

## Hornaday Award

### Earning a Hornaday Medal

Since 1917, about 1,100 Hornaday medals have been awarded. The Wildlife Protection Medal was a forerunner to the Hornaday Awards. Dr. William T. Hornaday, an ardent conservationist, established this awards program to recognize Scouts who undertook and completed truly exceptional conservation projects. Earning one is hard work—it is supposed to be—but it's worth it.

A good idea is to start with the badge and then work up to the bronze or silver medal. You must be a First Class Scout or a Venturer, and you must have a conservation adviser. Then you do your homework to fulfill the advancement requirements and conservation projects you want to complete.

The following merit badges and project categories are the building blocks for a Scout to earn a Hornaday Award. See the Hornaday application for the Venturing requirements.

### MERIT BADGES

Energy	Insect Study
Environmental Science	Landscape Architecture
Fish and Wildlife Management	Mammal Study
Forestry	Nature
Public Health	Nuclear Science
Soil and Water Conservation	Oceanography
Bird Study	Plant Science
Fishing	Pulp and Paper
Fly-Fishing	Reptile and Amphibian Study
Gardening	Weather
Geology	

**\*FOR THE HORNADAY BADGE**, Scouts earn three of the merit badges listed above in **boldface**, plus any two others. Then plan, lead, and carry out a significant project in natural resource conservation, from one of the project categories listed.

**\*FOR THE HORNADAY BRONZE MEDAL**, Scouts earn the Environmental Science merit badge and at least three additional merit badges listed above in boldface, plus any two others. Then plan, lead, and carry out three significant projects from three separate categories listed.

**\*FOR THE HORNADAY SILVER MEDAL**, Scouts earn all the merit badges listed above in boldface, plus any three others. Then plan, lead, and carry out four significant projects in natural resource conservation or environmental improvements, one each from four of the eight project categories listed.

### Project Categories

Energy conservation	Air and water pollution control
Soil and water conservation	Resource recovery (recycling)
Fish and wildlife management	Hazardous material disposal and management
Forestry and range management	Invasive species control