

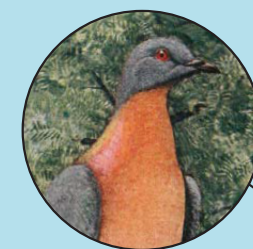
THE LOST BIRD PROJECT

Todd McGrain Sculptures

The Lost Bird Project recognizes the tragedy of modern extinction by immortalizing North American birds that have been driven to extinction. To date, bronze memorials have been dedicated to the Passenger Pigeon, Carolina Parakeet, Labrador Duck, Great Auk, and Heath Hen.

These sculptures compel us to recognize the finality of our loss. They ask us not to forget, and they remind us of our duty to prevent further extinction.

Extinction of animals, plants, and other organisms caused by human actions can often be credited to habitat destruction resulting from deforestation and pollution. In addition, excessive hunting and fishing, the introduction of non-native species, and the transmission of diseases are also contributing factors.



Passenger Pigeon
Extinct 1914



Carolina Parakeet
Extinct 1918



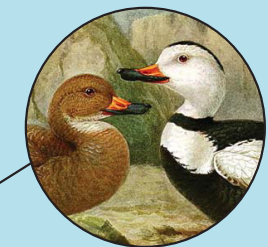
Heath Hen
Extinct 1932



Once There Were Billions: Vanished Birds of North America, a Smithsonian Libraries exhibition at the National Museum of Natural History from June 24, 2014 - October 2015



◇ The Passenger Pigeon Lost Bird Sculpture is in the Urban Bird Habitat Garden located on the northwest corner of the National Museum of Natural History



Labrador Duck
Extinct 1878



Great Auk
Extinct 1844

You can find all five birds in the Smithsonian Gardens.

**Opening in this space June 24, 2014 –
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