

Special Issue

Birds in Agricultural Environments

Message from the Guest Editors

The ongoing decline of farmland biodiversity has been generally attributed to the intensification of agriculture in the past. Agricultural intensification can occur both at field and at landscape scales, although agri-environment schemes and organic farming have been suggested as a way of counteracting the decline of farmland bird communities. In another sense, lands are being abandoned, for example, in many regions of Europe. The widespread abandonment of agricultural practices in some areas increases landscape homogenization, leading to biodiversity declines, although it also gives a chance to rewilding. The Special Issue will focus on species ecology, population trends, current threats, and conservation of birds in agricultural landscapes all over the world. It will also include the implications of different agricultural mechanisms on bird ecology and conservation and possible conservation measures for reaching a more sustainable agricultural environment overall. We invite you to share your recent findings through this Special Issue.

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