

# What You Can Do to Help Protect Birds

*Audubon's new science sends a clear message about the serious dangers birds face in a warming world. Protecting them will require both redoubling conservation efforts to safeguard critical habitat and curbing greenhouse gas emissions. Below are a few important steps you can take right away. For more ideas and to share your stories, visit [Audubon.org/Climate](https://audubon.org/Climate) or the climate group on Audubon Works.*

## Create a Bird-Friendly Yard

Healthy birds will be better equipped to face the challenges of a warming world. Commit to creating safe spaces for birds in your home and community by using fewer pesticides, letting dead trees stand, installing bird baths, and converting lawns and gardens to native plants. School grounds, parks, vacant lots, and common areas can all be “bird-scaped,” too. Learn more at [athome.audubon.org](https://athome.audubon.org).

## Get Involved With Your Local Important Bird Area

Protect the places birds need most today and in the future by pitching in with Audubon's IBA program, which identifies and conserves areas that are vital to birds and biodiversity. You can help with IBA restoration, cleanup, citizen science, and field trips. Find Audubon near you to get started: [audubon.org/search-by-zip](https://audubon.org/search-by-zip).

## Put Birds on Your Community's Agenda

Begin a conversation with your neighbors, colleagues, and local leaders about why it's important to you to protect your community's birds, and share what you're doing on behalf of birds. Reach more people by writing a letter to your newspaper, speaking at a community event, or visiting a local school.

## Meet With Local Decision Makers

Share this science with state wildlife agencies, city parks departments, extension services, and other groups that manage our natural resources to illustrate how global warming imperils birds, and ask decision makers how they are planning to address global warming. For more information on how to help decision makers use and integrate Audubon's science, email [climatescience@audubon.org](mailto:climatescience@audubon.org).

## Support Policies That Lower Emissions

Urge leaders at the local, state, and national levels to enact policies that lower greenhouse gas emissions and support clean energy. Renewable portfolio standards, energy efficiency targets, and other proactive measures reduce emissions and will limit the effects of global warming on birds. Put these policies on your leaders' agendas, and publicly support efforts to make them stick.

## Sign Up to Learn More about What You Can Do Year-Round

Receive the latest findings, explore climate-related volunteer opportunities in your state or local area, and enlist in Audubon's forthcoming citizen science project to help monitor birds and document how they respond to a changing climate by signing up at [Audubon.org/Climate](https://Audubon.org/Climate).



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