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The graphic features a vibrant blue bird perched on a green stem with buds, set against a dark green background with a yellow flower on the right. The text is arranged in a clean, white font on the right side of the image.

Bird Conservation Alliance Meeting

YOU'RE INVITED
116th Congress Legislative Briefing *and* Reception

April 2, 2019
Briefing: 2:00 pm, Reception: 4:30 pm
2044-2045 Rayburn House Office Building

Please join us for a legislative briefing on migratory bird conservation programs followed by a reception.

The Honorable Representatives Raúl Grijalva, Ron Kind, Alan Lowenthal, Betty McCollum, Mike Quigley, and Morgan Griffith have been invited to speak.

RSVP here by March 28
★ This is a widely attended event ★

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Join Us for the April 2nd Hill Event, in Washington, D.C.!

This Bird Conservation Alliance Meeting, 116th Congress Legislative Briefing, and Reception is sponsored by American Bird Conservancy, Audubon, The Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ducks Unlimited, Defenders of Wildlife, and Natural Resources Defense Council. We invite all of you to join this widely-attended event, to support bird conservation, and meet and mingle with members of Congress and the conservation community. ~ Full agenda [here](#). Please RSVP By March 28th.

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Migratory Bird Conservation Funding Sign-On Letter

For those of you who are unable to attend the April 2nd event, your organization can still support the event by signing on to the action alert for our FY2020 Funding initiative, already endorsed by over 100 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.

[Sign On!](#)



Public Lands Bill Provides 'Lifeline for Migratory Birds'

The John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Recreation and Management Act, S. 47, became law March 12, 2019. This package of bills includes permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which supports the protection of federal public lands and waters. Birds will also benefit from the bills reauthorization of the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act, which provides conservation support for 386 bird species and their habitats in Central and South America and the Caribbean.

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Will Federal Policies Doom the Sage-Grouse to Extinction?

Wildlife experts concluded in 2015 that the Greater Sage-Grouse, an iconic bird of the West, did not require listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), thanks to then-new federal management plans with added conservation requirements. Those plans have now been undermined and grouse populations are declining. Now, new measures are needed to recover the grouse.

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Five Women Conservation Champions

(You Didn't Learn About In School)

To celebrate International Women's Day during the month of March, American Bird Conservancy highlighted a few of the incredible women on our staff. Since women comprise 60 percent of our team, it's fair to say that women really move bird conservation forward for us. Read on to meet Wendy, Rachel, Callie, Aimee, and Sussy!

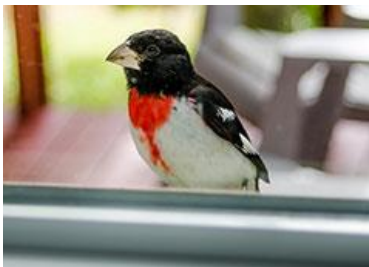
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Hawaii Takes Steps to Prohibit Feral Cats

The Hawaii Invasive Species Council adopted a resolution on January 29, 2019 supporting the keeping of pet cats indoors and the use of peer-reviewed science in pursuing humane mitigation of the impacts of feral cats on wildlife and people. In December 2018, Hawaiian Governor Ige also approved new regulations (HAR §13-232-57.1 and §13-232-57.2) that will prohibit the feeding of wildlife or feral animals, the abandonment of pets, and contributing to colonies of animals at small boat harbors throughout the state.

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The Truth About Birds and Glass Collisions

Glass collisions kill vast numbers of birds in the United States each year. Yet most Americans know little about this danger, and even fewer are aware of the solutions available to help prevent these deaths — fixes that in many cases are easy and inexpensive. To shed light on this pervasive threat, ABC's collisions experts, Christine Sheppard, Ph.D., and Bryan Lenz, Ph.D., put together a list of responses to the 14 questions they are most frequently asked. Take a look. Chances are, we've got an answer for you below.

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