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### Photo exhibit illustrates effects of warming on nature

Dramatic photographs of piping plovers, a lobster and sugar maples are part of a special photography exhibit this month in downtown Providence designed to call attention to the effects of climate change on wildlife.

“Irreplaceable Wildlife in a Warming World” is the name of the exhibit sponsored by a group called Earthjustice, along with local science and faith-based groups.

The exhibit is opening here before moving on to Montana, Washington state and California.

It is in the lobby of the Peerless Building at 150 Union St. Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. It will run through April 26.

The campaign is designed to bring the public face to face with the wildlife most endangered by climate change.

Locally, for instance, piping plovers may find rising sea levels threatening nesting sites on the beaches. Lobsters are harmed by rising water temperatures. Sugar maples will have sap production reduced by spring arriving earlier each year.



In Rhode Island, piping plovers may find rising sea levels threatening nesting sites on the beaches. The birds are part of a photo exhibit this month in Providence.  
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Photographs in the 40-print exhibit were taken by award-winning outdoor and wildlife photographers.

Other partners in the campaign include Noah Alliance, International League of Conservation Photographers and Conservation International’s Center for Applied Biodiversity Science. Local partners include People’s Power & Light and the Rhode Island Climate Coalition, representing 79 unions, businesses and community groups.

In Rhode Island, the General Assembly is considering a bill that would require more efforts to reduce the state’s emissions that cause climate change.

“Global warming has emerged as the most pressing challenge facing the world today,” said Trip Van Noppen, executive director of Earthjustice, in a statement. “Our nation’s wildlife — from the Arctic’s polar bears to Rhode Island’s piping plovers — are being affected and we will be judged by future generations on how we respond. Our coalition of faith, science, art and justice partners has united for this exact purpose: to protect imperiled wildlife from the threats of a warming world.”

More information is available at <http://www.irreplaceablewild.org> [www.earthjustice.org](http://www.earthjustice.org).