

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.

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

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