



Bird-Friendly Sports Arena

The Milwaukee Bucks built the world's first LEED-certified bird-friendly sports arena/stadium! The three-year effort to see this accomplished was led by Bryan Lenz while at Bird City Wisconsin and completed after Bryan joined American Bird Conservancy (ABC) this May. Dr. Chris Sheppard also of ABC was a massive help throughout the process, and the LEED credit itself wouldn't exist without her.

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Bird-Friendly Building Design

The DC Department of Environment and Energy, with the help of Chris Sheppard, ABC and other local advisors, crafted an addition to the DC Green Code that would provide up to two credits for using bird-friendly design. After two years, that language is now available for public comment, through November 12, in the DC Register, #0074301. ABC will be working to generate support!

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MBTA Legal Challenge Joined by Eight States

The Act, which helped restore birds ranging from herons and egrets to shorebirds and waterfowl, is threatened by attempts to weaken its enforcement. Conservation groups including American Bird Conservancy have taken the administration to court after it abruptly eliminated longstanding protections for birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Last month, eight states joined the effort and filed suit against the administration to reinstate these vital bird protections.

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Scientists Oppose Harmful Changes to ESA

A total of 273 leading conservation scientists from around the country today urged the Trump administration to withdraw proposed changes to the regulations implementing the Endangered Species Act. The [scientists' letter](#) addresses three proposed rules put out for public comment by the administration that, they note, "will fundamentally undermine the ability of science and scientists to protect our nation's biodiversity."

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Improved Fisheries Management to Benefit Seabirds

The New England Fisheries Management Council announced support for a biological control rule (i.e., fishing quota) in the Herring Management Strategy Evaluation. The first time in the history of the Council that they engaged seabird biologists, so it's encouraging, even if they didn't decide on the most conservative strategy moving forward (they selected an intermediate strategy).

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Native Animals and Birds Thrive in Burned Forests

Most scientists agree that large hot wildfires produce many benefits for North American forests. Notably, they create essential habitat for many native species. Fifteen years of research on Spotted Owls – a species that has played an oversized role in shaping U.S. forest

management policies and practices for the past several decades – directly contradicts the argument that logging is needed to protect wildlife from fires.

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Bird of the Week: Song Sparrow

At first glance, the Song Sparrow is a typical "little brown job," a term sometimes bestowed by frustrated birders on species in the large, often look-alike sparrow family. But a closer look at this familiar bird reveals a species as variable and interesting as the most exotic [quetzal](#) or [cotinga](#). The Song Sparrow lives up to its name, singing persistently throughout the year.

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