

- 1. How do humans contribute to the extinction and endangerment of animal species?
- 2. Explain the meaning of mass extinctions.
- 3. Give details and evidence from the article to support what scientists say is the sixth mass extinction, one they believe is currently happening.
- 4. How does the human population impact the animal species population?

5. What fact from the article interests you the most?



The Nation's Favorite Fun Family Newspaper Kidsville News! Brainworks Worksheet April Enrichment Activities Grades 3-6 Students: Use the "Around the World" article to complete the cause

and effect relationships below. The cause is given for you.

## Cause

The National Audubon Society was founded in 1905 by John James Audubon.

Over the years the society has grown to have 600,000 members.

Harriet Hemenway and Minna B. Hall set out to get the use of bird feathers in fashion banned.

The Endangered Species Act was written.

The Christmas Bird Count began in 1900.

Frank Chapman challenged the tradition of hunting birds on Christmas Day.

Audubon was interested in protecting the Everglades in Florida.

Audubon conservationists have learned a great deal about the Earth.

Effect



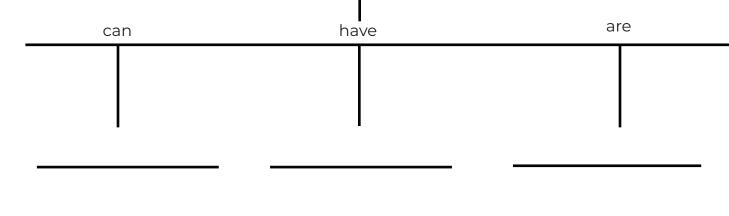
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Students: After reading "Wildville," complete the tree map below to provide key attributes of the red-cockaded woodpecker. Try to list six short answers under each heading. Example: Red-cockaded woodpeckers are clever.

### Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers





**Answer Key** 

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Students: After reading "Connections," answer the following questionsabout the text. Use the back side of the paper if you need more room foryour answers.Teachers: See answers below.

# 1. How do humans contribute to the extinction and endangerment of animal species?

Humans contribute to the extinction and endangerment of animals by hunting them and by destroying their habitats due to their own growth and expansion.

#### 2. Explain the meaning of mass extinctions.

A mass extinction is when 93% of all the species of the Earth are wiped out at once. This event happens, according to scientists, every 50-100 million years.

**3**. Give details and evidence from the article to support what scientists' say is the sixth mass extinction, one that is currently happening.

Many scientists agree that we are facing the sixth mass extinction the Earth has seen and it is being caused by the habits of humans. American lions have decreased by nearly 50 %, mostly foe to trophy hunting. Elephants have been hunted for their valuable ivory tusks and are also threatened. The lemurs of Madagascar have lost habitat. A recorded 93% of the species are endangered, critically endangered or threatened.

#### 4. How does the human population impact the animal species population?

Humans require land for housing and food, thus pushing out animal species who live on and eat food from the same lands. Humans also endanger and kill animals through hunting and poaching.

#### 5. What fact from the article interests you the most? Answers will vary.



Effect

Cause

#### The National Audubon Society was founded The Earth's birds and wildlife populations are in better health. in 1905 by John James Audubon. Over the years the society has grown to have The society has a national presence. 600,000 members. Harriet Hemenway and Minna B. Hall set out The first Audubon Society was born in to band the use of bird feathers in fashion. Massachusetts from their efforts. The Endangered Species Act was written. The Audubon Society championed this act, which protects hundreds of threatened and endangered species. It has become the longest-running bird The Christmas Bird Count began in 1900. watch in the world. Frank Chapman challenged the tradition of The ornithologist started the Christmas hunting birds on Christmas Day. Day bird count with this challenge. Audubon was interested in protecting the The Everglades Protection and Everglades in Florida. Restoration Act was developed by Audubon, and it became the largest wetland restoration ever in the U.S. Audubon conservationists have learned a The Earth looks a lot different. Birds, wildlife populations and the Earth's great deal about the Earth. ecosystems are better protected.



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