



Bringing back the birds

Inside Bird Conservation Special Edition – November 2019

“Healthy Seabirds, Healthy Oceans” Webinar Nov. 19, 2 pm ET – Register Now

Please join American Bird Conservancy’s Oceans and Islands team for a conservation policy webinar titled, "Healthy Seabirds, Healthy Oceans – How the Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act Can Help Imperiled Birds." **When: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 from 2:00pm - 2:45pm ET [**Register here to attend**](#)** Brad Keitt and Hannah Nevins will discuss the many imminent threats facing seabird populations and the conservation actions that communities and individuals are taking to protect these iconic symbols of the sea. Pending federal legislation would help implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) – a treaty conserving imperiled seabirds by coordinating efforts to mitigate bycatch from international fisheries.

Widespread pollution from plastics and other marine debris reminds us that our actions on land affect seabirds far from shore. [Please join us](#) on Tuesday, November 19th to learn about what you can do to advocate for – and protect – these magnificent birds.

ACTION: Funding for Birds and Sage Grouse ESA Exemption Still at Stake

Final decisions on the FY 2020 federal budget are being made now. To help reverse widespread bird population declines, it’s past time to end the funding [cuts that have plagued wildlife](#) conservation in recent years. [Tell Congress that conservation matters to you](#) – and that riders to deny specific species protection just won’t fly. The funding legislation takes aim at the Greater Sage-Grouse through a rider that would deny the rapidly disappearing grouse the possibility of protection under the Endangered Species Act. Grouse populations are dropping fast, and federal agencies are ramping up drilling and other development, leaving an uncertain future for this imperiled bird.

You can [help birds now](#) by asking your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators to drop the grouse rider and boost funding for effective wildlife conservation programs.

Tunnel Testing Research Methodology Published and Available Online

Chris Sheppard of ABC recently published her original research article titled *Evaluating the relative effectiveness of patterns on glass as deterrents of bird collisions with glass* in the journal of Global Ecology and Conservation. The article highlights early results from the Powdermill, Pennsylvania tunnel testing facility, which evaluates new “bird-friendly” technologies. **Congrats, Chris!**

Lobbying in DC is a Great Idea and Lots of Fun!



Kay Charter, Executive Director of Saving Birds Thru Habitat, joined Steve Holmer and Jennifer Cipolletti on Capitol Hill to lobby members of Congress from Michigan, on behalf of ABC migratory bird legislative priorities. (See photo, left to right: Kay, Steve, and Jennifer). A successful day of lobbying led to invitations for Members to join Kay on a field trip in Michigan to see how she and others are teaching people of all ages how to protect, enhance, and restore habitat for North American birds.

Streaked Horned Lark Among Ten Species Imperiled by Pesticides

Pesticides applied to lawns, gardens, and industrial agriculture operations are a major threat to imperiled wildlife, according to a new report released today. "[Poisoned: 10 American Species Imperiled by Pesticides](#)," a new report by the Endangered Species Coalition, details how domestic and commercial pesticides — including herbicides, insecticides, and rodenticides — are contributing to the decline of species both common and rare. One of these, the Streaked Horned Lark, numbers fewer than 2,000 and was listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2013.

[Plastics Pose an Enduring Threat To Seabirds](#)

"Whether it's the largest species of albatross swallowing discarded toothbrushes or the smallest phalarope with a grain of plastic in its gizzard, no seabird is immune to the enormous amount of plastic debris in the world's oceans." [See a Q+A](#) about seabirds and plastic with ABC's Hannah Nevins.

[If the Feds Won't Prohibit Preventable Bird Deaths, More States Might](#)

This Audubon article mentions the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA's) [Incidental Take legal analysis and report](#), the Science paper on bird declines (see below), and California's legislation asserting its authority to regulate incidental take of migratory birds.

Science Paper on Bird Declines (Three Billion Birds Lost)

A study [published on September 19 in the journal Science](#) reveals that since 1970, bird populations in the United States and Canada have declined by 29 percent, or almost 3 billion birds, suggesting that our ecosystems could be headed for serious trouble. The launch of this paper was very successful, with major outlets around the world carrying the news and mentioning ABC, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, and many other partners. Here are links to more information:

- Press Release: <https://abcbirds.org/article/new-study-finds-u-s-and-canada-have-lost-more-than-one-in-four-birds-in-the-past-50-years/>
- ABC Landing Page for the 3 Billion Birds campaign: <https://abcbirds.org/3-billion-birds/#homepage>

- Action Alert Page: <https://abcbirds.org/action/petition-bird-crisis>
- Donate Page: <https://abcbirds.org/donate/3-billion-birds/>
- Q&A with Mike Parr: <https://abcbirds.org/blog/3-billion-birds-lost-q-a/>
- ABC Trailer Video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdzU84AyCdl>
- [Recording of webinar](#) held on September 19 for BCA members and friends.

Pick-up of the Story by News Outlets and Partners:

Seven Simple Actions to Help Birds

From The Birding Wire: "When our backyard birds are affected to the point where the birds that come to our feeders, and utilize our landscaping for cover and nesting, decline by one-third, we should surely be concerned and pressed into action. ... Here are "7 Simple Actions to Help Birds."

[3 Billion Birds Lost: A Visual Journey](#)

The news that an estimated 2.9 billion breeding birds have been lost from the U.S. and Canada since 1970 may seem overwhelming. To help make sense of this decline and better understand what it means for birds, we and our partners have prepared a series of infographics.

[3 billion birds gone in our lifetime; here's what you can do to help \[column\]](#)

...in our backyards," said Michael J. Parr, president of the *American Bird Conservancy* and one of the study's authors. "This is the clearest..."

[American Birding Podcast: 3 Billion Birds Lost, A Discussion with Jordan Rutter & Ted Floyd](#)

...2019 State of the Birds report. This report, spearheaded by *American Bird Conservancy*, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Canadian Wildlife...

[How to help stop global bird loss from your own backyard](#)

The alarming study that found North America lost almost a third of its *bird* population since 1970 -- can't be taken lightly. Here's what you...

[OUTDOORS: Dramatic decline in backyard bird populations](#)

...States and Canada. The losses were documented on a wide variety of *species*, including meadowlarks, swallows and sparrows. "We expected to..."

[3 BILLION FEWER BIRDS](#)

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...a team of Cornell University researchers and others published a *bird* study in the online journal Science on Sept. 19, they didn't expect...

[Bird populations in US and Canada down 3bn in 50 years](#)

By Victoria Gill Science correspondent, BBC News 19 September 2019 *Bird* populations in Asia and the US are "in crisis", according to two...

[We've Lost Nearly 3 Billion Birds Since 1970](#)

...pounds of pesticides used in the U.S. each year. 5. Drink *Bird-Friendly* Coffee *Bird-friendly* coffee is delicious, economically...

The story of three billion birds

...Species Act. Co-author Michael Parr, president of the American *Bird* Conservancy, said saving *birds* will require policy changes,...

A To-Do List for Governments, Businesses, and Individuals

...projects that could benefit more than 500 *bird* species. 3) *Bird*-Safe Buildings Act (US) - This bipartisan House bill would require...

Grassland birds in steep decline

...you realize it's drastic and we're very upset about it." The *American Bird Conservancy* says birds signal a broader crises in the natural...

Study shows over 3 billion birds lost since the 1970s

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..."Science" published a study showing that we have lost more than 1 in 4 *birds* from the United States and Canada since 1970.

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Mention and discussion of the UK and Europe declining *bird* populations has been a feature of this blog since it began some 10 years ago....

Help the birds by keeping cats indoors

...that there has been a 30% decline, or about 3 billion less, in native *birds* in North America since 1970. This news is heartbreaking and...

Birds are dying, and that's a wake-up call for us

...your house? However nice it may look, Hitchcox said, it's hardly *bird*-friendly. The *pesticides* and herbicides many people use...

North America's Bird Population Is Collapsing

...which also found significant population declines among hundreds of *bird species*, including those once considered plentiful. On...

We can stop birds from dying

Bird populations in many parts of the world have crashed. This must end

US/Canada Bird Populations Down

Nearly 30% of *birds* in U.S., Canada have vanished since 1970 By Gustave Axelson, editorial director at the *Cornell Lab of Ornithology*...

Perspective | Bird populations have crashed. Here's what you can do to help.

...use pesticides. Another is to reduce the area of lawn in favor of *bird-friendly* plants. A Baltimore oriole has a snack on an American...

Bird populations are crashing, but we can mitigate the losses

...to 30 percent fewer individuals. The losses are across habitats and *species*, though hardest hit are *birds* that inhabit the...

Why Minnesota is particularly hard hit by bird declines

...**birds** The report analyzed population changes for more than 500 **bird species** in the U.S. and Canada, using both locally

Bird lovers can help fight decrease in populations

...of lawn that requires mowing. Grassy lawns offer little of value to **birds**, and the maintenance of lawns with mowers, leaf blowers,...

North America has lost 3 billion birds – how is Wisconsin faring?

...change in North American skies with the finding that 3 billion **birds** - or 29 percent - have disappeared since 1970, citing habitat loss,...

Two-thirds of U.S. birds face extinction due to climate-linked 'emergency': Audubon

...paragraph)) By Barbara Goldberg NEW YORK (Reuters) - Two-thirds of **bird** species in North America, already disappearing at an alarming...

These New York Birds Are Most Vulnerable To Climate Change

...by the National Audubon Society shows two-thirds of North American **bird species** are at risk News These New York **Birds** Are...

Birds are dying off at an alarming rate. Here's how you can help from your own backyard

...and trees, and **birds** can't tell the difference. Lights left shining in **glass** buildings at night also draw **birds**, especially...

Collectively, small steps can help reverse bird decline

Re: "North America has lost 3 billion **birds** in 50 years" (Sept. 20, Page A2): On the night of Sept. 23, Derek Lovitch, editor of...

Mike Bleech: Drastic loss of bird population deeply troubling

About 90 percent of nearly 3 billion **birds** lost belong to just 12 **bird** families. The U.S. and Canada have lost about a quarter of...

Bird Crisis

Birds, and by extension the entire ecosystem, is in crisis. Nearly 3 Billion **Birds** Gone Since 1970. That is, the population levels are...

DAN SCHEIMAN: Save our birds

...a native-plant garden's purpose is to harbor insects. • Drink **bird-friendly** coffee. Most coffee plantations destroy forests our birds...

Guest writer Save our birds Make changes to protect planet

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...four inches to prevent birds from trying to fly through. The **American Bird Conservancy** tests and recommends certain products. Garden with...

New Study Finds U.S. and Canada Have Lost More Than One in Four Birds in the Past 50 Years

We cannot throw tons of toxins on to the soil and expect **birds** to be unaffected. Poisoned insects do and plants not make a great feed. We...

Where Are The Birds?

... Here in the Northern Hemisphere, we're approaching the season when **birds** migrate south. But if you've noticed fewer **birds** in your...

The World Outdoors: Remedial action necessary in face of massive bird losses

...a senior scientist with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and American **Bird** Conservancy, was the study's **lead** author. He underlined the...

Birds in the United States and Canada Are Disappearing, New Study Finds

...suggests keeping cats indoors to prevent the felines from killing **birds**, making any **glass** around your home more visible to prevent a...

North American bird populations are in crisis

...billion birds each year in the United States. According to the **American Bird Conservancy** (ABC), buildings are the second-deadliest...

'A full-blown crisis': North American bird numbers have dropped by 2.9 billion, or almost one-third, in 50 years

...findings "a full-blown crisis." Experts have long known that some **bird species** have become vulnerable to extinction. But the new...

Study Tracks Massive Loss of Birdlife Since 1970

A study published in the journal Science reveals that since 1970, **bird** populations in the United States and Canada have declined by 29...

Birds are dying off at an alarming rate. Here's how you can help

Copyright 2019 CNN North American's wild **bird** population is dropping sharply, research shows. Copyright 2019 CNN North American's wild...

How North America Lost 3 Billion Birds, And How Pittsburgh Can Help

...or 29 percent, in the last 48 years. Co-authors, including the **American Bird Conservancy**, report the population decline is far greater...

Our Biomass Crisis: The Avian Edition

...says Kenneth Rosenberg from Cornell University and the **American Bird Conservancy**, who led the analysis. "This is a critically...

Many Factors Contribute to Bird Species Decline

Because they concentrate **bird** populations in their yards through feeding, birders may not always notice the declines in migrating and local...

Birds are dying off at an alarming rate. Here's how you can help from your own backyard

The United States and Canada have lost almost a third of their **bird** population since 1970, an alarming study recently found. Habitat loss,...

Bring the birds back

...the **bird** population is crashing again. The authors studied over 500 **species** of breeding **birds** in the continental United States...

North America's bird populations in crisis, dropping 29% since 1970

...with glass, buildings, and other structures; and pervasive use of **pesticides** associated with widespread declines in insects, an essential...

From Grief To Action

... Yesterday I shared a report on the stunning loss of North American **birds**. 29% have disappeared since 1970 with heavy losses in many of...

Tulsa World editorial: 'Dizzying' report says North American bird population drops by nearly 3 billion

...experts led by Kenneth Rosenberg of Cornell University and **American Bird Conservancy** based the frightening estimate on a new analysis of a...

Study: Birds disappearing at alarming rates in Illinois, across North America

...the researchers say, is not accounted for by the loss of endangered **species**, but rather in the numbers of the **birds** we see every...

Bird decline a wake-up on ecosystem health

...the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimates that cats kill 2.6 billion **birds** a year. Advocates also recommend increased regulation over...

Nearly 30% of birds in U.S., Canada have vanished since 1970

If you were alive in 1970, more than 1 in 4 **birds** in the U.S. and Canada have disappeared within your lifetime. According to research...

Birds Are Vanishing From North America

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...findings "a full-blown crisis." Experts have long known that some **bird species** have become vulnerable to extinction. But the new...

US and Canada in drastic crisis with 3 billion birds lost since 1970

...the 1972 banning of DDT. The findings were published by the **American Bird Conservancy** (ABC), the renowned bird conservation body in the...

The Quiet Disappearance of Birds in North America

...says Kenneth Rosenberg from Cornell University and the **American Bird Conservancy**, who led the analysis. "This is a critically...