

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PROTECT BIRDS?

Not only for birds, but for most creatures, the protection is not primarily about protecting a particular species, but about ensuring that the habitats that support them are maintained in good condition, in the interests of humanity and our fellow creatures contributing to their continued existence on Earth. Species declines, disappearances and the emergence of new species can be well monitored. These changes indicate changes in the resources and habitats directly linked to birds (e.g. disappearance or overpopulation of food species, appearance or disappearance of pollution of various origins). As birds are all present all over the world, their continuous monitoring makes them particularly suitable for monitoring changes and taking the necessary measures.

They play a key role in the **destruction of insect pests and the consumption of weed seeds**. By doing so, they help humans involuntarily by reducing the need to apply insecticides and herbicides to protect our crops.

All creatures in nature can be bird food

There is no group of animals that birds do not eat. In fact, they help to contribute to an overpopulation of insects or other animals in a given area. But by consuming fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals, and of course birds, they are also performing a continuous regulating function.

Helping the reproduction of other creatures

In connection with **pollination** we should not only think of hummingbirds that specifically consume nectar, but birds may inevitably carry pollen on their feathers or beak and participate in pollination. They also contribute to the reproduction of plants by **transporting seeds** and transporting them over long distances. For example, the seeds of fruit eaten are carried away with the droppings. Not only do they play a role in plant reproduction, but eggs can also stick to their feathers or beaks, so they can be transported to another habitat. For example, the Eurasian jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) hides thousands of acorns underground during its lifetime as winter food. However, it does not find most of these and they become oak seedlings and then trees. This explains why we see young oak trees even where there are no such trees nearby.

But protecting birds is important not only because they help or facilitate human life, or because they provide financial benefits or food. **Birds are part of the ecosystem in which we live**, in which we find pleasure and relaxation. **Without birds, the ecosystem would collapse** and life on earth would cease to exist.



Eurasian jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) with an oak acorn in its beak

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