



Energy Innovation Day

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AUDUBON DELTA

What is Audubon?

The National Audubon Society protects birds and the places they need, today and tomorrow, throughout the Americas using science, advocacy, education, and on-the-ground conservation.

Founded in 1905, 1.8 million members

Audubon's state programs, nature centers, chapters, and partners have an unparalleled wingspan that reaches millions of people each year to inform, inspire, and unite diverse communities in conservation action.



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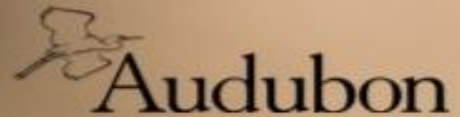
Arkansas, Louisiana, & Mississippi

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Why Does Audubon Care About Climate & Energy Issues?

California Quail. Photo: Mick Thompson/Eastside Audubon



#BirdsTellUs

**Survival by
Degrees:**

389 Species
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Climate Change Threatens Birds and Bird Habitat

- ▶ As our climate changes, the habitable “range” for individual bird species shifts.
- ▶ Birds will relocate in an attempt to find more habitable homes, and many will not survive.
- ▶ By stabilizing harmful emissions and keeping global temperature increases low, we can save hundreds of bird species at risk of extinction from climate change.

Renewable Energy



- ▶ No longer a question of “if” we are going to have renewable energy...
- ▶ The question is “who will own it?”

Critical Climate & Energy Issues

- ▶ Rapid, large-scale deployment of clean energy, ideally done with equity issues centered early and throughout
- ▶ Retirement of fossil fuel-burning power plants
- ▶ Battery Storage
- ▶ Rapid transmission upgrades are key
- ▶ Electric vehicles and infrastructure

IRA & IIJA: HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY FOR CLEAN ENERGY/CLIMATE WORK

- ▶ Inflation Reduction Act & Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act

Upgrades the power grid for more renewable energy

Speeds the production of clean energy

Heavy focus on electric vehicles and EV infrastructure

Mostly through tax credits & incentives—runaway success so far

DOING THIS RIGHT MEANS:

- ▶ Lower electric rates
- ▶ Healthier communities
- ▶ Good jobs
- ▶ Dramatically lessening GHG pollution
- ▶ Good news for birds and the humans who coexist with them



Healthy Environment vs
Healthy Economy is a
False Choice



Clean Energy Benefits Should Transcend Politics



THANK YOU



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