

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP MICHIGAN'S MOURNING DOVES AND SANDHILL CRANES?

Sandhill cranes:

- The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may soon introduce a proposal to open a sandhill crane hunting season at an upcoming monthly meeting of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC), the state's governor-appointed body that approves DNR policy.
- On September 20, 2017, House Resolution (HR) 154 was introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives, which urges the NRC to begin the process of opening a recreational hunt on sandhill cranes in Michigan. While HR 154 is a non-binding resolution, it signals to the NRC that powerful lobbying interests are supportive of a recreational hunting season on sandhill cranes.



Mourning doves:

- The Michigan legislature may soon introduce a bill to overturn a law that prohibits the NRC from designating mourning doves as a targeted game species. Please sign up for our mailing list at www.songbirdprotection.com so we can keep you informed about any legislation that is introduced, and actions you can take.



Here are other things you can do to help:

- **Ask your Michigan Representative to vote NO on HR 154** when it comes up for a vote. Find your Representative at <http://house.mi.gov/MHRPublic/>, or by calling the House Clerk's Office at (517) 373-0135.
- **Find out more about this issue** at www.songbirdprotection.com, which includes FAQs about mourning doves and sandhill cranes, research articles, media response, and more.
- **If you're on Facebook**, please "like" the Songbird Protection Coalition Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SongbirdProtectionCoalition/ to get updates in your newsfeed.
- **Help spread the word!** If you or your organization will have a booth or presence at upcoming events around Michigan, please help distribute Songbird Protection Coalition materials to the public. You can download and print out factsheets and a sign-up sheet from the Songbird Protection Coalition "Take Action" page at www.songbirdprotection.com.
- Add your organization or business to the growing list of endorsements for the Songbird Protection Coalition by emailing us at contact@songbirdprotection.com.
- Get to know your Michigan legislators. You can look up your state Representative at <http://house.mi.gov/MHRPublic/>, and your state Senator at www.senate.michigan.gov/fysbyaddress.html. Often legislators will hold regular meeting hours in their districts, so please stop by to introduce yourself and let them know how you feel about protecting Michigan's mourning doves and sandhill cranes.
- Get to know your Michigan Natural Resources Commission, and check out their meeting schedule at www.michigan.gov/nrc.

Thank you for speaking up for Michigan's traditional non-game birds!



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