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[9 July. New York Times. Tracing an Ant Invasion to a Handful of Queens.](#) (How many fire ants makes an invasion?)

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[2 July. New York Times. Possible Flaws in State Plan to Rescue the Everglades.](#) (More on the recent Everglades land acquisition - see 24 June, below.)

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[1 July. New York Times. Can Weeds Help Solve the Climate Crisis?](#) (Studying climate change in Baltimore .. something they missed on The Wire.)

[1 July. New Scientist. Decline in bee diversity could sting crop producers.](#) (Pollinating pumpkins - or not - in Sulawesi.)

[28 June. BBC News. Warming world sends plants uphill.](#) (More ecological effects of climate change.)

[24 June. BBC News. Whaling body agrees path to peace.](#) (Update on the International Whaling Commission meeting.)

[24 June. New York Times. Florida to Buy Sugar Maker in Bid to Restore Everglades.](#)

[24 June. New York Times. Justices Take Case on Navy Use of Sonar.](#) (Executive authority vs. conservation policy in the Supreme Court.)

[24 June. New York Times. Follow the Silt.](#) (New research on stream restoration.)

[24 June. BBC News. Sun-loving frogs aid fungus fight.](#) (More news on the causes of amphibian declines.)

[23 June. New York Times. Sea of Trash.](#) (A longish article on litter in the oceans.)

[23 June. BBC News. Peace pledges as whale meet opens.](#) (The International Whaling Commission meets.)

[23 June. BBC News. Space cameras to monitor forests.](#) (Estimating forest destruction in the Congo.)

[17 June. New York Times. Tiny, Clingy and Destructive, Mussel Makes Its Way West.](#) (Consequences of invasive quagga mussel spread.)

[11 June. BBC News. Natural lab shows sea's acid path.](#) (Shedding light on a less well known consequence of climate change.)

[11 June. BBC News. Fast fall of Mediterranean sharks.](#) (More on shark declines.)

[10 June. The Economist. Just let them get on with it.](#) (More on the economics of wildlife trade and how they relate to conservation.)

[10 June. BBC News. Chinese parks 'sell tiger wine'.](#) (A threat that I hadn't heard much about.)

[6 June. BBC News. Bacteria could stop frog killer.](#) (The latest on global amphibian declines.)

[5 June. New York Times. 7 Condors Poisoned by Lead; One Dies.](#) (The latest on condor recovery efforts.)

[4 June. BBC News. Elephants caught in Sri Lanka war.](#) (Conservation consequences of war.)

[3 June. BBC News. Images reveal 'rapid forest loss'.](#) More at [New York Times.](#) (Habitat change in Papua New Guinea.)

[2 June. BBC News. Progress at UN biodiversity forum.](#) (The latest from Bonn on the Convention on Biological Diversity.)

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[29 May. New York Times. Massachusetts Law to Manage and Protect Ocean Waters.](#) (Marine conservation in New England.)

[28 May. BBC News. Rarest rhinoceros wrecks camera.](#)

[16 May. BBC News. Alien threat to truffle delicacy.](#) (The effects of invasive species reach a new low.)

[16 May. New York Times. A Pest Without a Name, Becoming Known to Ever More.](#) (A new invasive ant.)

[16 May. BBC News. Wildlife populations 'plummeting'.](#) (A new global assessment of biodiversity losses.)

[14 May. BBC News. Charles urges forest logging halt.](#) (Royalty on ecosystem services.)

[14 May. New York Times. Polar Bear to Be a Protected Species.](#)

[14 May. BBC News. Natural changes pinned to warming.](#) (A new study on global effects of climate change.)

[2 May. BBC News. Fears over Congo elephant killing.](#) (Yet more on elephants.)

[1 May. BBC News. SA elephants can be culled again.](#) (More on elephants.)

[1 May. BBC News. 'Decade to save Asian vultures'.](#) (The latest on vulture conservation.)

[1 May. BBC News. US ordered to act on polar bear.](#) (The latest on polar bear listing.)

[1 May. New York Times. An Unlikely Way to Save a Species: Serve It for Dinner.](#) (More on the commercialization of nature in the cause of conservation.)

[29 Apr. BBC News. Tourism crash threatens big cats.](#) (More on ecotourism's role in conservation.)

[26 Apr. BBC News. Polar bears 'at risk' in Canada.](#) (A Canadian view on polar bear endangerment.)

[24 Apr. BBC News. Species loss 'bad for our health'.](#) (An article on the benefits of biodiversity.)

[20 Apr. BBC News. Captive tigers 'may save species'.](#) (The role of conservation genetics and captive breeding in tiger conservation.)

[18 Apr. The Economist. Rumble in the jungle.](#) (Another article on the economics of ecotourism.)

[17 Apr. New York Times. At Indian Preserves, Tigers Remain King as People Are Coaxed Out.](#) (An article on the human consequences of conservation.) - see also related article in [Guernica magazine here](#).

[13 Apr. New York Times. In the West, a Fierce Battle Over Wolves.](#) (More on the wolf de-listing in the Rockies.)

[12 Apr. BBC News. Map reveals key wildlife hotspots.](#) (An article on hotspots and reserve design in Madagascar.)

[9 Apr. New York Times. As Prices Rise, Farmers Spurn Conservation Program.](#) (An article about changes in the largest program to provide conservation benefits on agricultural lands in North America.)

[8 Apr. New York Times. Hermaphrodite Frogs Found in Suburban Ponds.](#) (Results from a study conducted in Connecticut and presented on campus last week.)

[4 Apr. New York Times. Bug-Eating Bats Help Plants, Studies Say.](#) (New research on ecosystem services, with relevance to agriculture.)

[4 Apr. BBC News. Global warming 'dips this year'.](#) (A good article on data interpretation and uncertainty - points out how small changes due to normal variation should be interpreted carefully in light of long-term larger-scale trends.)

[4 Apr. BBC News. Why do people steal birds' eggs?](#) (Sent in by a student - a different form of overkill.)

[1 Apr. BirdLife International \(press release\). Global swarming – flight of the Penguins.](#) (One species' response to climate change.)

[1 Apr. The New York Times. As Fight for Water Heats Up, Prized Fish Suffer.](#) (More on how warming temperatures exacerbate the conflict between farmers and endangered fish due to water scarcity.)

[1 Apr. BBC News. Hope over Tasmanian Devil cancer.](#) (Another example of disease affecting a rare species.)

[31 Mar. The New York Times. Did Your Shopping List Kill a Songbird?](#) (An opinion piece by an ornithologist ... and the first person to hire me to study birds!)

[30 Mar. The Economist. Racing to hug those trees.](#) (Forest protection moves into the private sector.)

[30 Mar. The Economist. Shellshock.](#) (An article on some of the unexpected repercussions of ecotourism in the Galapagos.)

[30 Mar. The Economist. Fair game now.](#) (More on the removal of Rocky Mountain wolves from the U.S. Endangered Species Act list.)

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[25 Mar. New York Times. Bats Perish, and No One Knows Why.](#) (A story about bat die-offs in New England.)

[24 Mar. New York Times. Link to Global Warming in Frogs' Disappearance Is Challenged.](#) (New information in the debate over causes of amphibian declines.)

[23 Mar. New York Times. Anger Over Culling of Yellowstone's Bison.](#) (An example of the limitations of reserves - relevant for next week's lectures.)

[19 Mar. New York Times. A Bid to Lure Wolves With a Digital Call of the Wild.](#) (Using behaviour to monitor wolves.)

[19 Mar. New York Times. In a Warmer Yellowstone Park, a Shifting Environmental Balance.](#) (Climate change, invasive species, endangered species, national parks, all in one article!)

[19 Mar. BBC News. Leakey backing for elephant cull.](#) (A highly controversial topic, that we'll return to for the last discussion paper.)

[19 Mar. BBC News. High hopes for EU shark proposals.](#) (More on big fish.)

[12 Mar. BBC News. Tiger numbers 'halve in 25 years'](#)

[9 Mar. The Economist. Use them or lose them.](#) (A potentially controversial editorial linked to the article listed below.)

[9 Mar. The Economist. Call of the wild.](#) (The interplay between conservation, trade in wildlife, regulations and economics are all discussed here - real world conservation at its most complicated.)

[9 Mar. BBC News. Tentative steps to whaling peace.](#) (The latest on the whaling debate.)

[9 Mar. BBC News. Gorilla rangers' execution threat.](#) (More on the effects of civil strife on the conservation of endangered species.)

[9 Mar. The New Yorker. Big Foot.](#) (This article barely touches on conservation biology, but is relevant to climate change.)



[9 Mar. MSNBC. Elusive bird spotted near Papua New Guinea. Species thought extinct rediscovered; Beck's petrel not seen for 80 years](#) (An encouraging article, again, thanks to the student who pointed it out.)

[4 Mar. Newsweek. Extinction Trade. Endangered animals are the new blood diamonds as militias and warlords use poaching to fund death.](#) (This depressing article, sent in by a student, describes the connections between war, genocide, and endangered species protection. Note, especially, that the US is considered to be the world's 2nd largest market for illegal wildlife trade.)

[1 Mar. New York Times. In Tennessee, 2 Endangered Groups Meet by Chance.](#) (I'll talk about whooping cranes in the lecture on captive breeding in a couple of weeks.)

[29 Feb. New York Times. Logging in Congo River Basin Imperils Sea Turtles Very Far Downstream.](#) (Another example of terrestrial habitat loss affecting species found far away.)

[27 Feb. BBC News. Small signs of a whaling compromise.](#) (Since we talked about whaling and by-catch today, here's an article that mentions both.)

[26 Feb. New York Times. Coral Reefs and What Ruins Them](#) (An article about coral reefs, the loss of which I discussed in the last lecture.)

[26 Feb. New York Times. Human Shadows on the Seas.](#) (Another article on the world's oceans.)

[26 Feb. BBC News. Grey wolf 'no longer endangered'](#) (We'll talk about wolves as an example of a reintroduction program later in the course.)

[26 Feb. BBC News. S Africa to allow elephant cull.](#) (We'll also talk about elephants later on in the course.)

[24th Feb. The Economist. A poison Pill](#) (New research on pollution of lakes that is linked to the release of oestrogen from birth control pills.)

[24th Feb. The Economist. Sour times](#) (Recent research on the acidification of the world's oceans, which is linked to carbon emissions.)

[19 Feb. The Economist. The unkindest cut.](#) (An interesting article on the interactions among conservation, economics and politics in west Africa, that relates both to the last lecture and to several topics covered later in the course.)

[18 Feb. BBC News. Hammerhead in need of protection.](#) (A good example of endangerment due to overkill.)

[15 Feb. BBC News. Map shows toll on world's oceans.](#) (Information on a new study on human impacts on the world's oceans.)

[15 Feb. BBC News. 'Record year' for butterfly site.](#) (This article is about the specialist butterfly I mentioned in class this week, with more details on the "ant adoption" story.)

[13 Feb. Current Biology. Biodiversity: Climate Change or Habitat Loss — Which Will Kill More Species?](#) (A short paper on a topic that came up in our climate change discussion.)

[13 Feb. Atlantic Monthly. Among the pandas.](#) (This article and the follow-up letters it provoked - which I can't find on-line - relate to the lecture on captive breeding.)

[8 Feb. BBC News. 'Ocean thermostat can save coral'.](#) (An article on new research on coral deaths, which we'll talk about later in the course.)

[1 Feb. BBC News. 'Bizarre' new mammal discovered.](#) (An example of the ongoing discovery of new species.)

[31 Jan. BBC News. Climate 'could devastate crops'.](#) (This article is not really about conservation biology but it relates to the last lecture.)

[31 Jan. BBC News. 'Doomsday' seeds arrive in Norway](#) (Again, not really about conservation biology, but we will talk about the use of seed banks for conservation later in the semester.)

[29 Jan. New York Times. The Preservation Predicament.](#) (This article relates to reserve networks.)