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Comments: We simply cannot afford to lose any more forest.

The first-ever comprehensive assessment of net population changes in the U.S. and Canada reveals across-theboard declines that scientists call "staggering." All told, the North American bird population is down by 2.9 billion breeding adults, with devastating losses among birds in every biome. Forests alone have lost 1 billion birds.

Biophysical aspects of forests - like how their roots, branches and leaves distribute water and light - amplify their cooling effect, a new study has found.

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