been active in wildlife conservation for decades, serving as a Trustee of the Wildlife Conservation Society and a founding board member of the American Bird Conservancy. She currently serves on the Women's Conservation Council of the Audubon Society the BirdLife/Audubon US Stewardship Council, the American Birding Association, on the, and on the Conservation Council of Panthera. She also chaired the recent Arctic Campaign for Audubon urging a halt to drilling for oil in the areas where great mammals of land and sea live and millions of birds make their nests. "Through her work with Audubon and BirdLife's Stewardship Council, Jane Alexander has made an immense contribution to furthering BirdLife's work in the USA and around the world, and we warmly congratulate her on this award", said BirdLife International Chief Executive Marco Lambertini. Jane Alexander considers being a conservationist her most important and challenging role in a stellar career that has included Tony and Emmy Awards and multiple Academy Award nominations. Of her many roles, she has been honored for the play and film of *The Great White Hope*, *All the President's Men*, *Kramer vs. Kramer*, *Eleanor and Franklin*, *Testament*, *Playing for Time*, *Malice in Wonderland*, and *Warm Springs*, among others.