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A scientist and a minister to probe extinction tonight

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PROVIDENCE —

What's the value of a species?

Can its contribution to biodiversity be useful to humans? Or is its existence something less precise and more aesthetic?

The instability brought by global climate change sharpens the relevance of these questions. And a Christian who uses his religion as a tool to advocate for biodiversity and a neuroscientist/conservation scientist who advocates often with religious conservationists and other social leaders are coming to Providence to talk about the natural world.

The discussion between Peter Illyn and Caroly Shumway is sponsored by the ["Irreplaceable"](#) campaign, a coalition of advocacy groups that focus on educating the public about the affects of climate change on wildlife.

The group has also put up a photo exhibit in the city.

Both the photo exhibit and the discussion are going on at the Peerless Building at 1500 Union St. The photo exhibit is going on now through April 26. The talk is set for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. tonight.