

TESTIMONY OF LYNN HERRING
BEFORE THE HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE, STATE OF OREGON
REGARDING
THE WILD BIRD CONSERVATION ACT, HOUSE BILL 3374
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Good morning. My name is Lynn Herring.

I urge you to support HB 3374, the Wild Bird Conservation Act. In a time of state budget challenge, I personally want to support the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in its efforts to further wild bird and habitat conservation.

As a lifelong naturalist and bird watcher, I enjoy watching, feeding and studying our wonderful Oregon wild birds – Winter resident species like the Varied Thrush and migratory species that may spend their breeding Summers here like Western Tanagers or just stop over to feed during Spring like the many colorful Warblers and during Fall migrations like the shorebirds.

I lead a Christmas Bird Count team each Winter and a Birdathon team each Spring to count their numbers and thereby help gather new information on population trends. This bill presents an opportunity for bird lovers to contribute to the recovery of declining species before they become threatened or endangered.

This legislation would allow those of us, the bird watchers and bird lovers to contribute this very small amount – an extra nickel per pound of bird seed - an amount that will make a big difference toward helping protect and restore wild bird populations.

Since my own arrival in Oregon in 1977, I have witnessed a decline in wild bird species in the Willamette Valley such as the Lewis's Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Western Meadowlark, Common Nighthawk, Willow Flycatcher, Rufous Hummingbird, Evening Grosbeak and Purple Finch in addition to statewide threatened species like the Northern Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet.

It's easy – please support HB 3374, the Wild Bird Conservation Act – a Nickel for the Birds!

For the Birds and their Habitats!

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