

Conservation Actions

Audubon campus chapters protect birds and the places they need today and tomorrow by planning and executing conservation actions on or off campus.

Make a Difference for Birds

Each academic year, every campus chapter is accountable for planning and implementing one conservation action on campus or in their community. Below are examples of conservation actions students can take.

1. **Advocate for a native plant proclamation.** Native plants provide the best habitat for birds, pollinators, and your community Bird-friendly landscaping provides food, save water, and help fight climate change.
2. **Plant a Plants for Birds garden using native plants.** Grow bird-friendly plants to attract and protect the birds you love while beautifying your campus. Native plants are easy to care for, reduce waste and are better and better for the environment.
3. **Support a bird-friendly-buildings resolution** on your campus or in your local municipality. Every year, billions of birds migrate north in the spring and south in the fall, the majority of them flying at night, navigating with the night sky. You can help reduce bird strikes and other urban threats to migratory birds.
4. **Defend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.** Passed in 1918 with the support of Audubon advocates and other early conservationists, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) protects nearly all of our country's birds. Campus chapters can safeguard this critical law by writing letters to the editor, Op-eds, organizing, lobbying elected officials and more.
5. **Help Audubon test and improve climate models.** Audubon's 2014 Birds and Climate Change Report highlighted the risks that climate change poses by tracking birds across North America. Become a community scientist and participate in Climate Watch and the Audubon Christmas Bird Count on campus or with a local Audubon Chapter.



Northern Cardinal.
Brian Kushner/Audubon Photography Awards

Additional resources and guides for each of these projects are available to recognized campus chapters on Audubon Works, Audubon's internal social network.

Audubon Works has a team dedicated to the needs of its campus chapters. **Email:** campus_chapters@audubon.org for more information.

The National Audubon Society is a nonprofit conservation organization that works across the Western Hemisphere to protect birds throughout their life cycles and all the special places they need along the way. Audubon's work includes ambitious conservation and public policy programs, bird science leadership, and public engagement and outreach, all made possible by an unparalleled network of grassroots chapters, volunteers, advocates, and partner organizations.