

Eagle Audubon Society (EAS)

A Primer on Climate Change and Sustainability

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Part Two: Sustainability and Earth Consciousness

SUMMARY

- Sustainability can be defined as: *“Living well for all, now and in the future, within the means of the environment.”* (Santone, 2011)
- Sustainability is more than the knowledge areas of People, Planet, and Profit. It is also about aesthetic appreciation and acting to personally grow and take part.
- Becoming more sustainable will take more than tinkering.
- It may be better not to express different views about the environment and sustainability as either wrong or right. A better description of different views may be that people are either unaware or have primitive views, or that they are aware, and have advanced views.
- Understanding of how the Earth works can best be gained through experiential learning and intergenerational storytelling.
- Humans have an innate urge to affiliate with other living things. This is Biophilia. The opposite is called Biophobia, and mostly occurs in people with little first-hand experience with the Earth and other living beings.
- A healthy human and Earth relationship will require a re-examination of most of our public policy.