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Speak Up to Protect the Greater Sage-Grouse

Since 2014, the Greater Sage-Grouse has been exempt from protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), despite significant declines across its range in the western U.S. Habitat loss has had an enormous impact on its populations. Just this year, wildfires affected tens of thousands of acres of sagebrush habitat in eastern Washington, which support the very small Columbia Basin population. Elsewhere, oil and gas development is being proposed for vast western expanses, including large swaths of the birds' remaining habitat. Congress will soon decide whether or not this species' exemption from the ESA will continue. **Please act now: [Tell Congress to remove the ESA listing moratorium on the Greater Sage-Grouse, making this iconic species eligible for an effective safety net.](#)**

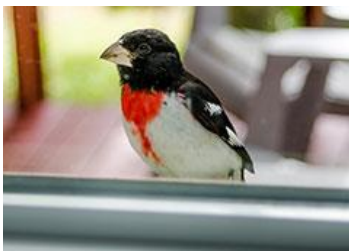
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Williamstown, WV, Enacts New Cats Ordinance

The City of Williamstown, West Virginia, [recently passed a new cat ordinance](#), following outcry from residents regarding feral cat damage to property. The ordinance regulates animal trapping, prohibits unsterilized cats from being outdoors, prohibits feral cat colonies, and requires that cats be controlled by their owners (e.g., leashed) when off their owners' property. You, too can reach out to your local elected officials to support keeping pets, wildlife, and people safe by passing common-sense ordinances that prohibit animal abandonment, strengthen sterilization and pet identification, and encourage safe alternatives to unrestricted roaming.

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Hundreds of Birds Die From Striking Yale Building's Windows

"As birds complete their biannual migration patterns, many find themselves running into an unexpected obstacle: the 130,000-square-foot glass walls of the School of Management's (SOM's) Evans Hall. Since SOM and the Peabody Museum of Natural History began collecting data on bird strikes in April 2018, a total of 262 birds of at least 47 species have been found stunned,

injured, or dead due to window strikes into Evans Hall. Bird deaths have been a problem at SOM since the building's construction — the *News* reported that an average of three birds per day struck Evans Hall in the Spring of 2014." *Yale Daily News*

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Efforts to Undo Migratory Bird Protections Continue

A recent federal court ruling [overturned](#) a harmful reinterpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) that had upended decades of enforcement of protections for birds from "incidental take," but the Administration has appealed this court decision and is still moving ahead on its plans to weaken migratory bird protection. The proposed MBTA rule is now under final White House review, and will soon go into effect. We will continue fighting against this harmful revision and working to pass the [Migratory Bird Protection Act](#) — the next vital step on the path to restoring our nation's declining bird populations. We need you to **take action by asking your members of Congress to [support and cosponsor the Migratory Bird Protection Act.](#)**

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One Health and Domestic Cats

Want to learn more about domestic cats and One Health? Check out this [recorded presentation](#) by American Bird Conservancy's Grant Sizemore for the Delaware Valley University's One Health Seminar Series. The talk, titled "Domestic Cats and One Health: What You Need to Know," explores the impacts of at-large domestic cats on the health and welfare of animals, humans, and the environment, and outlines steps we all can take to foster better health among our communities.

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Bird-Friendly Architecture in Chicago

"The David Rubenstein Forum at the University of Chicago, a 97,000-square-foot project nearing completion and designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro (DS+R), beguiles with an inviting podium and yawning glass curtain walls framed by gleaming zinc panels. The Rubenstein Forum is located adjacent to parkland and is in close proximity to Lake Michigan, and, as a result, is

smack dab in the middle of bird migration routes. In collaboration with the American Bird Conservancy, DS+R worked closely with the fabricator, Glass Solutions, and glazing manufacturers Viracon and Ornilux, to incorporate an inner-lite of bird-safe glass coating, which is largely invisible to the human eye." *The Architect's Newspaper*

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