

WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR TROPICAL (OUR) BIRDS!

SUPPORT BIRD FRIENDLY PRODUCTS

Drink only organic coffee. Eat only organic pineapple. [Not convinced? Google: 5 reasons to drink shade-grown coffee, Google: ecological benefits of shade-grown coffee Smithsonian, check out birdsandbeans.com, consciouscoffee.com, or my favorite coffee farm cafecristina.com]

DONATE TO YOURSELF

Add solar electricity/solar hot water at home. If you have acreage, use wind power? Use a geothermal heat-pump for heating/cooling. Why not? Many fear payback is too long, that better solar panels will be produced or better tax incentives passed after they do their installation. SO WHAT! There are incentives now (Google “Colorado Solar Incentives, contact a local company) If you give \$xx to a cause you believe in, you receive no money. What if you give some of that money to yourself and not worry about how long “payback” is for alternative energy. Why not?

SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROTECT HABITAT

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY (OF COLORADO): TNC protects land, no lobbying/politics. <https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/colorado/index.htm>

AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY (ABC): <https://abcbirds.org/> 20+ years of action, focus on results, and partnership--helping the birds across the Western Hemisphere. Their mission is clear: to conserve native birds and their habitats across the Americas.

RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK (RAN): <https://www.ran.org/>

Rainforest Action Network preserves forests, protects the climate and upholds human rights by challenging corporate power and systemic injustice through frontline partnerships and strategic campaigns. Be a Palm Oil Activist : https://www.ran.org/join_the_palm_oil_action_team

PROAVES: <http://www.proaves.org/?lang=en/>

ProAves’s mission is to protect birds and their habitats through research, conservation actions and community outreach. ProAves thrives on partnerships and collaboration with individuals, groups and organizations, at local, regional and national levels, working together for conservation. (Both ABC and RAN partner with PROAVES and like organizations.)

JOCOTOCO FOUNDATION: www.jocotoco.org Today, \$484 adds an acre.

ORGANIZATION FOR TROPICAL STUDIES (OTS): <http://ots.ac.cr/> OTS is a consortium of ~60 universities and research institutions. OTS provides leadership in education, research and the use of natural resources. OTS offers field courses for undergraduates, graduate students, and natural resource professionals in tropical biology and related disciplines in Costa Rica and South Africa. OTS maintains research stations in three ecologically diverse ecosystems in Costa Rica. (They are chronically underfunded. Some of the funds are used to acquire more land.)

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