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Global warming and animals

Global warming is affecting our planet in many ways. It affects us economically and environmentally. Seeing it happen before our eyes should allow us to have a greater desire to take action, but some people don't realize that it is actually happening quite yet, thinking it's a phase or theories. Unfortunately it is all true.

Maybe the hardest hit is the life around us that we tend to forget as we go on with our daily schedule. Scientists have agreed that our endangered species list is growing rapidly. Extinction is forever; the life on this planet is irreplaceable. As we count the number of species that could soon be lost, we remember that we have caused most of the problems - deforestation, illegal hunting, over-fishing and global warming.

Global warming affects mostly the north, where 5 percent of the northern ice is melting each year. But if we watch closely we see it affecting animals in our state too. For example, the brown pelican that flies along our coast. The list has a saddening length. Each animal is an important part of the ecosystem. Our leaders and we should work together to lower greenhouse gases protect our irreplaceable wildlife.

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