## Climate Change Response Program Communications Corner





## **April 2018 Update**



# How will birds in your park be affected by climate change?

As the climate changes, the bird species we see in our national parks will also likely change. A new analysis by the National Park Service and the National Audubon Society suggests that --on average --one-quarter of bird species found in a given national park could be completely different by 2050. The results of this work underscore the importance of the National Park System for the long-term protection of birds in a changing world.

In each park, many current species of birds will likely continue to find suitable climate through midcentury. However, a park's climate may worsen or improve relative to their needs. For some birds, climate may become newly suitable in a park-allowing a species to potentially colonize a place it isn't currently found. For others, suitable climate may cease to occur in the future; in this case, the species may either adapt to the new climate or follow suitable climate elsewhere, thus becoming potentially extirpated from the park.



Visit the <u>NPS project page</u> to read the published article and download project briefs specific to your national park. Data visualizations for many NPS units can also be found on the National Audubon Society project page.

### **Upcoming regional events and conferences**

2018 Carolinas Climate Resilience Conference September 17-19, 2018 | Columbia, SC

Southeast Florida Regional Climate Leadership Summit
October 24-25 | Miami, FL

#### **Webinar Update**

The Climate Change in America's National Parks webinar series is moving to a quarterly schedule. Stay tuned for updates about our next webinar!

#### Free Unlimited On Demand Climate Change Training

The Climate Change Response Program invites interested NPS employees, partners, and volunteers to enjoy unlimited access to the Association of Climate Change Officers (ACCO) <u>library of on-demand and live online training</u> FREE for one full year. This opportunity affords participants unparalleled flexibility to customize training according to their needs and work around busy schedules.

Availability is limited and will be awarded strictly on a first-come, first serve basis. For instructions on how to register for this opportunity, please contact Larry Perez at <a href="mailto:larry">larry</a> perez@nps.gov.









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