



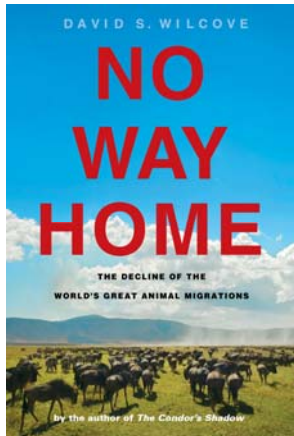
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NO WAY HOME

The Decline of the World's Great Animal Migrations

By David S. Wilcove

"Wilcove writes with sense of drama, passion and awe for the incredible treks many animals make ... He gives readers a front-row seat to migrations over land, through the sea and in the air." - *Philadelphia Inquirer*

"Wilcove writes with both precision (backed by extensive notes) and awe of the spectacle of animal migration, arguably making this the single best book available on the subject." --*Booklist*

"Skillfully balancing breadth and depth, Wilcove has written a fascinating and authoritative work..."
--*Library Journal*, starred review

"Wilcove's detailed descriptions of migrations of locusts, damselflies, quetzals, pronghorns, and many other species are convincing evidence that these awe-inspiring phenomena are worth saving."
--*Conservation Magazine*

"Animal migration has been inspiring humans for millennia, but the grandest migrations are under increasing threat from human activity. David Wilcove explores the fragile balance between migrating species and the resources they need. The result is not only a fascinating account of these amazing journeys, but also an urgent call to preserve the varied habitats on which migrants depend."
--*David Sibley, author of The Sibley Guide to Birds*

"In this important and exceptionally well written book, a leading wildlife biologist shows how human activity is not just erasing species and ecosystems but also cutting the ancient natural highways that make possible Earth's greatest wildlife spectacles."
--*Edward O. Wilson, University Professor Emeritus, Harvard University*

Princeton, NJ (October 2007) - Migration is a natural wonder. Many of us are thrilled by the animal migrations that occur near our homes and around the globe. But much of what we know about migration is changing. In our world of sprawling development, pollution, and climate change, countless hazards loom for nature's long-distance travelers as they make their awe-inspiring journeys. Are we witnessing the end of nature's great migrations?

Ecologist David S. Wilcove gives us the answer in his new book *No Way Home: The Decline of the World's Great Animal Migrations*, as he takes readers on a voyage through the mysteries of this natural phenomenon. It is a look at the majesty of migration and its precarious current state.

Wilcove's passion for his work and his gift for storytelling make *No Way Home* an intriguing exploration of what we are at risk of losing, and how we can prevent its loss.

Imagine an army of wildebeest marching across the Serengeti. A mile-long blanket of cranes rising from a Nebraska river. A blaze of orange in the Mexican sky as millions of monarch butterflies spread their wings. Or the tiny songbird that has traveled thousands of miles to roost for just a moment in your backyard.

Wilcove delves into the journeys of creatures large and small, giving readers the most current research on how destructive changes to our environment—sprawling development, intensive farming, highways, overexploitation, and climate change—are endangering the migratory animals that share our world.

No Way Home arrives in stores just as the fall migration season peaks in North America—songbirds and shorebirds across the continent, loggerhead turtles on Southeastern beaches, gray whales in the Pacific, and monarch butterflies in Mexico. All are part of Wilcove's story. We learn the course of these migrations, why they may be changing, and the high-tech methods scientists have invented to track species.

Readers will:

- Observe a scientist place an incredibly tiny tracking device, weighing less than one-hundredth of an ounce, on the belly of a migrating dragonfly.
- Discover how the oceans are becoming a deadly obstacle course of fishing nets and shipping lanes for the North Atlantic right whale and other species.
- Race along country roads and through forests as Wilcove and his colleagues track birds from Illinois to Canada, using radio antennas and receivers.
- Learn how climate change is affecting migrating animals.

No Way Home is a powerfully relevant book that reveals a little-known side effect of climate change and environmental degradation: the decline of migration. It provides an important piece of the puzzle as scientists around the globe scramble to understand how wildlife conservation can be implemented to protect life on Earth.

David S. Wilcove is professor of ecology, evolutionary biology, and public affairs at Princeton University and author of *The Condor's Shadow*, which the *Washington Post* called a "State of the Natural Union Address."

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