

# RESTORE THE GORE

**Everyone benefits from a healthy Gore Creek.** Clean water for drinking and cooking is fundamental to daily life. A strong, beautiful creek ecosystem rich with plants and wildlife brings visitors to Vail every year and supports Gore Creek offers an escape from stress and a place for reflection.

In 2012, Gore Creek was listed as an impaired waterway. Now more than ever, it faces the impact of growth, development, and a changing climate. It will take each of us to restore the Gore.

**Gore Creek highlights**

- High water mark
- Creek water edge
- Streambank
- Flow velocity
- YOU ARE HERE
- American Dipper Habitat
- Look for brown logs and debris

**on the trail...**

- Stay on the path to protect vegetation.
- Pick up pet waste and never leave bags behind.
- Leash your dog on hikes to prevent habitat damage.

**touch**  
American dipper actual life

**at home...**

- Use chemicals sparingly. Check for wildlife before spraying.
- Keep lawn clippings out of drains. Leave them on the lawn to return nutrients to the grass.
- Replace turf with native plants that provide habitat.

**Gore Creek is your creek**

**AMERICAN DIPPER**  
This heavy-boned bird can walk underwater to find food. It relies on aquatic insects to survive, and aquatic insects rely on clean water.

**“He is the mountain streams’ own darling.... Among all the mountain birds, none has cheered me so much in my lonely wanderings.... While water sings, so must he.”**

**JOHN MUIR, NATURALIST AND PRESERVATIONIST, ON THE AMERICAN DIPPER**

**MONKSHOOD**

**WAX CURRANT**

**RED OSIER DOGWOOD**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN MAPLE**

COURTESY SALLY KING, ALEX PRINCO, JOSHUA MEYER, WESTERN SLOPES

**take a look!**

**CAN YOU SPOT AN AMERICAN DIPPER?**



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