

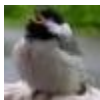


Wildlife Book Club: Silence of the Songbirds by Bridget Stutchbury

Wednesday October 1, 2014

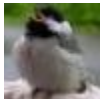
Comment From Terri

thanks Amanda, I am really excited about this book club. Thank you for all that you do for our feathered brothers and sisterS, and for raising awareness. I just ordered my first bird friendly coffee from birds and beans



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh, exciting!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Hey! It's just about time to start ...



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

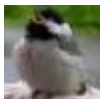
oh boy!

Comment From BarbB, nj

Made it just in time!

Comment From Seahawk Nadine-U.P.,WA

Awww I love your chickadee Raina.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

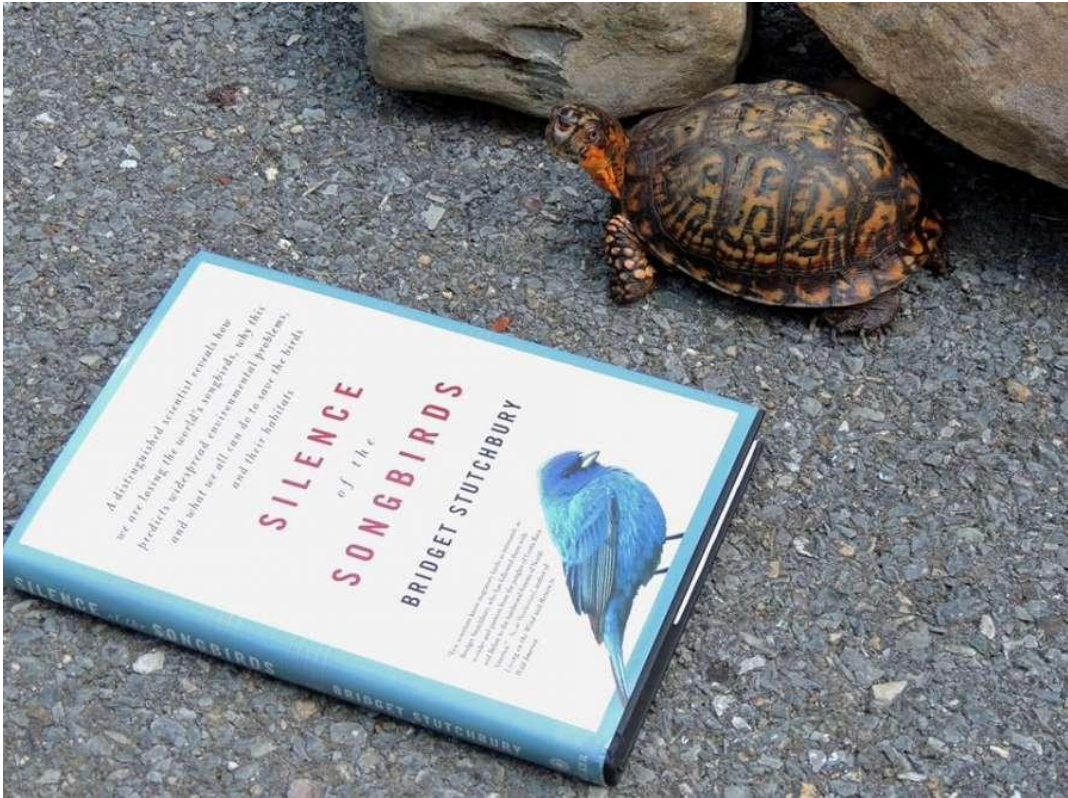
I felt it was very appropriate.

Comment From CK in Pa

Ready for book club.

Comment From rejoyce

Goody!!!!!!!



Comment From Lydia, PA ♡ ☁️? ♡
&PM Lets go



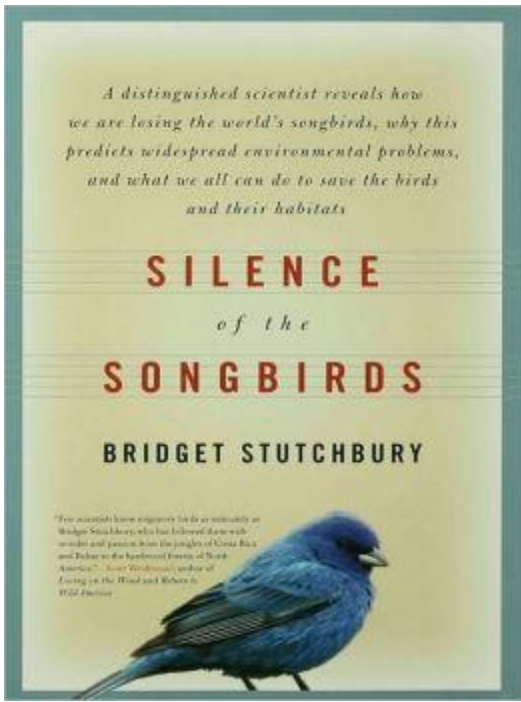
Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
&PM indeed.



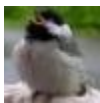
Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Let's do it!



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Ok, so the book ... Silence of the Songbirds



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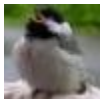


Raina Krasner, WCV:

So what were everyone's general thoughts?

Comment From rejoyce

I learned so much from this book!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

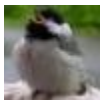
Me too!

Comment From rejoyce

It was very educational and very sad.

Comment From BarbG

loved it but found how unaware I was about songbirds and their lives



Raina Krasner, WCV:

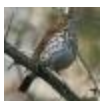
Yes, I had no idea how intricate and dramatic their lives are.

Comment From BarbB, nj

I loved it

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Love the book, learned much, but very sad about the decline. Loved learning ways to help.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I thought it was very eye opening and very depressing. But there are lots of good things we can do to help make a positive difference.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, the "what can I do"?" section was ... somewhat hopeful?

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•♪ ♥

I thought it was frightening

Comment From Meagan

I enjoyed the book and learned a lot.

Comment From Terri

i found the book so educational, and very disturbing

Comment From 33mama

There are less song birds than there used to be, and that's bad.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, in fact, the author says that we've lost about half of the songbirds that we had 40 years ago.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Good read! I will admit ... I don't know if I would've picked up the book if we hadn't made it a book club book. But I enjoyed it!

Comment From BarbB, nj

and learned so much but found it sad.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•♪ ♥

Hard for me to get into it at first, but then wow, I learned so much



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

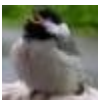
I think her writing style was good -- I feel like she explained some complicated issues/thoughts very well. It was a lot to take in!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•♪ ♥

I have already changed some of my habits. Again, education is a key

Comment From Barb in SD

Loved how she took us straight through each peril, wing-beat by wing-beat. So interesting!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

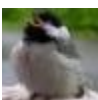
Oh, I love that description!

Comment From Kar from PA

Hi Amanda and WCV Book club -- I can't "attend" this evening, but I wanted to post this: I read "Silence-" -- It made me very sad , but also hopeful because I can do something -- even though it's a small thing-- I'm determined to buy shade grown coffee, and only recycled paper products from now on. Together we can make a difference!! Have a great meeting. Please post this if you can, Amanda -- I want to feel like a part of the group.

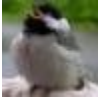
Comment From BarbB, nj

I had no idea about the night time migrations and found that portion very fascinating.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, nighttime migration! That was a huge section of the book.



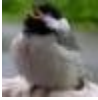
Raina Krasner, WCV:

The author talks about how birds rely on subtle light from the moon and stars to navigate



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And city lights are impacting their ability to determine direction.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

That was a little scary to me ...



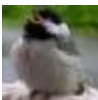
Raina Krasner, WCV:

And Kate (front desk coordinator) talks about this a lot, and how our low-light pathways at the Center are great because they emit a small amount of light at night.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

But cool that a city as big as Chicago is having lights off during peak migration!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

I know! So important.

Comment From BarbG

sounded like Chicago, Toronto and NY all have dimming light programs in place now

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•••? ♥

Yes, Birds are programmed to use the subtle lights of the stars and moon to guide the long flights during the night. But now we are replacing them with lights from buildings and cities confusing their navigation system.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

It was interesting learning why they migrate at night as well -- night air = air conditioning. And the air is less turbulent!

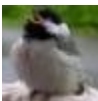


Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, air temperature is probably not something we think much about when it comes to migration, but it's so important.

Comment From Barb in SD

Kate is "green" isn't she? Listen to her! (=



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Super green. Like ... neon green.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

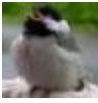
I, too, did not know about night time migration. I thought I knew a lot about birds.

Comment From GN

I agree with everyone.

Comment From Barb in SD

Has anyone ever taken the time to go out at night and listen for the migrating birds? I sure haven't.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

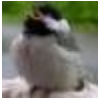
No, I've definitely missed out on that phenomenon.

Comment From tinksmom/MO

I never gave night time light much thought, makes sense.

Comment From Lacy

I remember learning in ornithology that building/window strikes were harsh on songbirds but it never occurred to me that light would play into it. Makes perfect sense.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, perfect sense! I want to better support the "lights out" campaigns.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

LACY

Comment From Lacy

Hey!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥

Is this WCV's Lacy? Hi Lacy

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I haven't listened for them at night, but will definitely be doing that now.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

The author also talked about how the birds fly very fast and high at night ... so they hit into the tall skyscrapers.

Comment From Barb in SD

Audubon tried to get the Minnesota Vikings to change the huge amount of glass in their new stadium to bird-friendly glass. Of course they didn't. Hopefully they'll be smart enough to dim the lights when they can. Grrrrr.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

BIG problem. And Minnesota sees tons of birds during migration!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥

I give kudos to Toronto- the bird superhighway where tens of thousands of birds pass overhead in a single hour during the Spring migration. FLAP (Fatal Light Awareness Program) developed in Toronto and is a leader in migratory bird conservation to bring awareness. Inspiring Lights out Campaign to cities like Chicago. Spread the word!

Comment From rejoyce

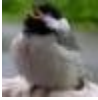
I will certainly be buying shade grown coffee in the future!!!

Comment From 33mama

In FL, the street lights have shades on them because of the sea turtles. Maybe we need more of them with shades. I don't use outside lights, but I have a street light in my yard.

Comment From Terri

wind turbines seem to be just as dangerous as sky scrapers



Raina Krasner, WCV:

The author definitely toed the line with this topic ...



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Wind turbines do impact birds, and I believe she said raptors were affected negatively in some areas in great numbers.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

My impression is while wind turbines do affect some birds ... the changes that have been implemented have made them less of a threat.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

And -- just to throw it this thought out there -- this book is seven years old at this point. So some things have changed ... some things have improved .. some things have gotten worse.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Right. And she said their is hope to make them even better ... by looking at migration paths and flyways, not building them along ridges, turning them off at night.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

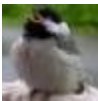
So maybe data now shows that they have improved significantly! I'm just not sure.

Comment From Meagan

I kept thinking about how old the book was and how it must be that much worse now. It's scary.

Comment From BarbG

didn't she say the slower speeds were better for the birds?



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, slower turbines seem to better. And different bases (non-lattice) that don't encourage birds to nest or perch there.

Comment From Terri

amanda that is good to know

Comment From rejoyce

It would be interesting to know if things have changed much since she wrote the book.

Comment From tinksmom/MO

i liked the author's comparison regarding bird neighborhoods and people neighborhoods in as much of the 'carrying on' in the 'hood' :)



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh I loved that!



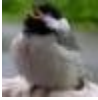
Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Ooooooh ...



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

All the carrying on ...



Raina Krasner, WCV:

They have these very dramatic little soap opera lives.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

All the fighting and stealing and bullying ...

Comment From Meagan

Yes! I did not realize they migrated at night either. I also did not realize they had such tawdry love lives.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

And we now return to as As the Feeder Turns...



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Ha!

Comment From 33mama

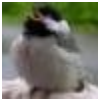
lol

Comment From BarbG

loved it

Comment From Lacy at WCV

YES! I didn't realize birds would want to use such a noisy place for nesting but I suppose options are limited when there are so fewer trees on the landscape. SO they work with what is there.

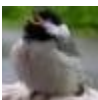


Raina Krasner, WCV:

Right?

Comment From rejoyce

Just like our "As the Nest Turns" from NBG!!!

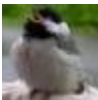


Raina Krasner, WCV:

Songbird edition!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I was shocked to learn that their weight gain prior to migration is equivalent to us gaining 30 lbs in 2 weeks.



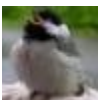
Raina Krasner, WCV:

Gives a whole new meaning to winter weight ...



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I didn't realize Purple Martins were so picky about their colonies.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

She focused a lot on Purple Martins, which I admittedly know very little about, so it was fun to learn more.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I'm not going to feel guilty about weight gain.....but then, guess I need to start migrating

Comment From Meagan

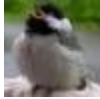
And at one point I think she talks about how a lot of the fat is stored in the breast/chest area which I didn't realize.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♡ ☁️? ♡

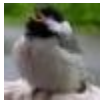
Right Becky! Or Wow! Black throated blue warblers eat our equivalent of 20 hamburgers a day and almost double their weight in a few weeks' time.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

Migration is so brutal! It is crazy how they undergo such drastic changes to make the journey.

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

And another interesting thing ... I kind of always thought of migrating birds as "heading to their vacation spot", but that's so not true!

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

As she explains, they work pretty hard once they get down south.

Comment From Meagan

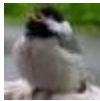
I need to get on that diet...20 hamburgers and some Ben & Jerrys. Yes please.

Comment From 33mama

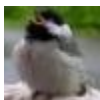
Conditions are rough for birds in South America!

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

Good point Raina!

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

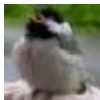
Songbirds fill important ecological niches in their winter habitats.

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Spreading seeds, they eat insects ...

Comment From Lacy at WCV

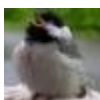
I didn't realize the tropics were a high stress environment with so much shrinking habitat.

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Yes, so much stress has been placed on these birds to find appropriate nesting grounds.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

It was weird to me to imagine Wood Thrushes in the tropical forest. I always imagine more tropical birds, but now I have to adjust my thinking.

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

It's kind of weird to imagine our little warblers in the tropics, but there they are!

Comment From BarbB, nj

Its almost as if they have two separate lives.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

I really enjoyed learning about where they go in the winter... I didn't really understand how birds act in their winter homes but I'm glad that she talked about that.



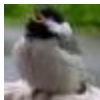
Raina Krasner, WCV:

Me too.



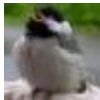
Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

While I knew that some species migrate, I just never really thought about them as leading such double lives! We think of them as "our" birds -- birds that live here, in our backyards -- but they also live in an entirely other place for half the year!



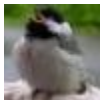
Raina Krasner, WCV:

And they look different when they are down there!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

She talks about how Scarlet Tanagers are dull colored while in their southern-hemisphere homes ... but the seeds they eat give their plumage the trademark RED color for breeding season.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Hey cutie!

Comment From Terri

beautiful bird



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I thought that was super cool -- that they get that from their food!! How important is that? Without that seed ... they wouldn't turn their breeding color ... and then ... no mates!

Comment From rejoyce

Gorgeous!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Talk about you are what you eat!

Comment From tinksmom/MO

Wow, how pretty!

Comment From Meagan

I wish that there was a chart with every bird she talked about. I kept looking them up on the internet.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oh!!!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

While I don't have a chart ... I was inspired to look up one bird.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Because her description of a bellbird was CRAZY.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

The three wattles, and the loud call??

Comment From Meagan

I don't think I looked that one up!

Comment From Lacy at WCV

That's one crazy bird!

Comment From Terri

that is an awesome bird

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Such a cool birds.

Comment From Meagan

I loved looking up all the giant woodpeckers. Oh yes! I did look up the bellbird with the long mustache.

Comment From Meagan

That's wild!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•x•? ♥

Oh wow! Bell bird is other worldly

Comment From rejoyce

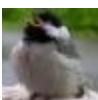
The things we have to do to attract mates..... I loved her description about the bellbird mating. I almost fell over laughing at her details about how he hangs upside down, shakes his sacs, and then almost blows her off the branch with his call!!!

Comment From BarbG

it sounded faqscinating

Comment From BarbB, nj

Makes me smile!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Since we're on the topic of South America ... what about that BIG section on pesticides?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

By far, I thought the most depressing part of the book was her description of the Swainson's hawks that were dying after all those pesticides. :(

Comment From tinksmom/MO

I wanted to cry over that section!

Comment From rejoyce

I have never liked the use of pesticides :(

Comment From tinksmom/MO

I wish they didn't like grasshoppers so much in S.A.

Comment From Terri

it seems that they have a harder time down south than they do in N. America

Comment From Meagan

I thought the section about pesticides was really alarming. The way she described how suddenly the birds died , and in what large quantities, it was heartbreaking



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, that was so frustrating to me ... a lot (not all) of the pesticide issues stem from farmers abroad (namely in South America).

Comment From Meagan

I agree Raina. There were so many parts that were scary. The pesticides used here and in other countries.

Comment From 33mama

There was no way for the birds to avoid the poison.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Also, I thought she did an AMAZING job of describing the difference between OC's, OP's, and carbamates. That's not really easy to do.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes!

Comment From BarbB, nj

Very difficult to read that part

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•x•? ♥

The part on the Swainsons was sooo sad

Comment From tinksmom/MO

And unbelievably, the farmers believe they are immune from the pesticides!

Comment From rejoyce

Yes, that was a great explanation!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Right -- not healthy for humans either.

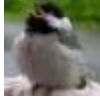


Raina Krasner, WCV:

So OCs versus OPs ...

Comment From Meagan

Can you briefly remind me what the difference is?



Raina Krasner, WCV:

OCs (like DDT) were banned in the US and other parts of the world (but not everywhere) because they were fat soluble. They essentially built up in the animals who were exposed to them.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Right! Bioaccumulators.



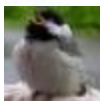
Chapin Hardy, WCV:

And traces of DDT are in our blood streams still!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

It's weird to think we all (likely) have DDE in us ... the breakdown from DDT. Bleah. Creepy.

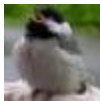


Raina Krasner, WCV:

Very creepy!

Comment From Terri

this book really did explain complex issues in an easy to understand format



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And OPs are considered "safer" because the compounds break down shortly after they are applied.



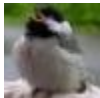
Chapin Hardy, WCV:

But they are more potent



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Ha! But not safer. I hate to think that they are meant to kill the target pet, and breakdown before the "non target" animals come into contact ... yeah, right.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Right! The actual chemicals in OPs are significantly more toxic to birds in particular.



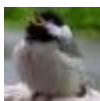
Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

You know, this does remind me of testing eagle patients at the Center --



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

We do send out samples and tests for suspect birds, but it's so tough -- there's no way to test directly since they do break down quickly.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Ugh ... killers leaving no trace!

Comment From rejoyce

I firmly believe that pesticides are a main cause of the increase in cancers and other diseases.

Comment From TerryMI

It was surprising that 9 thousand people tested in 1999-2000 for DDT, almost every one had it in their blood stream

Comment From rejoyce

All of them are bad

Comment From Barb in SD

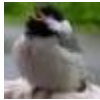
And to think that even if things have been banned, there are still places that can get it/use it.

Comment From Terri

i dont understand why more of these chemicals are not banned

Comment From Terri

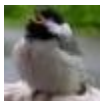
are there still traces of DDT in the bald eagle population

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

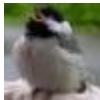
Well, since there is a little in all of us, I'd guess so!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•x•? ♥

It is such a shame that buying organically grown fruit and veggies is so much more expensive than those treated with all the neurotoxins :(

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Very sad ... and she mentioned that consumers play such a big role in this.

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Because we demand blemish-free fruits and vegetables, with large size and large quantity, the farmers 'have a hard time keeping up with demand without pesticides.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Is using "nature" to control pests that difficult?

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Exactly! That reminds me about the part with the birds vs. the budworms (here in the breeding grounds). Birds eat 80% of the larvae in years of big outbreaks! It's fascinating to read about the adaptations both birds and budworms have in order to "outsmart" each other. But birds do a great job -- and pesticides make everything out of whack.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

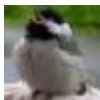
That balance between the warblers, caterpillars and trees was one of my favorite things to learn from this book

Comment From tinksmom/MO

Interesting that pesticide poisoning is hard to prove because it breaks down within days, you have to 'be there' to prove it!

Comment From Terri

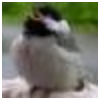
i wish more people were aware of the issues addressed in this book, and not just those of us who work with these birds

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Right! And the author says that agencies should be utilize the natural pest controls AND seed dispersers. Birds control the insects and help to spread seeds to repopulate deforested areas.

Comment From Barb in SD

Farmers need to make a living, they need to have a crop, the pesticides are cheap, they use them. Economics.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

But if consumer demand was different ... the food culture would be different, and the farmers would not need to rely as heavily on pesticides. We are definitely part of that solution.

Comment From Terri

consumers do drive the market

Comment From rejoyce

Yes, we do. But we can all make a difference!!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Organically grown is more expensive, but it is also difficult to find some fruits and vegs organically grown. I wish I could find more.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Organic is a tough thing ... because it's not always so cut and dry.

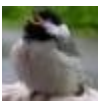


Raina Krasner, WCV:

"Organic" doesn't always mean the same thing. The labeling for organic produce is not very well-regulated.

Comment From Terri

True Raina



Raina Krasner, WCV:

So Company A claiming that a product is organic could mean something different than Company B's standards for organic, unless they are certified through a small number of standardized agencies.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I try to buy at least three things that are organic when I go shopping. I can't really afford to go organic all the way, but I can make a small changes.

Comment From Barb in SD

That's why it's so important to get people other than birders, and us, to read this book. Until people know what's happening, they won't change their actions. Tell everyone you know! This book is absolutely awesome! Some lady in line at Menards got the whole sell from me. Hope she reads it.

Comment From BarbG

organic means different things to different people

Comment From Terri

YOU have to really check the source of organic foods

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

The pesticide chapter was scary. I never buy off-season fruits/veggies from south of our border - figured it wasn't safe. Scary-sad to see just how unsafe it is.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I think that's a really important point, Kathy -- I'm sort of disappointed the author didn't hammer on that a little more.

Buying seasonally, and buying locally, helps with this too -- support your local's farmer's market and buy seasonally! Many of those vendors don't use pesticides and sprays -- and when it's local, it's not as preserved (and no fossil fuels are used to transport the food long distances either).

Comment From Lacy at WCV

Also... if we buy more local produce, we wouldn't be purchasing food that was traveling thousands of miles to our kitchens.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Exactly!

Comment From Terri

buying locally is a great point

Comment From BarbG

love buying local grown fruit and vegs



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes! We are lucky to be in area that is well-surrounded by farms with lots of delicious produce.

Comment From 33mama

Sounds like we need to go back to freezing and canning our own food...



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yep! That's what we do ... if we run out of canned tomatoes in the winter ... we go without. :P

Comment From Heidi

Been lurking. Haven't read the book yet, but am very much appreciating this conversation.

Comment From Meagan

Agreed! Charlottesville/Waynesboro area is very environmentally friendly.

Comment From Terri

farmers markets are a great source of local produce

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I am lucky here to be able to buy from a local farmer for at least 7 months out of the year. The rest of the time I go to the Farmer's Market and buy.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

How can we be sure we are getting the "true" organic?



Raina Krasner, WCV:

It's tough! But like Amanda, Lacy, and Kathy said ... buying local is a great start!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•x•? ♥

Right Raina, but how to influence so many that do not seem to care or want to hear? That is the frustration



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Be the squeaky wheel ... for a good cause.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Rain Forest Alliance is a good group. Follow the frog!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh hey Chapin! What about the section on shade grown coffee?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

My favorite part!

Comment From rejoyce

I like the frog :)

Comment From Lacy at WCV

I learned so much in that section!

Comment From Terri

research the supplier

Comment From Terri

i just ordered my first shade grown coffee

Comment From rejoyce

I will be buying shade grown coffee from now on!!!!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

That's awesome

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ☺•x•? ♥

Rejoyce, first thing I did was check my coffee. I am so happy to report it was shade grown and supports sustainable efforts. Yay! I have been drinking shade grown for awhile now

Comment From rejoyce

I loved the "coffee with a conscience" phrase.

Comment From GN

I should read this book. It sounds interesting.

Comment From rejoyce

I had no idea that there were ways of growing coffee that are so harmful.

Comment From rejoyce

You are right, Lydia. I had no idea about the shade grown coffee, for instance.

Comment From BarbB, nj

I need to research the shade grown coffee.

Comment From Terri

Shade grown tastes better too, or so i have heard



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Shade grown coffee is such an easy thing we can do.

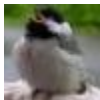


Chapin Hardy, WCV:

It does taste better!

Comment From BarbG

the coffee part was totally eye opening to me



Raina Krasner, WCV:

It's very good!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Americans drink 300 million cups of coffee a day and use 3.3 billion pounds of coffee beans a year



Raina Krasner, WCV:

(I think I make up about 1 million of those cups ... roughly).



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

That is not terribly surprising when we think of all the Starbucks and other coffee shops around the world.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I make of another million, Raina.

Comment From Terri

Raina, you and me both

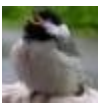
Comment From Terri

that's a lot of coffee



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

What I do when I look for shade grown coffee is first to check the type of coffee.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

So how do we know if it's shade grown?



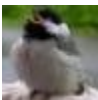
Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Coffea arabica is the shade grown kind.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

And also looking where it comes from is big too!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And there are other benefits to shade grown coffee beyond just helping the birds, right?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Oh yeah!

Comment From Terri

I am a coffee addict, and not being able to buy coffee at restaurants is hard, but a small sacrifice to make for the birds

Comment From Terri

i order online and look for the smithsonian stamp



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Not only is it the life boat for thousands of species of plants and animals (migrants included)

Comment From BarbG

it also helps the coffee grower



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

but it also provides ecosystem lots of bio diversity, extra income for the farmer,timber, and



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

* food- can also harvest other things like mangos, avocados, lemons, bananas, oranges-- which can offset a bad coffee year



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh that's lovely. Mangoes are lovely. Avocados are lovely. Lemons are lovely!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Shade grown coffee also prevents erosion and less fertilizer and pesticides are needed since the other plants can "fix" nitrogen.

Comment From Terri

it is a win=win for everyone

Comment From Lacy at WCV

nitrogen is naturally added to the soil when trees are shading coffee and the birds help keep insect pests away.

Comment From Terri

i heard that mcdonalds in the UK is now selling shade grown, maybe the US will be next

Comment From Lydia, PA ♡ ☘️? ♡

I love my Caribou coffee..and it is shade grown



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh and bananas are one of the most heavily sprayed tropical fruits! Which made me so sad bananas are one of my favorites.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Starbucks also sells some shade grown coffee now.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I was surprised to learn from the book that Hawaiian Papaya require heavy pesticides. Consider how fragile wildlife is on the islands, I would not have thought they would use those.

Comment From BarbB, nj

Is shade grown coffee always labeled as such?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Not always that's why its important to look at the type of coffee plant and where it is from. Some countries are better about it than others. I'll find the website I use and post it in a bit.

Comment From Terri

i absolutely learned so much from this book, and with that comes my responsibility to make changes in my life

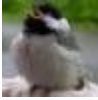
Comment From 33mama

Oh no!!! Do we have to give up bananas?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oh! And I nearly forgot -- don't' just think about pesticides and the foods that you eat -- but what you use too. For example ... Christmas trees are another example of "crops" that are often grown using pesticides. It's pretty terrible. There are limited organic options out there, but they are out there! Comes back to knowing who you are buying from!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

No, don't give up bananas ... or Christmas trees. Just be responsible.

Comment From Terri

REsponsibility is the key

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ٩•٠•? ♥

Raina, about your banana comment--didn't Stutchbury say that nationwide the top 5 crops for bird mortality are corn, alfalfa, wheat, cotton, potatoes, and corn because of the pesticides they use? I think I missed the banana part



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh yes ... the banana comment was really tucked in there, under one of her charts. I almost missed it (brussel spouts and cotton were on the list and made me sad, too.) So I almost missed it, too!

Comment From BarbB, nj

I have an artificial Christmas tree...now I feel responsible.

Comment From kimbfuva

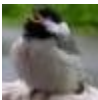
I've just been investigating that Rain Forest Alliance page. Very interesting! They have a way to see where you can get certified products...

Comment From tinksmom/MO

Along with sweet potatoes, string beans, and cucumbers!

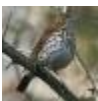
Comment From BarbG

once we have this knowledge we need to make the changes and tell others-my friends are already hearing about shade grown coffee



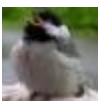
Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yay!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Here is one of the sites I use! <https://alumni.stanford.edu...>



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh, cool!

Comment From rejoyce

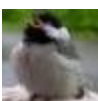
Thanks Chapin!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Thanks Chapin. I love the chart.

Comment From rejoyce

I liked the list at the end of the book that gave all the suggestions for things we can do.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

That was a happy note to end on.

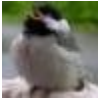


Raina Krasner, WCV:

Wait ... before we get to the positives, let's talk more about the negatives ...

Comment From rejoyce

There really is a lot we can do!!!!



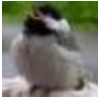
Raina Krasner, WCV:

Because, really, there were a lot of negatives.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Well.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Cowbirds! Seriously ... looking at my notes, I wrote COWBIRDS in big letters. And that's it.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

BOO COWBIRDS!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Cowbirds are big bullies.



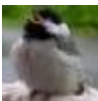
Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I didn't realize they were SUCH an issue.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Odd, since they are native to the U.S., but not native to certain parts.

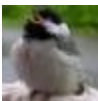


Raina Krasner, WCV:

I loved her description of how the cowbird stalks her target and sneaks up on her at night.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥

Right Raina!!!! Those sneaky cowbirds. And the deforestation is making the cowbird problem worse



Raina Krasner, WCV:

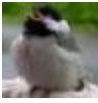
yes!

Comment From Terri

i didnt know anything about cowbirds, and how they are nest parasites

Comment From BarbG

and the cowbird laying her eggs in everyone elses nest



Raina Krasner, WCV:

They have a preferred foraging ground of forest-rimmed open areas, so the fragmented forests are perfect.

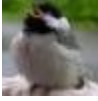


Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I feel like we should hear Jaws music playing when a cowbird appears now.

Comment From rejoyce

That is very sneaky, taking over another nest.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

So birds who nest in continuous forests are less likely to be impacted by cowbirds.

Comment From Terri

it is a cycle that will continue to get worse if deforestation continues

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I don't think I've ever seen a cowbird.

Comment From rejoyce

I see lots of them and I had NO idea!!!!

Comment From Meagan

Cowbirds are the worst. I hate them.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I wish she would've talked about the impact of some non-native bullies too -- starlings and house sparrows. Just interested in her take on it (but maybe statistically it's not a huge impact, if she didn't mention it?)

Comment From BarbB, nj

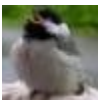
I removed a cowbird egg from the wren nest in a hanging basket on my porch.

Comment From Terri

i have them come to my bird feeder

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•x•? ♥

Yeah barb G..and she doesn't take care of her own babies..and the big cowbird babies starve the others out. I never knew!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Right! She kind of talked Starlings like they needed to be protected, too! Which isn't the general feeling.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

good point, Amanda. Don't House Sparrows take over cavity nesters... like bluebirds and tree swallows?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Right! I thought maybe she'd talk about that too, while talking about cowbirds.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

I never realized how serious of a problem they were until I read that section.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

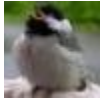
Sneaky little ninjas!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

It was a sad story about Cowbirds.

Comment From rejoyce

I had no idea they were so mean!!!!

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

The author said something like 7/10 nests in fragmented forests will have at least one cowbird egg in the nest! Very sneaky.

Comment From Terri

those cowbirds are something

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

It's a pretty smart way of propagating its species. Low parental investment on the cowbird's part, but big pay-off.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Right -- very good strategy for them!

Comment From rejoyce

I was so glad that she mentioned what we have always said here -- keep your cats inside!!!

Comment From Terri

when i read the part about cats, i tried to convince my neighbors to not let thier cats out, but to no avail.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

I thought she made some very excellent points on cats -- things that we often tell people -- but I was surprised that section was as short as it was!

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

But ... then again, this was seven years ago -- and some of the really good cat studies (the impact on wildlife) came out more recently.

Comment From rejoyce

It is safer for the critters AND the cats if the cats are indoors.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

I was surprised how short that section was too.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

I was too Amanda! The section on outdoor cats was very short.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

I so appreciated what she said though about not being a natural part of the ecosystem -- it was well -explained. And we hear that A LOT ... that it's "natural" for cats to be outdoors and a part of the "ecosystem".

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

But her point was dead on -- "unlike natural predators of populations, which decline when their own numbers get too high or their prey declines, pet cats are housed, fed, and given vaccinations against disease"

Comment From rejoyce

I know that cats enjoy the outdoors, but its just not safe for them.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Well ... not all cats!

Comment From tinksmom/MO

Tink is indoor, and after today's storm I think she is just as happy to be inside!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•x•? ♥

I was hoping to learn more advice or suggestions on dealing with cats who roam the neighborhoods and the feral cat problem

Comment From Terri

I have caught my neighbor's cat sitting under my feeders

Comment From rejoyce

Keep them in!!!!

Comment From Lacy at WCV

She was very clear that as a non-native predator, cats have an unfair advantage for birds.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

And of course ... better for the cat to stay indoors too. The lifespan is so different when you look at indoor vs. outdoor!

Comment From 33mama

I let my kitty chase birds through the window! That's close enough for her.

Comment From rejoyce

Even if people don't care about the birds, they should keep the cats in for the safety of the cat. I know too many who have been run over by cars, mauled by dogs, etc.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Right! Don't we want our four-legged friends to live as long as possible, with us?

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Everyday I chase two different cats out of my yard, away from my feeders. Wish I could find a way to keep them out permanently.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Sometimes within this circle, I think we might be "preaching to the choir" on this issue -- outside of the circle, it can get hostile sometimes! But it's still an important subject to discuss ... you never know when you can change a mind -- and a life!

Comment From Meagan

I am taking off for the night but thanks for the lively discussion. I really enjoyed it!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Thanks for tuning in, Meagan! Check back on the website or the FB page to see what book we'll be reading next!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

In our area the coyotes are taking a lot of cats.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Meagan, it was great seeing you!

Comment From Barb in SD

Ed suggests a blast of water for the trespassing cats.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

Right..I just always get in a bind with myself. Is it best to trap free roaming cats and take to humane society? But then I hate to think I am risking them being euthanized...

Comment From Terri

too true Amanda

Comment From rejoyce

That's right Amanda!!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Hallelujah Amanda!

Comment From Meagan

I definitely will. I loved this book club. Have great evenings!

Comment From 33mama

I chase my neighbor's cat with my broom! (Wicked Witch of the West impression.)

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I have several friends on facebook who let their cats out so I frequently post on facebook's articles, etc. and reasons to keep them indoors. Hope they are reading.

Comment From Barb in SD

Anyone use 100% recycled toilet tissue? Walmart has White Cloud Green Earth brand, package of 6 triple rolls for \$4, and it's NOT scratchy! There's also Seventh Generation (a little spendy) and Marcal, not available everywhere.

Comment From Terri

i bought some last week, and i like it



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yep! I use it -- Kroger sells it! It is a little bit pricier but ... supply/demand. If we all move toward that product more, perhaps it will be more affordable!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

Thanks Barb in SD. that TP and Paper towel problem is my biggest personal challenge

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

One of the biggest personal changes I am working on is the switch to bird friendly toilet paper, paper towels and napkins! (Do not use Kleenex, Puffs, Charmin, Cottonelle, Bounty and Scott—they use no recycled paper and also bleach their paper with chlorine). I like certain kinds of paper products.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I haven't looked up all of those brands -- it is important to keep up to date, since maybe some companies will make changes! Again ... knowing who you're buying from is important ... but yes. Some of those places really tout using virgin fiber products ... they say it's so much better! :(

Comment From BarbG

Getting the right paper products is an issue I am working on

Comment From GN

Are corn cobs organic?

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Yes GN....use them often.

Comment From Barb in SD

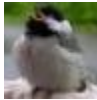
You bet your booty, GN!!!

Comment From tinksmom/MO

Thanks Lydia, I will not use those products any more!

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Always good to do the research first!

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

Oh! The Stutchbury mentions a website we should look into ...

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

nrdc.org/paper

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

I use recycled tissue!

Comment From Lacy at WCV

Being an informed consumer requires a lot of research! I've got to get started... because I really don't look up products as much as I should.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

It is more work ... you are right!

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

But trying is a start!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪••♪? ♥

The products I just listed were what Stutchbury said were not good.

**Amanda Nicholson, WCV:**

Right. I think it's worth checking to see if those companies have gotten better over the past seven years? Like Lacy said ... it does require some work!

Comment From Terri

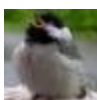
everytime i research one thing, it brings another thing to mind, i know this will be a life long journey of change

Comment From Barb in SD

On the back of the package, some have the FSC logo, and on the it says MIX, which means it uses some recycled paper, but we don't know how much. Check the package before you buy.

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

It's good to know about the White Cloud Green Earth tp. Now, if anyone finds a paper towel that holds up as well as Bounty - please share! We use a lot of paper towels.

**Raina Krasner, WCV:**

It's so important to buy bird-friendly products.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪••♪? ♥

Give your friends shade grown coffee for Christams with a nice note about the benefits



Raina Krasner, WCV:

oh!! Yes!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

OOOOH I LIKE THAT IDEA!!!!!!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

:) (hint hint)

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Great idea, Lydia.

Comment From Terri

thats a great idea

Comment From Lacy at WCV

That's a great idea for my in-laws, Lydia!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Very good idea!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I think I actually did this for all my parents/in-laws years ago ...

Comment From tinksmom/MO

A Christmas gift for myself then!

Comment From rejoyce

Lydia, I ordered some today for that very purpose!!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

It is October which means it's basically December

Comment From Seahawk Nadine-U.P.,WA

I always give my daughter a bag of coffee for Christmas. I will tell her about buying shade coffee. She may already know about it. I will get her started on it - if not.

Comment From rejoyce

I feel like I'm doing better already just from reading this book:)

Comment From Lacy at WCV

I'm converted to shade grown coffee as well.. I'm glad she listed some brands in the book. It gives me a place to start.

Comment From Meagan

Barb I am going to get my shade grown coffee from the Audubon Society.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

And it seems like it would be beneficial for the farmer to grow shade grown coffee too.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

Agreed, Terri! We can do it, though! We'll be making the world better, a little at a time :)

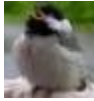
Comment From Becky in SoCal

Every little bit helps....saving one bird at a time.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

So, one or two more topics before we wrap it up?



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes, please. Two more.

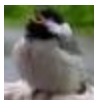


Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Sounds good!

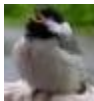
Comment From rejoyce

Everyone in CN should give shade grown coffee for Christmas!!! Think about the difference we could make!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

I really liked the section on "rest stops" for migrating birds.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

She pulled research from other scientists about stopover habitats for birds.

Comment From rejoyce

Yes, I like that part too!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Made me think of Grayson even though she isn't a songbird.

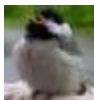
Comment From Terri

i loved the differentiation between rest stops and emergency stops



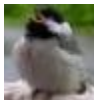
Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Yes, I thought that was really interesting!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And how much energy and time it would take to get her to her final destination!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

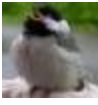
I imagined these little "hotels" for birds.

Comment From rejoyce

It's exhausting to think about their travel!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪••♪ ♥

More topics? Can we talk about the hooded warbler's hanky panky lifestyle and why his/her Sex life makes it important for them to live in neighborhoods vs forest fragments miles apart?



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Oh my goodness! Yes, fragmented forests make reproduction very challenging for some species.

Comment From rejoyce

LOL Lydia!!!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Yes, it is rejoice. I fly across country and I'm exhausted.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I think it's just truly amazing that migratory birds can make this type of journey -- twice a year, every year, and survive! So much hangs in the balance.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

It is pretty incredible!

Comment From rejoyce

So many things factor in to their survival

Comment From tinksmom/MO

LOL, Lydia, I loved that part of the book!

Comment From Terri

imagine having to travel that far with out ONstar

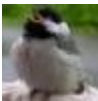
Comment From Terri

i always keep my suet feeder and tube feeder full during migration, i like the thought of helping to fatten them up at a "rest stop"



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Nope.



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Good point, Terri.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•x•? ♥

Those long flights are exhausting to think about. And that is why I get so upset to think of the troubles in the tropics and how hard it makes some of them to get back "home" to us in the spring

Comment From Barb in SD

This book makes one realize that it's only by the grace of God that our migrants make it back to our yards each year. We need to help them any way we can.

Comment From Kar from PA

Good evening everyone -- I'm back from my meeting -- I hated to miss the discussion, but it's great to scroll back and "hear" what all the CNs are saying. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Just think what the Critter Nation can do if we all try the helpful examples suggested in the book.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oh!!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

I thought it was cool how they used the Dopplar radar to track the birds migrating. I like she described the birds as big raindrrops.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
YES!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
I have a video!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Sweet!

Comment From Terri

Wow, that is an amazing video

Comment From BarbG

incredible!!!!

Comment From Heidi

That migration radar is amazing.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•x•? ♥

Awesome vid! I love it



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
It makes me want to migrate.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

That's so cool!

Comment From rejoyce

I loved the description of the BBS and the work they do. I would love to be involved in something like that!!

Comment From 33mama

Amazing!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•x•? ♥

But I really worry about what is happening in the tropics. The author made a point to say that Aal is not well on their wintering grounds. All the deforestation. she said birds who live in scrubby habitat are struggling to stay healthy. Where a bird spends its winter can affect not only its food supply and body condition, but also its ability to migrate back north and breed. That is so sad



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
That was a really interesting point too -- how second-rate habitat has a lot of "fallout" consequences.

Comment From Kar from PA

That is the most amazing video I've ever seen. Thanks, Amanda!

Comment From CK in Pa

Amazing video!

Comment From tinksmom/MO

Amazing, I didn't know there was so much migration in Missouri! Thanks Amanda.

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

Wow! What a neat video!

Comment From Terri

would love to fly with them

Comment From rejoyce

It really is miraculous that they survive as well as they do, considering all the things working against them.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

Oh... and about cats. Some people understand things more visually and it is hard for me to explain why outdoor cats are so harmful for wildlife. I've found that this graphic helps illustrate: <http://theoatmeal.com/comic...>

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

I'm glad that I read it, but his was a disturbing book to read. While I was aware of so many of the problems described, when you read chapter after chapter of the many problems facing our songbirds, it becomes heart-breaking.

**Chapin Hardy, WCV:**

I've always considered myself a fairly aware eco-shopper, but some of the stuff at the end about produce shopping was a big wake up call for me.

Comment From Susan from NJ

I thought the epilogue was the best part of the book. It at least gave some positive steps to take.

Comment From Terri

At the risk of sounding anthropomorphic, i do believe that they have reasoning and thinking abilities that we do not begin to understand, and they they are troubled by the drastic loss of habitat

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

I knew hummingbirds flew a long distance, but I sure did not know Ruby throated hummingbird males fly for more than 15 hours straight nonstop during migration.

Comment From rejoyce

I liked her writing style a lot. She took on some tough issues but made them easy to understand.

Comment From rejoyce

I loved the list of things that we can do as individuals to help. I was already doing some of them, and will be implementing others.

Comment From TerryMI

It was also sad that Pakistan & India lost 95% of their 3 species of vultures because cows were given a human drug. and now Anthrax & foot and mouth disease have increased.

Comment From Barb in SD

The bananas and pineapple were listed under Latin American foods to buy organic if possible.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

I just thought it was generally very alarming to realize that Wildlife decreases in forest fragments. Many bird species that lived in the forest when it was intact have become locally extinct.

Comment From rejoyce

I am a huge cat lover, as ya'll know. But sometimes euthanasia is more kind than what homeless cats face outdoors.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

LOL Now to work on giving gifts of eco and bird friendly TP, PT and facial tissue

Comment From Guest

you guys drink coffee, right? Maybe we should send a bag to the WCV!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I need to look up the video for migration in my area. I'm sure it isn't as large as those, but still significant.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♡ ☁️🌧️ ♡

I love this one sentence of Stutchbury's because it is such a profound one liner--"Amazing that a tiny bird can so matter-of-factly travel thousands of miles each year and return to exactly the same place."



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
So cool!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
Gosh, we could probably go on all night.



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Really



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
WEWA's are cool!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
Obligate flock-joiners -- safety in numbers!



Comment From Becky in SoCal

Hey, it is only 6 p.m. here! I have lots of hours left.

Comment From Kar from PA

Me again, CNs -- Let's keep posting in the next few weeks about success in finding sustainably produced products, such as coffee, paper products, etc. -- I'd like to hear from others -- as I am determined to find those -- especially my coffee!!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
Let's do it!



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Look at the WEWA!



Raina Krasner, WCV:
So cute.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:
I love that idea!



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Love it!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
Two things.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
1. What should we rate this book, on Goodreads??



Raina Krasner, WCV:
What would the WEWA rate this book?



Raina Krasner, WCV:
As a migratory bird?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
I think the WEWA would rate this book as "terrifying".



Chapin Hardy, WCV:
I would say a 4/5. Lots of good information, but a bit of a downer...



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Just a bit? WEWA disagrees.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:
Ok, big downer.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
Downer or not, I learned a ton!

Comment From Barb in SD
I'd give it a 5-a life-changer.

Comment From Seahawk Nadine-U.P.,WA
It was very sad in parts for sure.



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Yes, absolutely!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

I think 4/5. Sometimes we need a down to wake us up.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Right.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Definitely learned a ton!

Comment From rejoyce

I agree Chapin.

Comment From Seahawk Nadine-U.P.,WA

Very informative but would like more updated information on some of the chapters. 4 rating

Comment From Terri

Definite 5

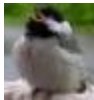


Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I wish we could do half stars!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥

WEWA is saying it is a 5 because people NEED this information. WEWA says please take action and help!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

I agree with WEWA.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

We can do half stars.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Not on Goodreads. They are "whole stars" only!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥

GREAT idea Kar form PA! Yes, lets please do that

Comment From rejoyce

What's #2 Amanda?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

2. What book is next????

Comment From GN

I still agree with everyone.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥

Yes, which book is next?

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Can't wait for the next book.

Comment From rejoyce

Tell us please!!!!!!

Comment From Terri

yea, what book is next

Comment From rejoyce

Sooooooooo what's our next book?????????

Comment From rejoyce

I'm dying to know our next book!!!!

Comment From Terri

im ready to learn more

Comment From Terri

ok, so dont keep us in suspense, what is the next book up for discussion



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

We put a lot of thought into the next book.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Where's Lacy?

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•x•? ♥

and?



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

LACY!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

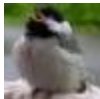
Don't make me yell.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

And.....

Comment From 33mama

Geez...



Raina Krasner, WCV:

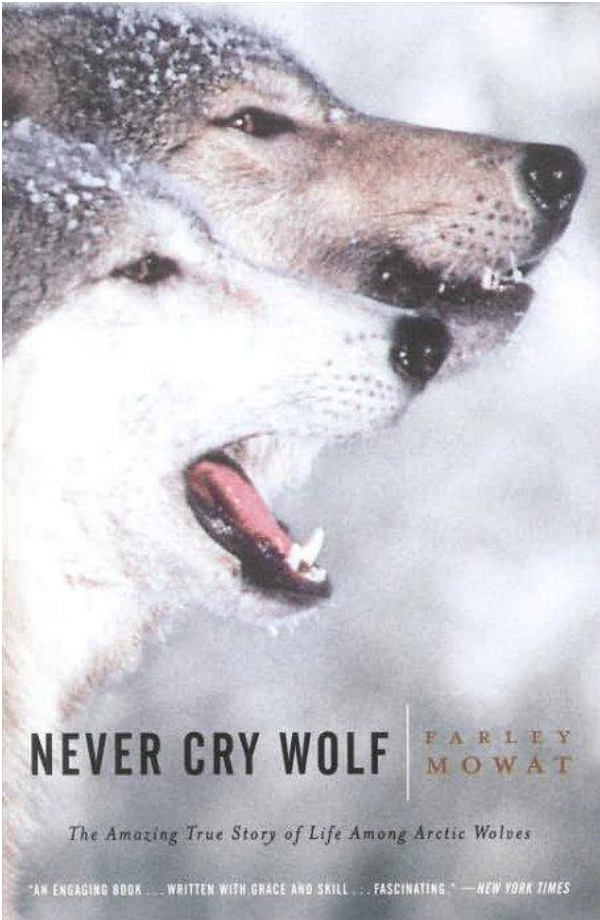
Oh yes! She un-knowingly decided on this book.

Comment From Terri

ok already, pleeeeeeaaase

Comment From rejoyce

The winner is.....



Never Cry Wolf by Farley Mowat



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Fun! Different! Looking forward to it.

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•x•? ♥

YAY!!!!!!!!!!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yay!

Comment From Terri

yeaaaaa, loading it on my kindle now.

Comment From rejoyce

Oooooooooooooo!!!!!!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

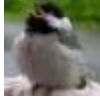
That's right she did.... so if you don't like it, blame her!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Cool....I love wolves.

Comment From Lacy at WCV

Sorry guys! Stepped away for a moment... I'm back!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

And if you love it... thank her!

Comment From Dave in Missouri

Cool!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

We announced the book! We had a hard time choosing between two. So we made Lacy pick.

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

Ohhh... Good choice!

Comment From Seahawk Nadine-U.P.,WA

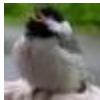
AMAZON SMILE here I come

Comment From BarbG

sounds interesting

Comment From rejoyce

Good choice!



Raina Krasner, WCV:

Yes! Amazon Smile! Plus Amazon Prime. = Awesome.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Me too! I ordered it from AmazonSmile today!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Win win!

Comment From Lacy at WCV

I can't imagine that it will be a disappointment... wolves are sooooo cool!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Please bear in mind -- Jeff told me this -- Farley Mowat is known as saying something like "don't let the facts get in the way of a good story". It is a fictionalized account!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

reading Lone Wolf by Jodi Picoult and it talked alot about wolf and pack behavior. One of the main characters was a conservationsist who worked with wolves. Got me very intersted in wolves

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Next Book Club date is?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Ummm ... whoops! We will let you know. on the website!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Early December. Do evenings still work well for people?

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♡•••? ♥

Yes please! evenings

Comment From 33mama

Evenings are good.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Basically 2 months from now



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

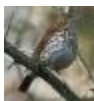
Any thoughts/opinions on T/W/Th/Fr ... ?

Comment From BarbG

evenings are great

Comment From 33mama

Wednesday is good.



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Wed or Thurs!

Comment From Seahawk Nadine-U.P.,WA

I thought it was the first Wed. evening of the month.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

No, we've switched it up a bit -- not necessarily Wednesdays!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Generally, first week of the month.

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Great time for me on the west coast....prior to starting dinner.



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Thanks so much everyone -- thanks for coming to book club!

Comment From Terri

Thank you all so much for the informative and fun discussion, gotta call it a night but will start reading the new book tomorrow

Comment From Barb in SD

Even tho it made us sad, we need to learn what's happening out there. Too bad it was 7 years old. I can't imagine how much worse things have gotten since the book was written. At least a 5!!

Comment From Kathy in NM ♥

This is a book that needs to be read, so a 5.

Comment From Seahawk Nadine-U.P.,WA

I have to leave - thanks Raina, Amanda & Chapin. Dinner calls- only 6 here. Have a wonderful evening. I will read back to find out what the next book will be and order it from AMAZON SMILE.

Comment From Kar from PA

See -- Critter Nation can make a difference!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

We can make a difference.

Comment From 33mama

That book was really packed with discussion points!

Comment From tinksmom/MO

I am going to call it a night all, I've been fighting a headache all day and it is winning! Thanks for another great meeting, SED.

Comment From Barb in SD

I can't thank you enough for having us read this book!!! What an eye-opener. Now we need to get the world to read it. Has Dr. Dave, the birder, read it?



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I don't think so!



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

I'll have to lend him my copy.

Comment From BarbG

this author has another book written in 2010 called "the private lives of birds"



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

Oooh! Good to know!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

Thanks to all of you for a great discussion.

Comment From Dave in Missouri

Get to feeling well tinksmom!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•x•? ♥

AA maybe you should put a poll up to give the people who Wed is not good for (and aren't here because of it) a chance to vote



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:

(Wed is not good for us in the first week of Dec)



Chapin Hardy, WCV:

Thanks for joining us! Love all your thoughts and insight!

Comment From BarbG

thanks for another great book club

Comment From GN

Thursday.

Comment From rejoyce
Evenings!! Wednesdays!!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥
Oh Thanks Barb G! Now I have 2 books to order from Amazon Smile

Comment From Becky in SoCal
Day of the week doesn't matter to me.

Comment From TerryMI
Yes, dishes and stuff are done, most of the time by then



Amanda Nicholson, WCV:
<http://newsdesk.si.edu/phot...>

Comment From 33mama
Thanks for working so late WCV staff! Great discussion!

Comment From Barb in SD
He needs to know exactly what the birds are doing from the time they fly out of sight of his binocs till he sees them again in the spring. Seriously. He won't believe it!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥
Oh right! It cannot be Dec 3!!!!

Comment From rejoyce
Thanks for tonight everyone! This was great!

Comment From Dolo In RI
Thank you, great session!

Comment From Heidi
Mon, tues or friday if in first week of month



Raina Krasner, WCV:
Thank you so much for joining us tonight!



Raina Krasner, WCV:
What a great book ... and a lovely discussion!



Chapin Hardy, WCV:
It was great fun!

Comment From Lydia, PA ♥ ♪•♪•? ♥
Thank you Raina, Chapin, Amanda and CN Book clubbers. Great discussion.

Comment From 33mama
Tuesday is good too! (NOT Thursday)

Comment From 33mama
Whatever. If I can't make book club, I will scroll back.

Comment From GN

Well thank you, Lydia!

Comment From Becky in SoCal

If anyone finds "Never Cry Wolf", kindle edition, please post.

Comment From Dave in Missouri

Lydia said what I was going to say, thanks WCV!

Comment From vb in va

Thank-you this was great!!

Comment From Lacy at WCV

Great discussion - I learned even more talking with you guys... I'm excited about the next book!

Comment From Barb in SD

This book was so great because we can actually [apply what we've learned](#). More teaching...