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## Join us for an Invasive Species Webinar on Cats

Join American Bird Conservancy's Grant Sizemore on April 30, 2019 at 2 pm, as he tackles one of conservation's most pervasive challenges: domestic cats. Grant will review the latest science that underpins the Cats Indoors program and highlight policy and regulatory solutions that benefit cats, wildlife, and people. Please register to attend this webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/684729865>.

[Register Here!](#)



## Policy Positions Available at ABC

There are three positions available within the policy division at ABC. The [Director of the Bird-Smart Wind Energy Campaign](#) will lead efforts to avoid and minimize the impact to birds caused by the

development of wind power and transmission lines and towers. The [Communications Tower Legal Intern](#) is a paid internship, working with tower operators to reduce bird mortality caused by collisions with tall communication towers. Finally, the [Conservation Advocacy Intern](#) is a paid internship with ABC's Cats Indoors program.

[Position Details](#)



## **Birding Publications Icon, Bill Thompson III, Passes Away**

The birding community lost a leader when the editor of *Bird Watcher's Digest*, Bill Thompson III, passed away. Bill was an avid birder and is credited with sharing his interest in birds and birding with more than a million people since the 1990s. He took over the family publication that originated in 1978, when Bill was still in high school. Thompson is also acclaimed for his host of books, including a series of 16 backyard birding titles published with his brother, Andy. He also founded and ran the annual "American Birding Expo," the premier birding trade show. (From Birding Wire)

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## **Tools Available from Native Plant Conservation Campaign**

The Native Plant Conservation Campaign has created a new online resource to provide information about the ecosystem services supplied by native plant communities to human societies and economies. Its goal is to provide tools to help individuals and organizations more easily and effectively demonstrate the importance (including but not limited to economic value) of native plant conservation.

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## **"Lost Species" Unseen for 47 Years Rediscovered in Colombia**

The first Antioquia Brushfinch seen in the wild in 47 years was spotted by Rodolfo Correa Peña as he was walking to Sunday mass. Since then, Colombian researchers have found additional birds in four patches of remnant habitat, all within the municipality of San Pedro de los Milagros – which translates to Saint Peter of Miracles – in the department of Antioquia. Fewer than 40 of the birds are thought to remain, and the habitat is under immediate threat.

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## **April 2nd Hill Event a Success!**

The Bird Conservation Alliance meeting was preceded by six lobby meetings, with three visiting delegations from California, Delaware, and South Carolina. The briefing and reception were sponsored by ABC, National Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ducks Unlimited, Defenders of Wildlife, and Natural Resources Defense Council, with presenters from each partner sponsor as well as other groups. We had about 150 people total in attendance, with Reps. Griffith (R-VA), Quigley (D-IL), Lowenthal (D-CA), Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Van Drew (D-NJ) attending and providing remarks.

[Thank You!](#)



## **Support Our Migratory Bird Conservation Funding Initiative**

There's still time to sign on to the action alert for our FY2020 Funding initiative, already endorsed by over 150 groups. You can [watch](#) Steve Holmer, Vice President of Policy for American Bird Conservancy, testify before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. Steve's presentation is near the end of the recording at ~ 2:48. Individuals can [click here](#) to send a letter of support to your Senators and Representative.

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