

DVD Showing and Action Kit for “Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World”

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If you have questions or wish to learn more, please visit
www.irreplaceablewild.org, or
contact Suellen Lowry, (707) 826-1948, suellenquaker@suddenlink.net

Note about any materials in this DVD showing kit: If you would like any of the materials emailed to you, please contact Suellen Lowry.

THANK YOU FOR USING THESE MATERIALS!

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Tips for How to Host an “Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World” DVD Showing

Plan Ahead - The earlier you choose a date, the more likely people will be able to add it to their schedules. It's often best to show the DVD as part of a regularly scheduled gathering or meeting (e.g., at a Sunday morning adult forum; midweek home group; monthly lunch, committee meeting, or book group; class; etc.).

Spread the Word - If you are hosting the DVD showing for people in your group or congregation, consider posting an announcement to an email list, newsletter, or bulletin, and putting up flyers. A sample announcement and flyer are included in this kit. Phone calls to your friends, family, or others in your group help remind people about the event.

The DVD Showing

Materials to have available, if possible -

- **“Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World” DVD** (which can be sent to you by Jessica Ennis or Suellen Lowry, or which is available at <http://www.irreplaceablewild.org/exhibit/video.html>).
- **“Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World” brochures and bookmarks.** For copies, contact Jessica Ennis, 202-667-4500 x217, jennis@earthjustice.org, or Suellen Lowry, 707-826-1948, suellenquaker@suddenlink.net. Hand out the brochures and bookmarks as people sit down or at other places during the DVD showing.
- **Regional “Wildlife at Risk” fact sheet**, if available at <http://www.irreplaceablewild.org/exhibit/video.html>. Hand out at any time or during the discussion.
- For showing in a faith community class, meeting, or other gathering, perhaps a copy of **“Litany for Our Covenant with Creation.”**

And items to help screening participants take action -

- **“A Call to Care” multi-signature sign-on letter** to policy makers, along with the letter's **sign-on sheet** and an FAQ to answer questions that may come up about the letter. It may be helpful to hand this out at the beginning so people have time to consider signing during the discussion (as long as it won't distract from the discussion). If you plan to hand this out toward the end, it is useful to build in time for people to read the Call to Care, or you can read the Call to Care to the whole group as part of the program.
- **“Individual Actions to Make a Difference” fact sheet.** Hand out at any time or during the discussion.

Continue for –

- **“Introducing the Film”**
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- **“Signing the Call to Care”**

Introducing the Film - You might begin by thanking people for gathering to see the DVD and talk about why you chose to show it. Below is a more formal introduction you may want to use (varying the wording as you wish):

"Hello: My name is I decided to host this showing of the "Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World" DVD because [personal statement about why you care and/or use some of the points immediately below].

Climate change and its impacts on wildlife will become a leading cause of species extinction over the next several decades.¹ While this information is sobering, we can make a difference.

Now is the time to recognize the moral and practical imperative to help species being hurt by global warming.²

Now also is the time to remember that helping these plants and animals also often protects resources crucial for our own survival and quality of life. The web of life is awe-inspiring, beautiful, and needed.

A partnership of groups representing art, justice, science, and faith has made this DVD as part of a wider public education effort. Other tools of this effort include the website, www.irreplaceablewild.org, which is on your materials, and which has more information, beautiful photos, and action ideas.

Plus people all over the country are signing a "Call to Care" letter to policy makers, and you'll have a chance to sign this letter today if you like.

Together, we can take steps necessary to fulfill "human responsibility to care for the earth's climate system . . . [and] earth's abundant life."³

Now let's watch the Irreplaceable video and then have a discussion." [There are two versions of the video on the DVD, please select the version that is right for your audience.]

NOTE: The DVD is beautiful, and once it finishes but before the discussion starts, you may feel it appropriate and helpful to set the tone by reading a moving quote (e.g., for faith groups, the Job quote on the Litany mentioned directly below; or another moving quote).

Litany Note: If you are showing the DVD in a faith community class, meeting, or other gathering, you may wish to use the "**Litany for Our Covenant with Creation**" before or after showing the DVD; of course feel free to edit to fit your group.

¹ The effects of global warming are already being felt: for example, a recent survey of more than 30 studies involving nearly 1,600 species in the United States shows that approximately half these plants and animals already are showing significant impacts from global warming, and an analysis of 143 scientific studies finds effects from climate change "in species ranging from mollusks to mammals and from grasses to trees" (Root et al., Fingerprints of Global Warming on Wild Plants and Animals).

² For example, polar bears losing their habitat as sea ice disappears, Pacific salmon facing the dual threat of rising sea temperatures and diminished stream flows, amphibians struck by new diseases spurred by global warming, grizzly bears struggling as key food sources disappear, and many species dealing with range shifts as southern or lower extremes become unsuitable.

³ Fuller version of quote: Together, we can take steps necessary to fulfill "human responsibility to care for the earth's climate system, earth's abundant life and variety, the great lineages of earth's living creatures, and the vitality of ecosystems for the well-being and community of all life" (Academy of Evangelical Scientists and Ethicists at www.noahalliance.org).

Discussion Ideas (probably for use after showing the DVD) –

- A. Many people have had powerful experiences caring about plants and animals. For starting the discussion, if you have a personal story or inspiration you did not share before showing the DVD, you might share it with the group after the DVD runs.
- B. Another or additional way to start the discussion is for you to ask people for their reaction to the film: *"Is there anything in the DVD that particularly struck or surprised you, or any questions that it raised, that you would like to share?"*
- C. Hand out the individual actions and regional wildlife fact sheets and ask people to share ideas: *"Are there actions you are taking, or considering, to stem climate change and help imperiled species that you would like to mention? Are there items on this action fact sheet that strike you as particularly important or interesting?"*
- D. If the discussion brings up the need for more information, suggest they visit the website and its action section, www.irreplaceablewild.org. Besides suggesting some actions we can take as individuals, it contains links to other helpful websites. Also, people are welcome to contact individuals listed below for more information.

Note: You do NOT have to be an expert to show this DVD. If it makes you more comfortable, feel free to make a statement like the following at some point: *"I am not an expert, but rather a person who cares and who wanted to share this with others. So questions may be raised I can't answer, but maybe others here will have answers, or there is contact information of people you or we can get in touch with if we have questions."*

IMPORTANT: Then give people a chance to make a difference right away, by signing the Call to Care. We already have thousands of signatures on the Call to Care, but we need many more.

Signing the Call to Care - During or after discussion is a good time to share the enclosed Call to Care and give people the opportunity to sign (using the Call to Care sign-on sheet).

"The DVD we just watched is part of a growing movement to stem climate change and help the people, plants, and animals most affected. A resource to make a difference is the Call to Care, which I mentioned before showing the DVD. This is a call to policy makers to care about the impacts of global warming on wildlife and people. It already has thousands of signatures, but many more are needed really to get the attention of policy makers. The Call to Care with signatures, typed and arranged in alphabetical order, will be given to policy makers at key times during debate and votes on climate policy."

Process: Then pass around a few copies of the Call to Care for people to read, or read it aloud to everyone. And pass around the sign-on sheet. *"If you wish to take a few seconds to make a difference, please sign the Call to Care by signing the sign-on sheet I'm passing around now."*

If you collect signatures on the Call to Care, please send the sign-on sheets ASAP to Jessica Ennis, 1625 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 702, Washington, DC 20036, 202-667-4500 x217, jennis@earthjustice.org. For questions, contact Suellen Lowry (contact information below).

THANK YOU! See www.irreplaceablewild.org for more information. Also feel free to contact us with comments and questions, Suellen Lowry (suellenquaker@suddenlink.net) 707-826-1948. And, if you would like any of the DVD showing and action kit materials emailed to you, please let Suellen Lowry know.

Model Announcement About Upcoming
“Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World” DVD Showing –
to be used for newsletters, bulletins, listservs, and websites.
Also, to be used as a model for verbal announcements.
Feel Free to Edit

Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World
Please Attend a Showing of the Beautiful *Irreplaceable* DVD,
Followed by Discussion:

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Climate change and its impacts on wildlife will become a leading cause of species extinction over the next several decades. A partnership of faith, science, art, and justice groups have united to help protect the most imperiled species. Please attend a showing of this brief, stunning wildlife DVD, followed by discussion. **These plants and animals need us, and we can make a difference.**

Also, please visit the *Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World* website, for its beautiful online photo gallery, more information, and action ideas: www.irreplaceablewild.org.

Thank you!



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Wildlife in a Warming World

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Thank you!



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"But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being." Job 12:7-10

Litany for Our Covenant with Creation*

L: For the marvelous grace of your Creation, we pour out our thanks to you, our God.

C: We praise you, O Lord –

for plants growing in earth and water,
for creatures living in wetlands and waters,
for life flying above earth and sea,
for beasts dwelling in woods and fields.

How many and wonderful are your works, our God! In wisdom you have made them all!

L: Creator God,

You have given us every reason to learn and promote this wisdom of lives lived in harmony with Creation. May you daily be present with us, gracing our service, our loving, our striving.

C: Give us strength and joy to "[s]peak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."⁴ Amen

*Adapted from <http://www.webofcreation.org> (which has a number of links). Feel free to edit to fit your group.

Please also see <http://www.irreplaceablewild.org/action/>, www.noahalliance.org, and <http://www.restoringeden.org/> for information, action ideas, and links.

⁴ Proverbs 31:8.

Covenant for members of the congregation:

As a member of this congregation I dedicate myself to the care and redemption of all that God has made. I agree, within this building and community, in partnership with others and on my own, to do the following acts out of respect for my duty to and kinship with all creation. (Please check all the specific ways you intend to fulfill this covenant.)

Recycle:

- Aluminum Cans
- Glass
- Plastic
- Paper Products

Reuse:

- Avoid use of paper and plastic bags-by using canvas or cloth bags
- Use ceramic or travel mugs instead of paper or styrofoam
- Use the reverse side of paper for memos and notes
- Use recycled paper at home and in the church office

Conserve Energy:

- Keep the temperature down (buildings and water heaters)
- Turn off lights and other electrical items when not in use
- Use more energy efficient products (e.g., light bulbs and refrigerators)

Conserve Water:

- Turn off water when not using sink or shower
- Limit use of water on lawn and car-washing

Consume Resources Wisely:

- Eat intentionally and locally, lower on the food chain
- Use shade grown/free trade coffee
- Simplify lifestyle and purchasing habits

Transportation:

- Carpool
- Plan trips for efficiency
- Use alternative means of transportation

Commune with and Promote Nature:

- Spend more time intentionally outside
- Plant trees and other plants useful for local species
- Landscape to use no or fewer pesticides and less water and energy

Civic Advocacy:

- Stay aware and active in legislative efforts to protect the environment

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Irreplaceable: Wildlife in a Warming World Individual Actions to Make a Difference

HELP STOP GLOBAL WARMING:

We can take personal actions to help plants, animals, and people vulnerable to global warming. Each of us can do our part to reduce our personal contribution to global warming, and help educate others in our community about how to live efficiently and cleanly. Here are few suggestions for what you can do:

Drive efficiently. Choices about energy use are some of the most important environmental decisions we make. Choosing a fuel efficient vehicle directly reduces greenhouse gas emissions and is probably the single most valuable thing you can do to reduce your carbon footprint.

Drive less. Reducing how much you drive can also make a huge difference. Look into options for carpooling, using public transportation, walking, or riding a bike — good for you and good for the environment!

Save energy. Energy efficiency is key, even out of the car. Check to make sure your appliances are as efficient as possible by looking for the EPA Energy Star label. Weatherize your home by caulking, replacing the windows or taking other steps to make it more energy-efficient. Using warm instead of hot for washing machines, covering pots, and using pressure cookers and steamers can also help save energy.

Even small choices help. Pay attention to how much electricity you use around the house every day, and try to reduce it as much as possible. Unplugging appliances when they are not in use, using fluorescent light bulbs, flipping off the light switch when you leave and wearing a sweater instead of turning up the heat are great places to start.

From <http://www.irreplaceablewild.org/action/own-action.html>. Go to this website for links to more action items and to sign the Call to Care letter.



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TAKE ACTION TO HELP WILDLIFE:

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Help reduce waste by choosing reusable products (including shopping bags) and products without a lot of packaging. Whenever you can, recycle paper, plastic, newspaper, glass and aluminum cans. Aluminum, especially, is extracted from the earth in destructive ways that destroy forests and other crucial habitat. *Recycle.*

Pick up trash. Animals sometimes eat plastic, foil, and other trash, thinking it is food. And animals catch their necks, wings, or paws in plastic six-pack rings or discarded fishing lines. All this trash can make wildlife sick or die. So clean up. And cut the six-pack rings.

Create habitat. Just like people, animals need safe places to eat, drink, rest, and raise their young. By putting up bird feeders, nest boxes, and bat boxes; providing clean water; planting a variety of native trees, shrubs, and flowers; having lawnmower-free areas; and keeping old trees, fallen logs, and compost (the perfect homes for many wildlife), you can provide habitat in your own backyard. And remember that helping a few species will also help others — in making the ecosystem healthier and enhancing the food chain.

Reduce pesticide and chemical fertilizer use. Pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides often do not just get rid of targeted pests, but other plants and animals too. There are a number of less harmful ways to discourage pests — such as using ladybugs to control insects and designing gardens with more disease- and insect-resistant plants. Avoid chemical fertilizers as well, because their chemicals can injure and kill wildlife (for example, by contaminating nearby water supplies). If you must use pesticides or chemical fertilizers, use as little as possible and only as directed.

Control cats. Cats kill hundreds of millions of birds and other small wildlife every year. So keep your tabby indoors.

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