

## BIRD POPULATIONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: CONSEQUENCES AND CONSERVATION

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Few scientists will deny that Climate Change is real, regardless of the causes. As worldwide temperatures increase, storm systems will intensify, and frequent flooding and droughts will occur. However, the impacts on bird populations are less certain.

Our Friday night speaker will be Dana Bollin, a naturalist for the ODNR and an avid birder. She has a strong background in avian conservation biology, and will present a lecture on global warming's potential effects on specific bird populations worldwide.

The lecture will provide insight into avian issues such as migrational patterns and timing, shifting habitats, population dynamics, and potential extinctions. Many bird species will suffer negative consequences as climate change progresses, but birders should not totally despair. There are a myriad of opportunities to slow these effects so birds may adapt, and these too, will be discussed.

## A PHOTOGRAPHERS VISIT TO NOME, ALASKA

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Dudley Edmondson is a Nature Photographer, Author and all around outdoor enthusiast. As a seasoned photographer he has spent the last 17 years of his life traveling around the nation working with wild subjects in wilderness spaces in just about every habitat America has to offer.

When he is not working on a photographic assignment or traveling on a speaking engagement, he spends most of his free time cycling, kayaking, skiing or trail running. He is proud to admit that he owns 4 bikes and is always looking for another one to add to his collection.

Dudley's most recent project is his first book: *Black & Brown Faces in America's Wild Places*. To complete the book he spent 4 years traveling around the nation in search of other African Americans who were as passionate about the outdoors as he was. The goal of the book is to encourage other African Americans to get out and experience nature for their own mental and physical health. If the book is successful he hopes it will encourage stewardship among people of color, which he believes is the only way to ensure sustainable conservation efforts in the United States.

## NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE

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Bill Thompson, III, is the editor of *Bird Watcher's Digest*, the popular bimonthly magazine that has been published by his family since 1978. An avid bird watcher from the age of eight, Bill knew that birds would someday become the focus of his career, in addition to being his main hobby. He holds a bachelor of philosophy degree from Western College at Miami University of Ohio.

Bill is the author of the best-selling book *Bird Watching For Dummies*, and is the author of 18 state bird books in the *Bird Watching: A Year-Round Guides* and *Identify Yourself: Birding's 50 Most Common ID Challenges*, which is illustrated by his wife Julie Zickefoose. His newest release this April is geared towards the younger generation of birders, *The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of Eastern North America*.

Bill Thompson is a skilled birder, a *rara avis* who likes people just as much as he does birds. A crack "shot" with a spotting scope, Bill can get a jumpy warbler in his sights before you can say "It just flew!" It is his great delight and special talent to treat other bird watchers to up-close views of hard-to-see birds. Outgoing and funny, Bill enlivens bird walks and programs at birding festivals with his not-so-dry humor and ever-present guitar. Not surprisingly, he's in constant demand both as an entertainer and trip leader at festivals across the country. He has given keynote presentations at more than 40 such events since 1998.