

Bio-Hazard



Do you want to do something beneficial for the environment? Do you want to save the lives of millions of wild animals and birds? Do you want to protect endangered animals such as the Piping Plover? Then shoot your cat. And while you're at, it shoot all your neighbours' cats and the ones at the barn up the road from your house.

In the United States alone there are an estimated 55 million house cats. Out of these approximately 20% of them are kept inside all day or are unable or unwilling to hunt. As for the other 44 million animals, let's be conservative and say that only one out of ten will kill a bird today. That means that today alone, 4.4 million song birds were killed in the U.S. by house cats and that this year 160.4 million song birds will become tender vittles.

Many of these song birds will be rare or endangered; cats don't see birds as a species, they see them as a warm snack or an interesting toy. They can't tell the difference between an American Blue bird (rare) and an American Robin (thicker n' flies). True, they may kill millions of rodents, but when they do this they are simply removing a food resource that sustains native wildlife such as foxes, hawks, owls, and raccoons. The harm they do overshadows the good. I don't hate cats. I have one and for years he left the remains of two mice on the doorstep every morning. This parleyed into 730 little corpses every year - not bad considering the ones he probably ate in the field before bringing the others home. Today my cat wears a bell and no little mice are brought home half

alive and mangled because he is also kept in at night - when cats most prefer to hunt.

If you have a cat, keep it in the house. If it must leave the house, put a loud, obnoxious bell on it so that other animals can hear it coming. If you see your cat stalking an animal, chase it away. Don't let your kitty become an ecological terrorist. Hunters in P.E.I. and every other province and state are entitled and, in fact, encouraged to shoot any feral cat (or dog) they happen across - by definition this means if Sylvester ain't got a collar, he's hamburger. So far, few hunters exercise this right, but if they were informed as to the number of ducklings and young grouse that wild, stray, and house cats destroyed, you can bet there would be fur balls all over the place.

BIODEFINITIONS

Sexual reproduction: the production of reasonable facsimiles by two individuals of opposite gender engaged in a pleasurable (usually) act

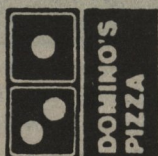
Asexual reproduction: The Stork

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