

Top 9 Conservation Actions

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Do you want to help protect bird habitat? Don't just think about it. Do something!

Since January 2017, rapid action to protect our environment is more crucial than ever. While you may be overwhelmed by the number of conservation groups out there, don't despair! With this short list, we've made it easy for you to locate the best organizations to support during these desperate times.

At the National Level

National Wildlife Refuge Association

Mission: give wildlife a voice on Capitol Hill

Actions: sign petitions to national officials via weekly Action Alerts (subscribe online); buy an annual Duck Stamp for \$25 to fund wetland conservation

Websites: www.refugeassociation.org/action/#/
www.fws.gov/birds/get-involved/duck-stamp/buy-duck-stamp.php

Natural Resources Defense Council

Mission: sues polluters

Action: give money or sign their petitions

Website: www.nrdc.org

The Nature Conservancy

Mission: buys and protects land; has both state and national level offices

Action: give money to help them buy and protect land

Website: www.nature.org

350.org

Mission: combat climate change through political advocacy

Action: stand up and be seen at mass gatherings and rallies -- or sign petitions

Website: www.350.org

At the State Level

Maryland League of Conservation Voters

Mission: organizes yearly environmental community priorities for Annapolis

Action: call or sign petitions to elected officials in Maryland

Website: www.mdlcv.org

Smart on Pesticides Maryland

Mission: to reduce use of toxic pesticides that poison birds' food sources

Action: call or sign petitions to stores or lawmakers

Website: www.mdpestnet.org/take-action/smart-on-pesticides-maryland/

At the Local Level

Lights Out Baltimore

Mission: reduce bird collisions with glass windows

Action: make your home windows bird safe with decals or other products

Website: www.lightsoutbaltimore.org

Patterson Park Audubon Society/ National Audubon Society

Mission: increase bird habitat -- educate children about birds

Actions: plant native plants in your yard (access plant database with your zip code); donate to support youth programs at Patterson Park in Baltimore

Websites: www.audubon.org/native-plants
<http://pattersonpark.audubon.org/>

Want to support a bird-friendly cause that you don't see listed?

Start a petition on websites like www.change.org/, and gather support from around the world!

We invite you to reproduce and distribute this list. Found at:

www.BaltimoreBirdClub.org