

# Year of the Bird

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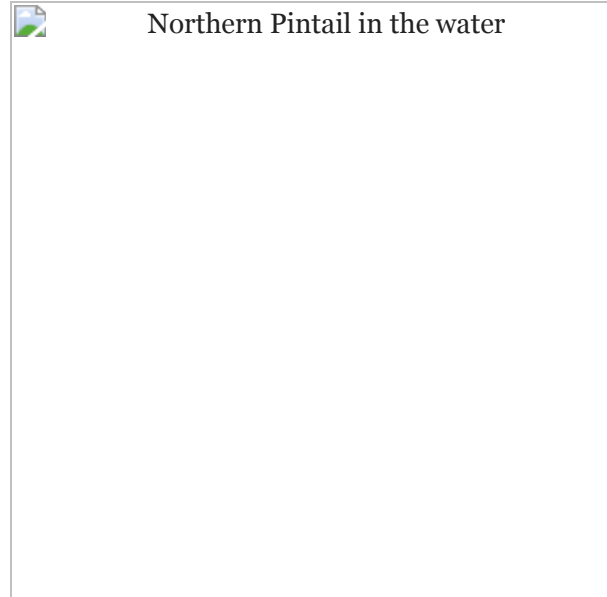
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In 2018, Evergreen Audubon, is joining forces with Birdlife International, National Geographic, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, National Audubon Society, and hundreds of other conservation organizations, in celebrating the Year of the Bird to commemorate the centennial of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. This groundbreaking agreement originally between the United States and Great Britain (acting on behalf of the Commonwealth of Canada), was expanded to include Mexico in 1936.

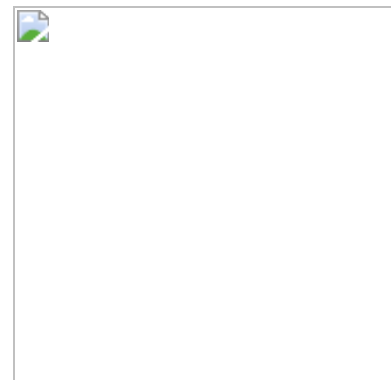
The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the pursuit, hunting, taking, capturing, killing, and selling of most species of native North American Birds. It ensures that wild birds merit full protection under the law throughout North America, and has the distinction of being one of the first Federal Environmental laws to be passed.

The goal of the Year of the Bird is to inspire people throughout the world to commit to protecting birds now and for the next hundred years. As Evergreen Audubon celebrates the Year of the Bird we want to keep in mind the wonderful window with which birds provide us for looking into the mysteries of earth's biodiversity and the annual cycle of our planet. Also, that, in partnership with one another and with other environmental organizations, we have tremendous power for important bird conservation. And that birds need us, now more than ever – as all over the world they are facing unprecedented threats to their existence.

Evergreen Audubon is committed to the conservation of birds and their native habitats, and we encourage all of our members to focus on birds just a bit more in this coming year – get outside; come on our bird walks; enter your bird counts, observations, and images into eBird; come to our chapter meetings for wonderful monthly presentations; and participate in our great selection of upcoming Year of the Bird events (which you can track by visiting [evergreenaudubon.org](http://evergreenaudubon.org)). In June, Evergreen Audubon and the Center for the Arts Evergreen will host the 2017 Audubon Photography Awards



Northern Pintail (c) Mick Thompson



Show, featuring the work of twelve national photography award winners. There will be a special opening reception for this event with a special presentation on the art of John James Audubon. In the coming months, you will be able to sign up not only for bird walks, but for workshops on bird photography, field sketching, and even origami.

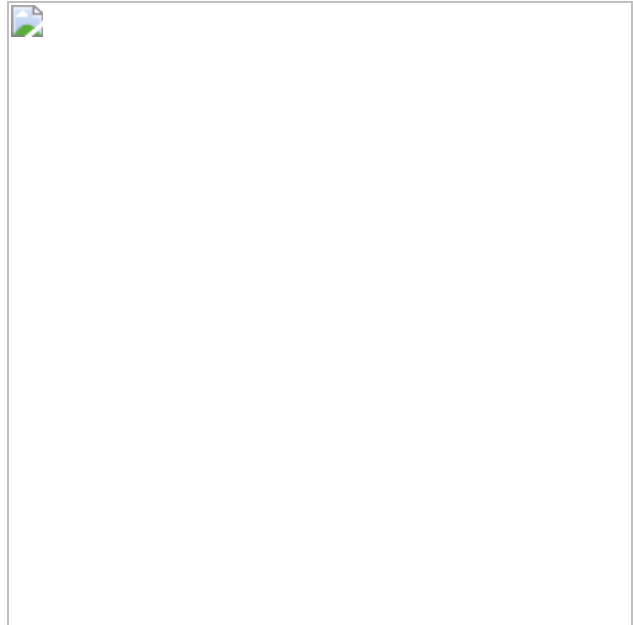
If you are inclined to take a more active role in maintaining and strengthening laws that protect birds and their habitats, please consider adding your name to our Conservation Alerts list ([conservation@evergreenaudubon.org](mailto:conservation@evergreenaudubon.org)), where you will be guided to sign petitions, write letters to the editor, call local, state, and national representatives, and take other action as needed.

You might also be interested in some of the activities that other local organizations are doing on behalf of the Year of the Bird:

Big Year Jeffco –  
<https://www.jeffco.us/3568/Big-Year-Jeffco>

Denver Field Ornithologists – Big Year 2018 – Count birds for a year on DFO sponsored field trips -[https://dfobirds.org/LarkBunting/Archives/20102019/2018/01\\_Jan\\_2018\\_LB.pdf](https://dfobirds.org/LarkBunting/Archives/20102019/2018/01_Jan_2018_LB.pdf)

Finally, as we enjoy and celebrate birds throughout 2018, please take the **Bird Your World Pledge** by going to the Year of the Bird website – <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/year-of-the-bird/>. You'll be provided with monthly calls to action that are simple challenges designed to encourage taking small, important steps on behalf of birds.



Gray Jay & Bill Schmoker (c) Bill Schmoker