

https://buffalonews.com/opinion/letters/letter-continue-to-uphold-bird-protection-laws/article_1254273e-5114-11eb-ae4c-af0640b33bd0.html

Letter: Continue to uphold bird protection laws

2 comments

Jan 16, 2021

Support this work for \$1 a month

As a lifelong bird watcher, I am deeply concerned about the Trump administration “gutting” protections for migratory birds as reported in the Jan. 6 Buffalo News.

Birds are an integral part of human connection with nature. Not only are birds enjoyable to watch and learn about, they serve a purpose in sustaining our environment. For example, birds can alert us to changes in our environment by observing their

numbers and behavior, they can control insect outbreaks in forests and urban areas and some birds are pollinators, just to name a few. Locally, we are fortunate to live within an Important Bird Area (IBA) which is a global designation based on international criteria. People travel to our area to observe, enjoy and record bird life here. Over the years of learning about and observing birds, I have come to appreciate the wonders of birds and the role they play in nature.

There have been declining numbers of birds due to human activity already. Gutting of bird protection laws will lead to further decrease or extinction, which would be a travesty.

Jay Wopperer

Clarence