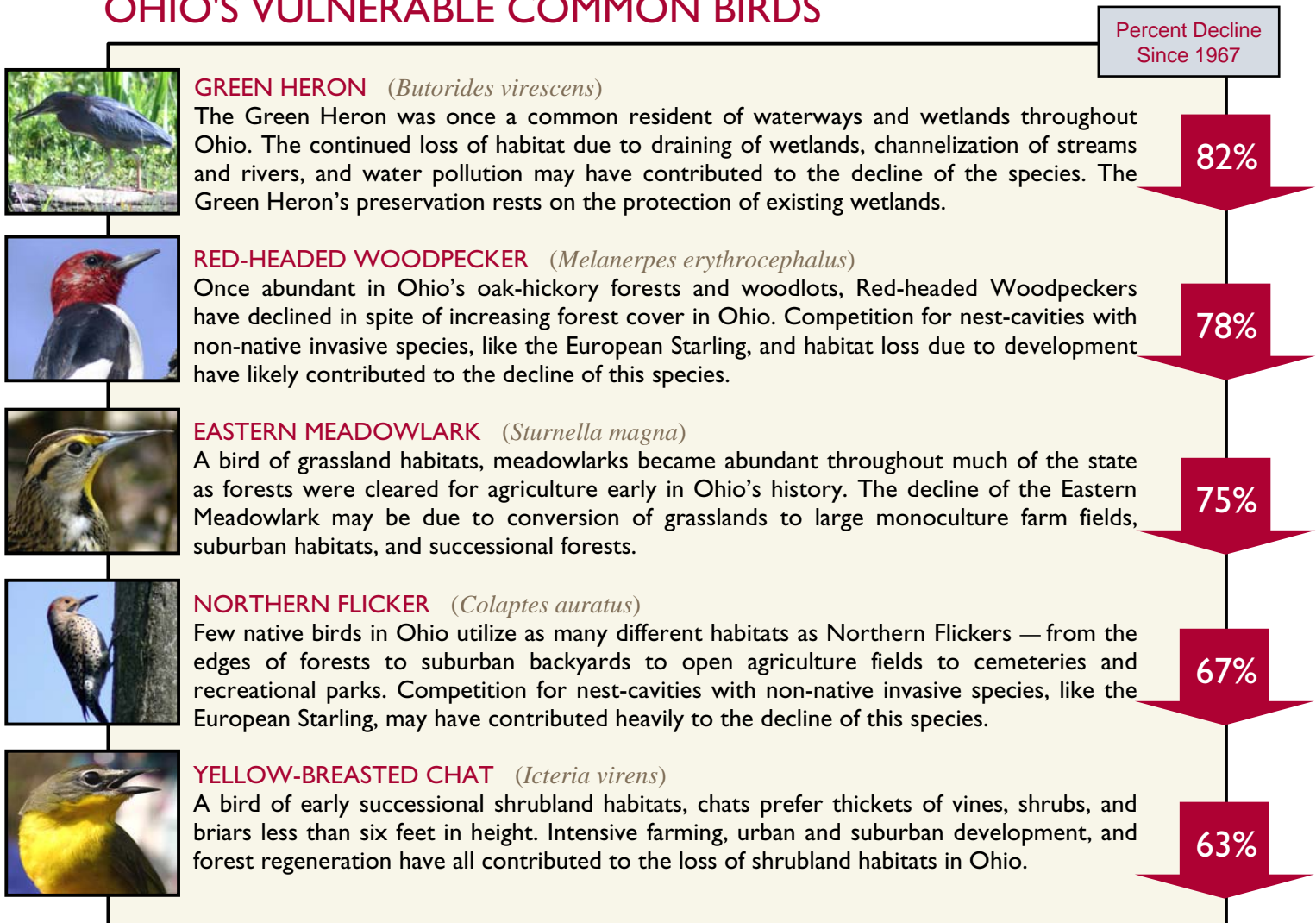


COMMON BIRDS IN DECLINE

*A State of the Birds Report
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Many of our most abundant and widespread birds are experiencing steady precipitous population declines. Analyzing forty years of bird population data collected by Citizen Scientists for Audubon's Christmas Bird Count, combined, for the first time, with Breeding Bird Survey data from the U.S. Geological Survey, Audubon has identified our nation's most vulnerable common birds. Additional analyses focused on state level trends. Some state trends mirror the national picture, while others reveal local and regional differences. The birds below are suffering the most serious population declines in Ohio. Along with their national *Common Birds in Decline* list mates, they showcase the need for vigilance in protecting local habitats and the health of our environment. Working together, we can make a difference. Visit <http://stateofthebirds.audubon.org/CBID> for the national findings.

OHIO'S VULNERABLE COMMON BIRDS





WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Create small wetlands on your private lands. (Green Heron)
- Preserve woodlots, particularly oak-hickory stands, in rural and agricultural areas. (Red-headed Woodpecker)
- Plant prairies in rural, agricultural, and new suburban areas. (Eastern Meadowlark)
- Eliminate or reduce the use of pesticides. (all species)
- Post dead tree snags or girdle live trees to create the potential of nest cavities. (Northern Flicker and Red-headed Woodpecker)
- Discourage European Starlings through feeder and food choices. (Northern Flicker and Red-headed Woodpecker)
- Drink shade grown coffee to help protect the wintering habitat for Yellow-breasted Chats. (Yellow-breasted Chat)
- Plant brambles and shrubs along edges of farm fields and forest clearings. (Yellow-breasted Chat)



HOW YOU CAN HELP

The foundation of this State of the Birds report is based on the efforts of thousands of amateur birdwatchers and Citizen Scientists, like you, who have volunteered their time and skills to help collect data over the past forty years. Participating in Citizen Science projects, like the Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC) and U.S. Geological Survey's Breeding Bird Survey (BBS) can be an important way of contributing toward our understanding of bird populations and conservation efforts.

Here is some information on ways to get involved:

- Audubon Christmas Bird Count
www.audubonohio.org/bsc/cbc.html
- USGS Breeding Bird Survey
www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/
- Audubon & Cornell eBird
www.ebird.org
- Audubon Great Backyard Bird Count
www.audubon.org/gbbc/
- Ohio Breeding Bird Atlas
www.ohiobirds.org/obba2/

SUPPORT AUDUBON CONSERVATION EFFORTS



- Adopt a local Audubon Important Bird Area
www.audubonohio.org/bsc/ibas.html
- Join the Audubon Action Network
www.audubonaction.org/audubon/join.html
- Become a member of Audubon
www.joinaudubon.org/
- Volunteer with your local Audubon Chapter
www.audubonohio.org/chapters/

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