



*Shaping the future for birds*

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This Earth Day, let Congress and the Obama administration hear our voices in support of bird conservation. You can act on and share these action alerts to generate the avalanche of letters needed to conserve Northern Spotted Owl habitat, protect migratory birds, and ensure bird conservation programs have the necessary resources.

### **Take Action: Help Protect Northern Spotted Owls**

Klamath National Forest is home to the rare Northern Spotted Owl. But now, 14 salvage timber sales in California have been granted permits and could impact more than 100 of these threatened birds. We think this project poses an unreasonable risk to the owl's population. **Ask decision-makers to rethink this project.**

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### **Alert: Protect the Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

One of the oldest environmental laws in our country, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), has been coming under attack by Members of Congress. Last year, the House of Representatives passed a provision in a fiscal appropriations bill that would have barred the Department of Justice from enforcing the MBTA - this amendment did not become law, but we could see a similar attack on the law again this year.

The MBTA is the primary piece of legislation in the United States established to protect over 1,000 species of migratory birds and makes it illegal to harm these birds except under very specific circumstances. If weakened by Congress, it could result in the harm and or death of millions of birds.

**Tell your Senators and Representative to stand up and fight for birds by protecting the Migratory Bird Treaty Act!**

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### **Support Bird Conservation Programs and Oppose Anti-Environmental Riders**

Right now, the U.S. Congress is working to put together a bill to fund the government for Fiscal Year 2017. Congress has an opportunity to boost much-needed funding levels for bird conservation programs as a result of the budget compromise last fall. They also have a responsibility to keep anti-environment amendments out of the bill. One of the "riders" in this year's spending bill prohibits funding Endangered Species Act protections for the Greater Sage-Grouse. This rider needs to be kept out of this year's bill.

Essential programs like the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act and the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures benefit many of the birds we see in our backyards each spring. These birds make epic journeys, play essential roles in our ecosystems, and provide pleasure to millions of people, but habitat loss and other threats are making their future less than certain. These conservation programs are essential today. **Please act now! Tell your Senators and Representative: Let's make protecting birds and wildlife a priority.**

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