

# Conservation Helps Birds

Conservation is the study of wildlife and habitat in order to protect the earth and its biodiversity. When a plant or animal species numbers so few that we think it is in danger of being lost to the world, we call that species endangered. Many things can cause the decline of a species including chemicals, loss of habitat, disease, over-hunting and man-made changes.

The Bald Eagle nearly disappeared by the early 1960's because of the pesticide DDT and habitat loss. Banning DDT and passing new laws protecting eagles helped. Eagles were also re-introduced or returned to areas where they had been lost. These conservation efforts helped Bald Eagles recover. In 2007, this species was removed from the endangered species list.

