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50 Years and Still Gaining Ground

Bold Plans for ACR's Success ENVISIONING THE NEXT 50 YEARS

by J. Scott Feierabend and Bryant Hichwa

Imagine entering the Martin Griffin Preserve and seeing the iconic West Marin farmhouse sporting a fresh coat of paint, with its doors open wide to welcome visitors to the treasures of the preserve. Once inside the farmhouse, you learn about Audubon Canyon Ranch's rich legacy and conservation leadership, and linger in a new, well-stocked and expanded bookstore.

From there, you stroll over to the Display Hall to view newly refreshed exhibits and a "smart" classroom, serving over 3,000 schoolchildren each year. Then, you explore preserve trails to rejuvenate your soul and restore your spirit by reconnecting with nature.

Thousands of footprints

Since 1962, when Stan Picher, Aileen Pierson, Marty Griffin and

countless volunteers made Audubon Canyon Ranch a gateway to the natural world, hundreds of thousands of feet have walked the trails on our Marin and Sonoma County preserves.

During these 50 years, nature and seasonal rhythms have weathered and worn our buildings and their facilities. This fall, as our anniversary gift to the community, ACR will launch an organization-wide refurbishment and improvement initiative of unprecedented scope—called the 50/Fifty Initiative—which will include restoration projects on each of its preserves. Each thoughtfully developed project will yield myriad benefits to the environment and the communities we serve by providing:



- More opportunities for public visitation and enhanced educational experiences
- Improved interpretative displays and interactive educational materials
- Reduced carbon emissions and increased energy and water conservation

Creating a deeper experience

Special projects are planned for the Martin Griffin Preserve, Bouverie Preserve and Cypress Grove Research Center. Combined, the projects will enhance visitor understanding of the local ecology and provide a deeper appreciation of the important work Audubon Canyon Ranch conducts each and every day.

The 50/Fifty Initiative is a gateway to ACR's next 50 years and a reminder please turn to *Envisioning the Next 50 Years*, page 10

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Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary and the Modini Ingalls Ecological Preserve **FALLING FOR ACR'S NEW PRESERVES**

by David Self

In two short months (December and January), my mind, eyes and heart have been captured by ACR's newest preserves, the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary and the Modini Ingalls Ecological Preserve.

I am mesmerized by the wild canyons and crags, the vistas and clouds, and the mossy and lichen-crusting boulders that glow in the fog.

I see barren sea-green serpentine outcrops and hear music from the ripples along Little Sulphur Creek. I am intrigued by the stark tree skeletons that reach up from the site of the 2004 Geysers Fire and are now surrounded by a riot of new trees and resprouts, some already 30 feet tall.

Witnesses of history

I am dwarfed by the occasional towering yellow pine and Douglas fir that withstood the Geysers Fire and date back to the 1800s, and even earlier.

Everywhere I see evidence of human history, highlighting the peoples who were once here: proud Wappo Indians, early ranchers and mercury boomtown residents. A wagon road built and maintained by Chinese laborers served rugged miners of the boomtown and carried European royalty and other wealthy patrons by stagecoach to health spas at the Geysers. Now the road is one of our hiking trails.

Getting acquainted

Longtime neighbors, residents and friends, both wild and human, have shared a bit of time or left a track, story

or note about the preserve—and I am humbled by all of these. I want to get to know the lions, bears and ranchers, the robin, the eagle and birders, the wildflowers, shrubs, trees and the botanists.

I want to hike all of these hills and canyons and hear the histories and stories. Such a wealth from which to learn . . . and share.



Trees charred by the 2004 Geysers Fire

A sweeping vista

These preserves, which together total over 3,000 acres, occupy steep slopes of the Mayacamas Mountains above Highway 128 and Jimtown in the Alexander Valley. With spectacular views of the valley, Mt. Saint Helena and the Coast Ranges, this place is home to Black Bears, Mountain Lions, Golden Eagles, several sensitive animal and plant species, and a host of spring wildflowers.

Habitats include a mix of grassland, serpentine outcrops, chaparral, oak woodland and mixed evergreen forests, as well as streams, creeks and springs. The peaks, ridges, ravines and valleys here are part of three healthy watersheds,

which drain to the Russian River near Cloverdale, Jimtown and Healdsburg.

Protecting Mayacamas lands

These two preserves are also core to 12,000 acres of contiguous habitat in the Mayacamas Mountains protected through conservation easements with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (SCAPOS), or as public land.

Audubon Canyon Ranch will continue collaborating with SCAPOS and other local organizations and agencies on the management, research and educational use of the preserves.

Partnering for preservation

Ownership and management of the 1,620-acre Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary was shared by National and California Audubon, with ACR providing management assistance.

In May 2012, title to the property was transferred to Audubon Canyon Ranch.

The Madrone Audubon Society, a Sonoma County chapter of the National Audubon Society, has provided a vital presence in the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary since 1994, and today continues to partner with ACR to offer a wonderful series of natural history programs each spring.

Reserved for science

The adjoining Modini Ingalls Ecological Preserve is over 1,500 acres of undisturbed



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watershed, long protected by Jim and Shirley Modini, local ranchers and stalwart conservationists. This land is dedicated to preservation and scientific research only, with no public access, at the request of the Modinis.

ACR has been assisting with management of the preserve since 2008 and became the property owner in December 2012.

How to enjoy the preserves

Hiking in the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary is available through ACR's guided programs or by permit only. But visitors can enjoy birding and views anytime from several pullouts along Pine Flat Road, which climbs a steep ridge through the length of the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary.

Come drive the road, but please drive slowly and carefully—this is a steep, rough, narrow, windy, one-lane country road with occasional blind curves and is a very popular route for area bicyclists.

Get oriented

For a permit to hike the sanctuary, we require that you take part in an access orientation session (see end of article for details). Offered monthly, these 90-minute orientations give an overview of the preserve and Audubon Canyon Ranch and how to partner with ACR.

You'll also learn—as visitors and neighbors—to help protect the plants, animals, history and views of this wonderful place.

Stay tuned! Together with the Madrone Audubon Society and others, ACR staff is organizing guided hikes and nature programs for this spring, which will range from geology to wildflower photography, dragonflies, birding and history. We look forward to exploring these dramatic wildlands through the seasons with our new friends in the community.

Contact Preserve Naturalist David Self at david.self@egret.org and join the monthly email list. You'll receive notices about upcoming hikes, access orientation sessions, and other activities at the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary.

David Self is ACR's Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary Naturalist



Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary

Planned Giving at Audubon Canyon Ranch CREATIVE ESTATE PLANNING

by Yvonne Pierce

Clerin “Zumie” Zumwalt, ACR’s first naturalist, was a talented educator who inspired hundreds of children and adults through hands-on nature-based education at Audubon Canyon Ranch.

Members of ACR’s Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle, through creative estate planning, have given clever and thoughtful gifts that honor Zumie’s legacy and embrace his generous spirit. These donors are helping to ensure that ACR programs will continue for future generations.

Just this past year, ACR staff was informed of a number of inspiring legacy gifts:

- A forward-thinking couple included in their estate plans a restricted gift for an Adult Education Lecture Series at the Martin Griffin Preserve. Their support will help us launch and fund this special nature education series for adults.
- A generous donor honored Audubon Canyon Ranch in her

Photo by Leslie Sophia Lindell



Cypress Grove Research Center

will. Her gift, which includes annuities and real property, will provide ongoing financial support for ACR’s mission work, including children’s education programs.

Ensuring that children have access to nature is a powerful way to inspire them to protect our natural resources in the future.

We are grateful to the members of the Zumwalt Legacy Circle—and indeed all ACR supporters and volunteers—for assisting ACR’s efforts to protect nature through land preservation, nature education and conservation science. Thank you for helping to inspire children and adults to appreciate the natural world.

Yvonne Pierce is ACR’s Executive Administrator and Martin Griffin Preserve Manager

Funds Donated to Study & Protect Tomales Bay

ACR is honored to announce the creation of a new endowment to provide financial support for our conservation work on Tomales Bay and its watershed.

The endowment was used to establish “The Fund for Scientific Research and Protection of the Natural Resources of Tomales Bay,” and was created anonymously to honor the memory of a Marin County resident who had a strong interest in natural resources, especially that of the California herring fishery.

To contribute to the Fund or to learn about how to establish an honorary fund for a family member or friend, contact ACR Director of Development Didi Wilson at 415.868.9244 or didi@egret.org.



CLERIN ZUMWALT LEGACY CIRCLE

ACR’s Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle honors supporters who have included Audubon Canyon Ranch in their estate plans. If you name ACR in your estate plan—at any amount—you become a member of the Clerin Zumwalt Legacy Circle. For more information, contact Didi Wilson, Director of Development and Communications, at 415.868.9244 or didi@egret.org. We welcome your questions.

ACR is in strict accord with the ethical guidelines of the National Planned Giving Committee.

Martin Griffin Preserve Ranch Guides VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

We asked some of our beloved Ranch Guides to muse a little about their experiences as volunteer naturalists at the Martin Griffin Preserve. As usually happens when someone talks about something they love, they inspired us with their words. We are honored to highlight a few of them here.

“I most enjoy the look on a visitor’s face when they share an insight about a plant or animal that they gained while walking through the woods or perched on an overlook with a spotting scope. A sense of wonder is a rare thing and it can happen as simply as seeing the pale blue color of an egret’s egg for the first time . . . or seeing creatures emerge from pond water under a hand lens.”

- Karen Goetz

“Everyone, it seems, wants to get kids ‘turned on’ to nature. But for me, the real thrill comes when I can inspire

an adult’s discovery. Volunteering as a Ranch Guide allows me to do this . . . and it happens nearly every time I’m on the preserve.”

- Amy LaGoy

“Ranch Guides sing the songs of the land at the Martin Griffin Preserve. The effect on visitors feeling a part of the land here is palpable as they handle a newt, discover an egret chick through the scope, or witness the swallows feeding their young. We are tasked with extending the meaning of the earth we know and love. It is never a burden,

THANK YOU, ACR VOLUNTEERS!

Audubon Canyon Ranch salutes the hundreds of individuals listed below for their dedication to ACR and for generously donating time and energy as Docents, Ranch Guides, Ranch Hosts, Field Biologists, Citizen Scientists, Stewards, Work Day Volunteers, Directors and Advisors. You are the backbone of this organization! For all you do, we thank you!

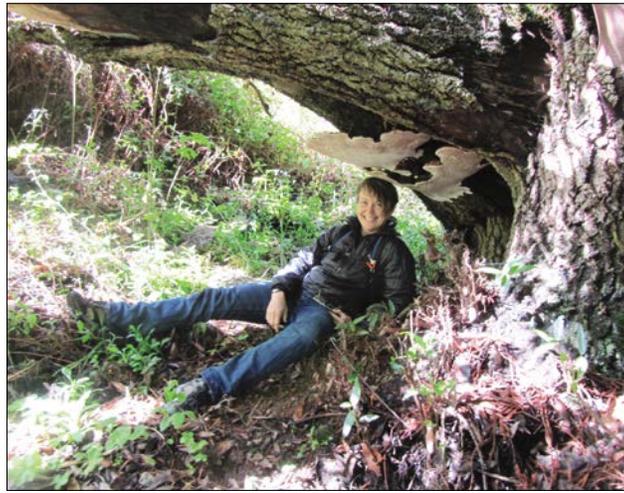
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but always an honor to sing its song.”

- Connie Anderson

Ranch Guides are trained volunteer naturalists who interpret nature and answer visitors' questions at the Martin Griffin Preserve. They are available weekends and holidays from mid-March through mid-July, when the preserve is open to the public to view the historic heronry, explore nature and hike the trails.

What question will you ask when you visit?



Ranch Guide Karen Goetz admires an Artist's Conk fungus

Congratulations, Graduates!

ACR congratulates and welcomes the following graduates of the recent Martin Griffin Preserve Docent Training program.

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INSPIRATION GOES BOTH WAYS

After a nature hike at ACR's Martin Griffin Preserve or Bouverie Preserve, as part of ACR's Education Programs, third, fourth and fifth graders (and their teachers) often write to the docents who educated and galvanized them. Their letters and artwork are insightful, smart, humorous . . . and inspire us to do what we do. Take a peek.



chipmunk

Dear Marcy,

Thankyou for touring me at the Audubon Canyon Ranch. I had so much fun catching newts, hiking, biking at the Egrets, learning about plants and animals, bird watching, etc. One of my favorite parts was going into the bird hide area. I loved seeing the cute chipmunks and different types of birds. It was really cool when we went along the trail by our selves for a minute. I could hear noises. I wouldn't be able to hear in a big group. Seeing baby Egrets is so cool too. Thankyou for touring our class at the Audubon Canyon Ranch. I really want to go there again.



April 2, 2012

Dear Sue,

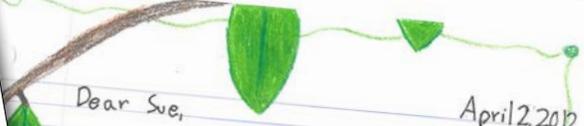
Thank you so much for being an amazingly great docent on our excellent field trip to Audubon Canyon Ranch last Thursday. I really enjoyed it. My favorite part of the hike was catching newts. They were slimy and cute. I also didn't know that Native Americans used Old Man's Beard for diapers.

Thanks again for being such an awesomely good docent and for making our field trip so much fun.

Yours truly,
Sarah

P.S. My dad really liked it too.

You Rock!



Dear Sue,

April 2, 2012

Thank you so much for being our amazing docent on our great field trip. I loved everything except drenching my shoes at the pond.

Two of my favorite things were catching newts and going on the hike. The newts were so cute and smooth even though they were hard to catch. The forest was so beautiful and peaceful. I wish I could spend all my time there.

Thanks again for being our amazing docent at Audubon.

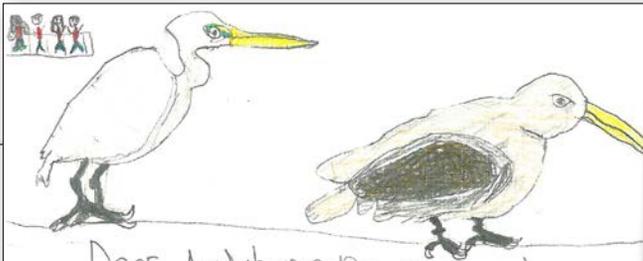
Sincerely,
Fiona



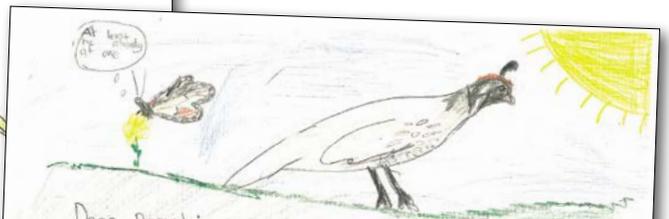
Thank You



love,
Maya



Dear Audubon Canyon Ranch,
 I loved seeing all the birds, espe
 the egrets I was the only one
 saw the babies. Also, I liked th
 docent gave us animal names. I u
 Egret. When we searched for det
 tried to find lizards. We found e
 of newts, but no lizards.



Dear Parents,
 The thing I liked the most about
 the fieldtrip is where we ate lunch. It
 was so pretty! There were so many
 redwood trees, and even a creek!! I liked
 feeling the skin of the newt. In
 the Monday Tuesday part we only saw
 one newt (and one frog). The crayfish
 newt is so cute. I even saw the egret
 turning the eggs so I have a 280 acre
 much and it is full of trees, but I think
 yours is much prettier.

Your friend
 Haley

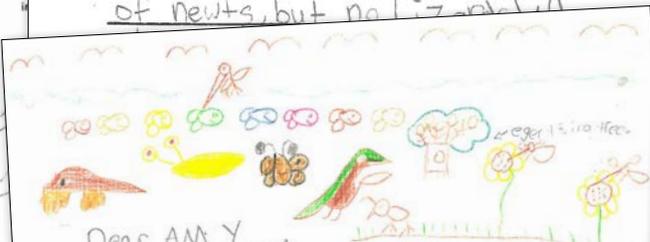
Dear Ms. Chris.

I really enjoyed tod
 sights! Our group worked w
 First, we went in the
 One bird kept coming close
 very common to see there.
 kind of looked like chicken
 Next, we went
 one! Should I pick it up?
 creature. "Put it in the w

Newt

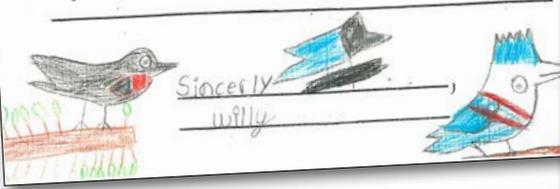


Duckweed



Dear AM Y,
 Our group loved how you taught us
 I LOVED when we saw the egret feed
 her babies, and also when we saw the egret
 mom turn her eggs. I loved when I
 saw the newts and held them. I also
 liked it when I when I saw the
 CALIFORNIA quail, and the redwood tree
 and the poppies. when we saw poison
 oak, it was good for me because I
 never knew how it looked. Now I
 know how it looked, last I also
 loved seeing the woodrats home.

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Dear Barbara,
 Thank you for being such a
 fantastic docent at Audubon Canyon
 Ranch. The number one thing I loved
 the best was catching newts at the
 horse trough pond. The best favorite
 thing was the poison oak and the
 spiky plants. I also loved seeing all
 of the 70 egret nests in that
 big tree. And looking through
 the telescopes and seeing the
 baby egrets was so cute. Catching
 water skiers was so fun, but
 they were very fast. My favorite
 thing was having you as our
 docent.

From, Chloe

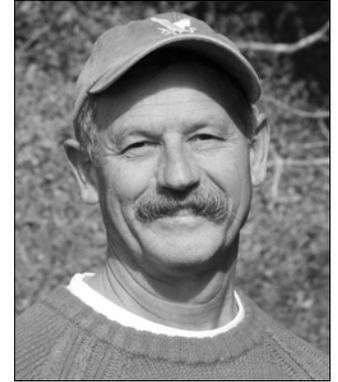


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 that we must conserve our properties and facilities, which are critical to delivering the programs that meet our mission. The initiative will inspire our volunteers and staff, engage our donors and greatly enhance learning opportunities for children and adults alike.

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Audubon Canyon Ranch
Appreciation Picnic

Saturday, September 7, 2013
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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March 16 - July 14, 2013 Weekends and Holidays ~ 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
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Hike the more than eight miles of trails at ACR's Martin Griffin Preserve. Visit the newt ponds, view the nesting Great Egrets, and enjoy the wildflowers. Knowledgeable Ranch Guides will answer your questions. *Donations appreciated*

Guided Nature Walks

Bouverie Preserve

Saturdays ~ March 9, March 23, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, 2013
 September 21, October 12, October 26, November 9, 2013
 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Experience the beauty and rich natural history of this 535-acre preserve. Reservations required and accepted one month before each respective hike date.
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Work Day

Martin Griffin Preserve

Sunday ~ March 3, 2013 – Picher Canyon 9:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., followed by lunch

Help with trail and library work, pulling weeds, planting native flowers or cooking lunch (ACR provides). Bring your favorite tool and gloves for outdoor projects!
 Registration required: rsvp@egret.org or 415.868.9244



Backyard Naturalist Series

Bouverie Preserve

Saturday ~ April 6, 2013 – Wildflowers with Jeanne Wirka
 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Geared to the adult amateur naturalist, these Saturday seminars include time in the classroom and on the trail. One- to three-mile hike. Mildly to moderately strenuous. Bring lunch and water. Class size is limited. *\$25 per seminar. Discount for ACR members at Sponsor-level or above.*
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Mother's Day Barbeque

Volunteer Canyon, Martin Griffin Preserve

Sunday ~ May 12, 2013

Bring families and friends for a day of food and fun in Volunteer Canyon. Proceeds benefit Audubon Canyon Ranch and Marin Audubon Society education and conservation science programs. Call Mary Anne Cowperthwaite at 415.453.2216 for information. Space is limited. RSVP by May 6. Carpooling strongly encouraged!
 \$25, \$12 children under 12. Mail your check payable to: Marin Audubon Society, 141 Oak Avenue, San Anselmo, CA 94960 or visit www.marinaudubon.org to make your reservation online.

Docent Training

Bouverie Preserve

Training starts Wednesday, September 4, 2013

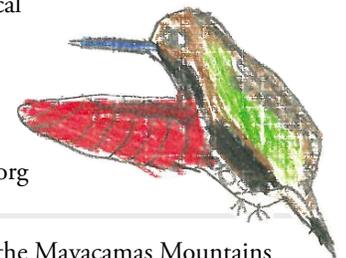
Share your sense of wonder – become a Docent of the Bouverie Preserve.
 Call 707.938.4554 for more information or to sign up for an orientation.

Habitat Protection & Restoration Stewards

Stewards work intimately with the land and help with ecological restoration projects.

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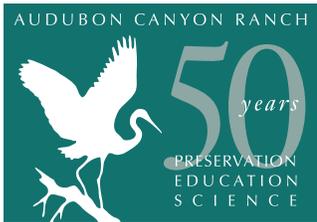
Martin Griffin Preserve: Thursdays ~ 9:00 a.m. – noon
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Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary

Explore the rugged terrain of ACR's newly acquired preserve, the Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary, just east of Healdsburg. Visit www.egret.org/calendar for guided hike dates and permit orientation sessions.
 Questions? Contact David Self at 707.431.8184 or david.self@egret.org.
No RSVP or cost, but donations appreciated



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By appointment only 415.663.8203

Bouverie Preserve

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Martin Griffin Preserve (formerly the Bolinas Lagoon Preserve)

Mid-March to mid-July
Saturday, Sunday and holidays
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Weekdays by appointment only
415.868.9244 Closed Mondays

Central Mayacamas Preserves

Mayacamas Mountains Sanctuary
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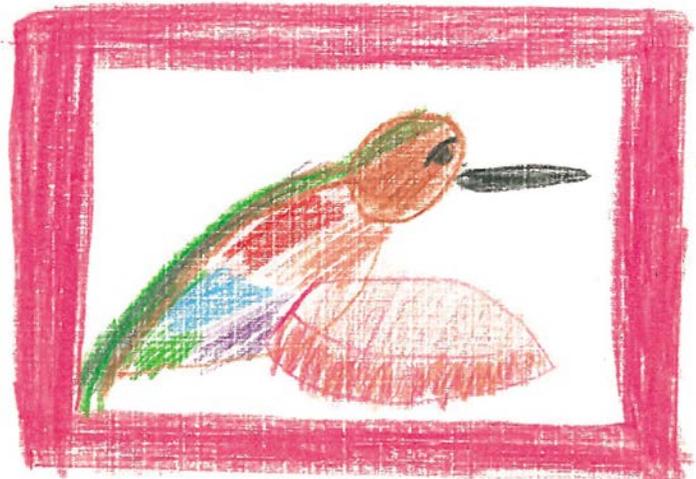
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