

# **Barbara Baird**

*Artist biography*



As a young girl, Barbara Baird's parents often took her family to visit parks located near Chicago. It was on one of these trips that she encountered an eastern bluebird for the first time and it was love at first sight. Many years later, after spotting an indigo bunting, Barbara became a serious birder and wildlife photographer.

An accomplished and award-winning nature photographer, Barbara has made Galena, Illinois, her permanent home since 2005.

She's passionate about preserving habitat and halting out-of-control development in special places. Her photography captures the wildlife that live in the Galena area, as well as in other parts of the world.

She believes it is important to connect our youth with conservation and help them to care about protecting the planet. Her goal is to inspire a greater awareness to preserve, enhance and expand our diminishing natural habitat for the protection of wildlife that call it home.

