

STUDY OF BEHAVIOUR OF BIRD WITH CLIMATE CHANGES

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ABSTRACT

Numerous changes, such as a rise in temperature and an increase in the frequency of precipitation, have been brought about as a result of the complex alterations brought about by climate change. These changes constitute dynamic environmental shifts for birds. It causes the birds to react in various ways, such as altering their migratory paths. The purpose of this project is to investigate the effects that climate change has on the behaviour of birds and the appropriate methods for addressing these effects so that a better understanding of the responses can be gained. According to the findings of the research, climate change has led to an earlier start of spring migration, changes in the habitat of birds, an increased risk of disease transmission, an earlier start of egg-laying time, decreased food availability, and a decrease in the bird population. The report also provides a list of potential solutions that may be taken to lessen the impact of climate change. These include the adoption of environmentally friendly laws, the formation of partnerships with non-governmental organisations, and the reduction of emissions of greenhouse gases. People in the future should think about finding knowledge gaps of the relationship between climate change and birds via the efforts of multidisciplinary and multi-academic areas of study. The similar methodology may also be used to the investigation of possible solutions. This paper presents a detailed assessment of the consequences that climate change is having on birds, as well as a quick illustration of the many techniques that are currently being taken to alleviate the effects of climate change. It raises awareness of the implications of climate change on the current generation, which in turn encourages them to take proactive efforts to solve the issue for the generation that will come after them.

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INTRODUCTION

The notion that changes in climate brought on by human activities are having a negative impact on the majority of species and posing a threat to the continued existence of a large number of species across the globe is universally held and recognised as one of the most widely discussed issues of this century. The fact that birds are well recognised to react to many types of climate perturbations, and their responses are frequently well-documented, makes climate change of interest to birds. This is because birds' responses are typically well-documented. In addition, the most recent study indicates that one-eighth of all bird species face an extremely high risk of extinction in the not-too-distant future decades, and these species need the intervention and protection of humans in order to survive. According to the findings of the study, there would be a loss of between 600 and 900 different species of birds by the year 2100 if global temperatures rise by 3.5 degrees Celsius. 89 percent of these extinctions will take place in tropical areas. The birds that are kept

in captivity and have low metabolic rates as well as little temperature fluctuation are the ones most at danger from climate change. Because they are unable to migrate to higher altitudes, many species of tropical mountain birds, such as the northern snowbird, are particularly susceptible to the effects of climate change. Birds not only play important parts in ecosystems, but they also have a substantial impact on human health and well-being via their contributions to areas such as public cleanliness, the control of pests, and plant reproduction.

A book with the working title *Birds and climate change: implications and conservation responses* essentially explains what kinds of changes in birds react to climate change by generally associating with other researchers' relevant major studies. Many studies also looked at how climate change affects the time of year when various kinds of birds lay their eggs, where they live, how many of them there are, and whether or not they migrate. In their research paper, the team led by ekercioglu not only discussed the direct effects of climate change on tropical birds, but they also included indirect influences from an association between climate change, food resources, and disease transmission. This association can increase the possibility of extinction for certain birds by as much as fifty percent. Other researchers have also mentioned that mountainous regions are home to bird species that are particularly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. These mountainous bird species require protection from scientists and policymakers in the form of professional data collection and knowledge as well as specialised legal protections. However, potential solutions originating from a variety of organisations are required in order to alleviate the detrimental consequences of climate change on birds.

In this work, we explore the many unfavourable consequences of climate change on different species of birds, as well as potential strategies to alleviate the severity of these problems. To begin, we will discuss the following six distinct effects that climate change has on bird species: migration, habitat, the risk of illness, nesting, the availability of food, and population. We will use examples to thoroughly illustrate how climate change causes these changes. The next step is for us to provide potential solutions to the problem of climate change from three distinct perspectives: those of government, business, and the general people. Our goal is to lessen the negative effects that are being created by climate change.

Theeffectsofclimatechangeonbirds

Migratory

Birds are susceptible to the effects of climate change since they are one of the most dynamic components of the ecosystem. Scientists have discovered, with the use of satellite monitoring tools, that changes in temperature are the primary reason for song crane migration. Fig.1 illustrates the Studies have found that the initial arrival date of most birds has a negative correlation with the average monthly temperature. This means that the earlier a bird's first arrival date, the warmer the temperature was. According to the findings of several studies, global warming may impact shifts in the timing of migratory patterns as well as the selection of wintering grounds for avian species. When temperatures rise by 1 degree Celsius on average, the arrival time of spring migration for some bird species in Europe is advanced by two days. This occurs for every 1 degree Celsius. Changes in migration time are more apparent for long-distance migratory birds, which arrive an average of 13 days sooner, compared to changes in migration timing for short-distance migratory birds, which arrive an average of 4 days earlier.

The effects of climate change may be felt throughout migratory routes. As a result of global warming, it is anticipated that by the end of the 21st century, temperatures in the Arctic will rise more quickly and will be 2.2-2.4 times warmer than the global average. This phenomenon is known as the Arctic amplification effect. As a result of this phenomenon, geese will adapt by timing their migration earlier, leaving their wintering grounds and stopover sites before food supplies reach their peak. They will remain in the Arctic for a longer period of time due to the early departure from their wintering sites. There is a possibility that animals that migrate may adapt to warming in ways other than changes in the time of their migrations. This is especially possible since warming can shift the geographical distribution of habitats and resources. Because of the increase in temperature, suitable breeding and staging sites are likely going to move further north.

Habitats

It is generally accepted that numerous species' distributions have migrated toward mountain summits and the poles as a result of human-induced climate change. The alteration of some bird species' habitats as a direct result of a rising climate is also recognised as one of the most significant dangers to their continued existence. The temperature travelled 186 kilometres in the same directions as the birds at the same time period as Lehtikoinen and Virkkala observed that 128 bird species in Finland moved northerly or north-easterly by 37 kilometres on average from 1970 to 1989 and 2000 to 2012. The research conducted by Freeman's group reveals that certain common high-altitude bird species in the Peruvian Andes have seen population declines or even extinction as a direct result of rising temperatures, which led to a widespread destruction of habitats that were favourable for them. They also believe that this shift is the major cause for the extinction of a large number of high-altitude species in the tropical Andes, which also poses a danger to the communities of birds that live in other tropical locations. Jason's group also shown that the habitat of the Vancouver Island White-tailed Ptarmigan would be decreased by 25% in the 2040s, 44% in the 2050s, and 56% in the 2080s if greenhouse gas emissions were allowed to remain at their current low levels. If it is at the high level of greenhouse gas emissions, the habitats will decrease by 27%, 59%, and 74% respectively. Due to the rise in temperature, more and more mountain birds are having their habitats destroyed, which ultimately leads to their extinction.

Possibility of disease

As a result of climate change, the habitats of many different species of birds are changing, which in turn raises the probability that birds may get infected with illnesses. For instance, the research group led by Dr. Gilbert asserts that the shifting distribution of wild birds due to climate change has contributed to the proliferation of avian illness. A population of mute swans, which was an excellent example and carried high pathogenic avian influenza H5N1 (HPAI H5N1), migrated to Western Europe from the eastern Caspian Sea basin as a result of an old weather period. Due of the higher temperatures that prevail during the mating season, the breeding area is much larger than the winter area. In addition to this, they investigated the correlation between regions that were forecasted to see the greatest fluctuations in temperature and the breeding habitats of Anatidae. They are matched, which indicates that as a result of climate change, a location that was traditionally frigid, such as the north pole, has become warmer and is now appropriate for mute swans to live in and breed in. As a result, the mute swan has the potential to introduce new illnesses to these regions and to pass those diseases on to the native species.

In addition, according to the findings of research on climate change, rising temperatures make it possible for

illnesses to spread to higher altitude zones and affect birds that reside in such locations. According to a new study, the temperature in Hawaii is rising because of climate change, which also makes more places suitable for the survival of illness. This has resulted in an expansion of the geographic spread of avian malaria transmission. In the meanwhile, it is estimated that the amount of suitable high elevation forest habitat in Hawaii would drop by 57% if the temperature increases by 2 degrees Celsius. This particular habitat has a minimal risk of avian malaria. The disease transmission zone stretches from an altitude of 1500 metres up to an altitude of 1800 metres. Because of this, the species that live in the region between 1500 and 1800 metres will be at a greater risk of contracting avian malaria and pox as a direct result of climate change. As can be seen in Figure 1, the low-risk zone for species is gradually disappearing, which means that the likelihood of infection is growing.

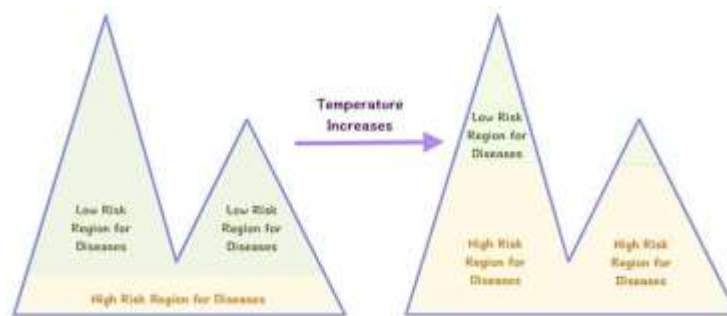


Fig.1 The disease transmission zone

Breeding

Early studies reveal that certain bird species are producing eggs sooner than they ever have in the past as a result of the effects of climate change, which may have an influence on the timing of egg laying in birds. There is evidence that two species of wading birds in the Netherlands nest earlier in the warmer spring. This may affect the availability of food for birds. The average flowering and leafing period may be brought forward by high spring temperatures. This may affect the availability of food for birds. In recent years, it has been demonstrated that amphibians in the UK lay eggs when spring temperatures have climbed over a certain threshold. In their research on low-flying moths, Both et al. (2004) discovered that nine of the populations had spring temperatures that occurred sooner. The timing of birds' reproductive cycles and the availability of the resources they need to survive might become disorganised as a result of climate change. The Palouse specialist was investigated by Visser et al. (2006), who discovered shifts in the peak abundance of the caterpillar pairs that the Palouse specialist feeds on. These shifts, in turn, led to variations in the breeding season of Great Tits. It's possible that earlier nesting or breeding is a phenomena that's occurring across the board in British animals. It's possible that this will have significant ecological and conservation repercussions for them. If there is a longer length of time before winter, it may be helpful for birds to begin nesting earlier in order to boost the survival rate of their young. The breeding grounds and wintering grounds of the Anatidae are shown in Figure 2. Due of the higher temperatures that prevail during the mating season, the breeding area is much larger than the winter area.

On the other hand, if birds are not in sync with the physiography of their food supply, it is possible for them to suffer negative effects. Alterations in the local weather may also cause shifts in the locations where birds choose to nest. The breeding ranges of British birds have been studied by scientists over a period of 20 years.

They discovered that 59 species of southern British birds shifted their breeding sites northwards during a period of gradual climate warming. As a result, scientists have identified one of the potential factors for anthropogenic warming to shift breeding sites northwards. There is also some evidence to suggest that higher temperatures are prompting birds to remain at their nesting grounds for a somewhat longer period of time than they did in the past. A great number of bird species that migrate just short distances have much more individuals that spend the winter in their breeding grounds. Fig. 2 The breeding range of the Red-crowned Crane population on the mainland is forecast to expand in the 2030s, 2050s, 2070s, and 2080s. The blue polygons represent real current breeding regions, the green polygons represent projected potential breeding areas based on the parameters of the current climate, and the orange areas represent projected potential breeding areas based on the conditions of a changing climate. RCP2.6, the low emission scenario, is the one being considered.

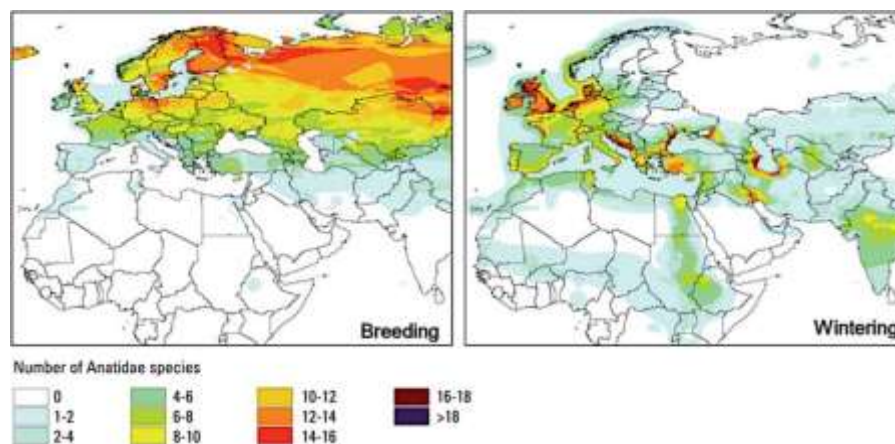


Fig.2 Distribution of Anatidae breeding and wintering areas

Food availability

The effects of climate change have been slow, but they have progressively altered environmental circumstances. These changes include an increase in the frequency of severe weather, global warming, and altered precipitation rates. Studies show that climate change has caused a decline in the abundance of birds' food, which leads to potential threats for various life stages of birds, including reproduction and body growth. In order to estimate the indirect effects that climate change has on the availability of food for birds, these studies show that climate change has caused the decline. Concerning the caterpillar, a study that was conducted in 1998 by Visser and colleagues came to the conclusion that the spring temperature had significantly increased from 1973 to 1995. As a result, the study found that the caterpillar biomass peaks had moved forward by nine days when compared to their historical data. The ambient temperature also drops considerably as a consequence of climate change, which causes caterpillars' development to be slowed down and reduces the amount of time they spend eating. As a result, there is a decrease in the caterpillar biomass abundance, and there is an increase in the death rate. The relationship between climate change and krill and other marine creatures is also quite similar. Because of climate change, the amount of sea ice has decreased by between 12 and 20 percent since the 1950s. This has led to a decrease in the number of krill and other marine organisms, which happened to be the primary source of nutrition for five species of seabirds that breed in Adelie Land, Antarctica.

In conclusion, a decrease in the availability of food for birds has been driven by climate change. The decrease in the supply of food may have short-term and/or long-term effects, such as a mismatch between the peak times for reproduction in birds and the peak times for the availability of food. On the other hand, the results could be modified by the birds' ability to adapt to ever-changing environmental circumstances.

Birdpopulation

The occurrence of phenological mismatches has been caused by global climate change, which has led to changes in population size, which has led to population declines or even extinction, and studies have found that climate change has been a major factor in population changes of birds in Central Europe over the past several decades. Thomas and John shown in their research on the songbirds that live in Arizona, USA, that the precipitation levels produced by climate change are directly responsible for the drop in the number of songbirds. Gasner employed models to forecast changes in the population of the Central American fish eagle under future climatic scenarios. His findings revealed that the population of the species would decrease, and a few species would go extinct. This is a significant component that is leading to the reduction in the number of bird populations. Because of the warmer temperatures, the quality of the birds' habitat will decrease, which will ultimately result in a reduction in the number of species. Warmer temperatures will also lead to an upward shift of montane species over the planet. These uphill shifts will lead to the mountaintop extinction of species that dwell exclusively at the tops of mountains. Warming, for instance, has caused what is known as a "escalation of extinction" for birds in inaccessible mountain regions of Peru; high-altitude species have seen a drop in range and numbers, and some mountaintop residents that were once widespread have vanished from local populations.

Approachestoaddresstheimpacts ofclimatechange

Government

The development of viable strategies to combat climate change should be prioritised by national governments. Because of the significant role that climate change plays in the distribution of migratory birds, it is necessary to formulate regulations that will keep the temperature limitations imposed on these birds at a level that is reasonably consistent. Because of the enormous effect that increased temperatures brought on by carbon emissions have on the distribution of migrating birds, it is imperative that we cut down on our production of carbon emissions. The government has the ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by enacting relevant laws and regulations, such as reducing the use of fossil fuels, improving the efficiency of energy use, vigorously developing new energy sources, and controlling methane emissions from water fields and landfills. These are just some examples of how the government can reduce greenhouse gas emissions. At the same time, the government may also choose to run PR and education efforts on the topic of climate change in order to heighten the general public's understanding of the issue.

Corporate

As both the public and governments have become much more aware of the effects of climate change, it is imperative that corporations work with government rules and the expectations of the public in order to make necessary adjustments to their commercial practises. Donations to non-governmental organisations (NGOs), whose primary emphasis is on environmental issues and compliance with environmental rules and regulations

established by governments, are often included among the usual practises. The progressive approach that takes environmental awareness into consideration could also emerge in the form of private governance, in partnership with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and local communities, with the goal of developing new programmes as a governance tool for environmental sustainability. One of the models that has proven to be effective is known as the Fishery Improvement Project, or FIP for short. In this initiative, corporations work together with non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and private actors in the supply chain of the fishing industry to implement a series of measures that will make the fishing industry more environmentally friendly. The typical procedures for FIP are outlined in Table 1. These procedures include the collecting of data from individual fisherman, the active sharing of data, the debate of policy, and education initiatives in a variety of local communities. Additional steps should also be taken to address climate change, such as going above and beyond what is required by law to protect the environment, making use of cutting-edge technology to reduce pollution caused by industry, and establishing an environmental department to manage the effects of the collaboration on the natural world.

Table 1. The most common actions of FIP for different fish types

	Crab/lobster	Shrimp	Tuna	Others
Most common actions	1. Data collection 2. Data dialogue; Engaged policy dialogue; Education 3. Basic dialogue practice; Basic dialogue policy	1. Basic dialogue policy; Engaged dialogue practice; Data collection; Data dialogue 2. Education 3. Basic dialogue practice	1. Basic dialogue policy; Engaged dialogue practice 2. Data collection; Data dialogue 3. Basic dialogue practice	1. Data dialogue 2. Data collection 3. Basic dialogue policy

The public solutions

It is imperative that the general people be educated about the ways in which birds are impacted by climate change, the significance of the many species of birds, and how to best conserve them. One of the most important contributors to climate change is the release of greenhouse gases; thus, one of the most accessible and efficient ways to fight climate change and assist birds is to reduce these emissions. For instance, switching between travel modes is very welcomed when began. According to the UK's 2019 Greenhouse Gas Reporting, Conversion Factor, a passenger on a domestic flight releases 154 grammes of greenhouse gas for every kilogramme of their bodyweight, but a passenger on a domestic trial only emits 41 grammes of greenhouse gas for themselves. If there is just one passenger in a vehicle, the amount of greenhouse gas that is emitted per person is 171 grammes; however, if they use the bus, that number drops to 104 grammes. In addition, employing footprint calculators to determine the sources of one's own carbon emissions and

lowering emissions in accordance with one's own personal objectives are also effective solutions. For instance, according to my calculations, a significant portion of the carbon emissions that are produced by apparel and footwear represent a second significant source of emission that is amenable to reduction.

CONCLUSION

Birds and people have a very intimate interaction with one another. A healthy ecosystem is one of the most essential requirements for a normal, fruitful existence for people, and it is also one of the most significant criteria. It has been discovered that birds play a key part in the process of preserving the ecological balance and guarding the verdant aspects of nature. The implications of a changing climate on avian species are investigated in this research. For instance, warmer temperatures can lead to earlier spring migration, in addition to altering bird habitats and increasing the risk of virus transmission; climate change can also lead to a mismatch in phenology, reducing population size and species diversity, bringing forward the egg-laying dates of some birds, and affecting the food supply of birds. Warmer temperatures can also lead to earlier spring migration. The paper also includes a list of measures that can be taken to lessen the impact that changes in the environment have on birds, including the following: governments should develop policies to address climate change; companies should make changes in accordance with the relevant laws; and on an individual level, we should reduce greenhouse gas emissions by travelling in a manner that produces less carbon dioxide emissions. In the context of global warming, there are still many concerns that need to be addressed, such as how to cope with the changes in the living habitat of birds that are induced by climate change. For example, the Arctic ice cap is melting at a faster rate than it used to. The purpose of this research is to increase awareness of the severity of the consequences that climate change is having on birds. These studies may contribute to improvements in government policy and public understanding, which will help us better conserve birds and maintain the variety of species.

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