The Last Passenger Pigeon: Celebrating The Living Legacy of Martha

The Rock Dove

If the passenger pigeon was just another pigeon, then…

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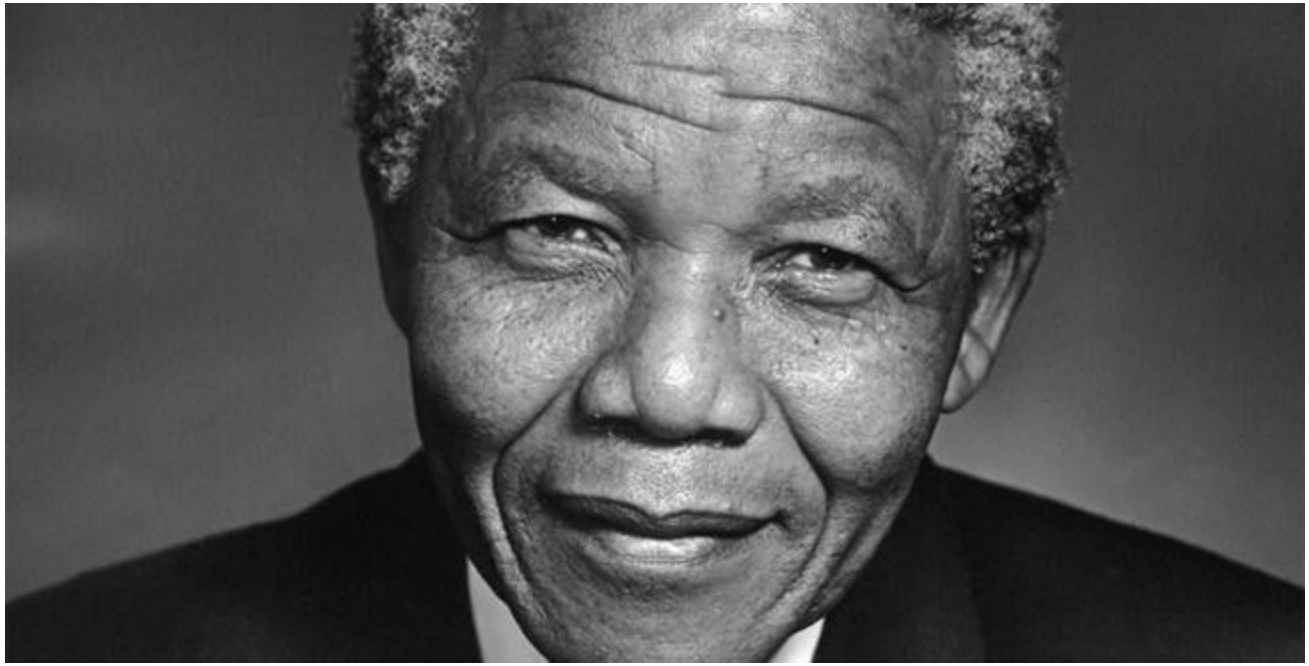


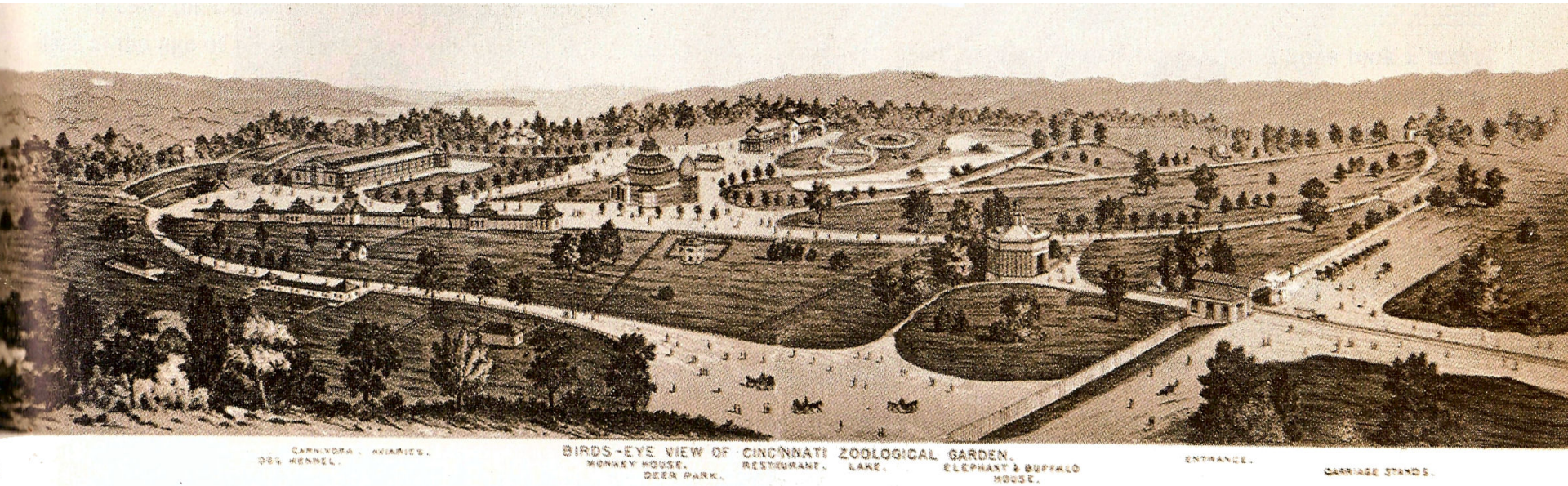
From Billions to One in 50 Years… How!?

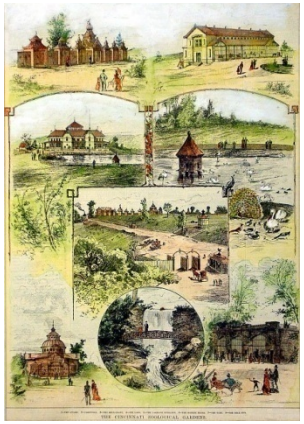
So how many is 4 Billion?

Worldwide population of the rock dove – 260 million. **6.5%** of the estimated passenger pigeon population!

Worldwide population of the robin – 310 million. **7.7%** of the estimated passenger pigeon population!

The Cincinnati Zoo in 1875





1878

1902

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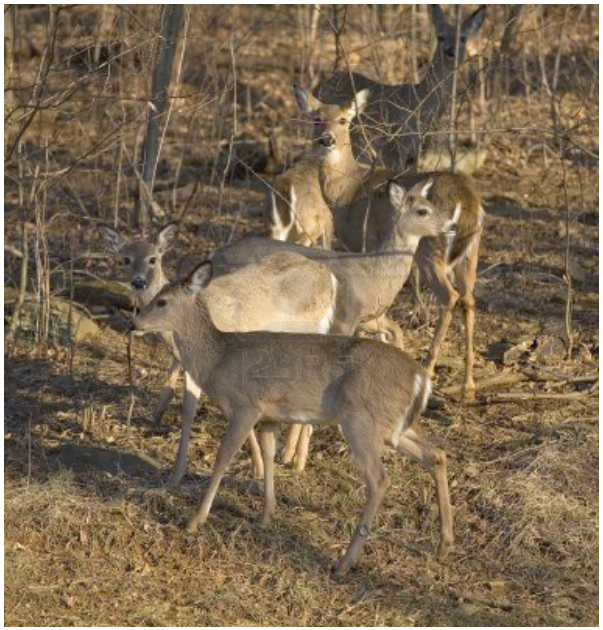
To End the Story Here Would be a Missed Opportunity

What Good Came From This Loss?

All of these species were facing the same fate at the turn of the previous century. However, they are all here today.



By 1886 Only 540 Bison Remained in All of the U.S. However, They Are Here Today

Martha's Legacy – The Conservation Movement was Born!

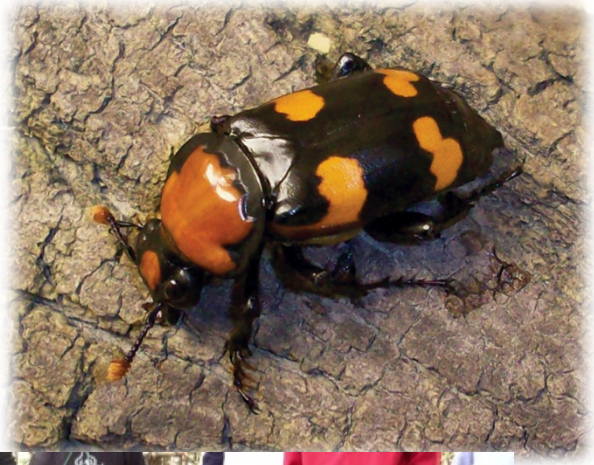
•From 1901 to 1909, President Roosevelt set aside 230 million acres. That is more than 80,000 acres for everyday he was in office!

•The first meaningful federal conservation laws were passed and enforced in the decades prior to and after the passenger pigeon became extinct.

The renovated passenger pigeon memorial highlights Martha's legacy in a positive light.

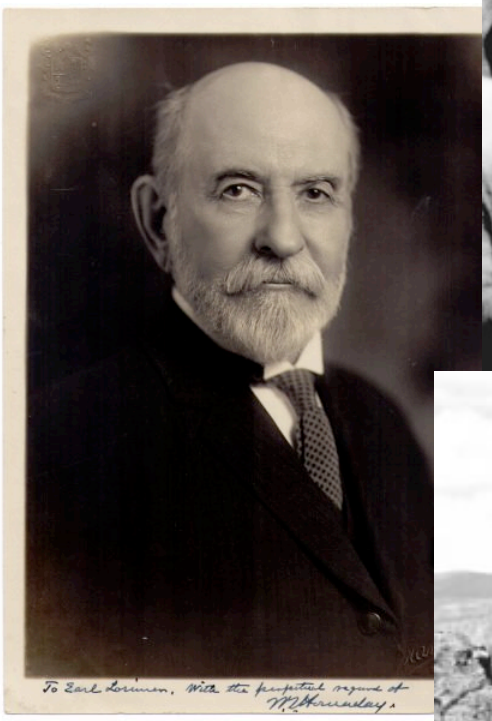
100 years after the species extinction – the bird still inspires people!

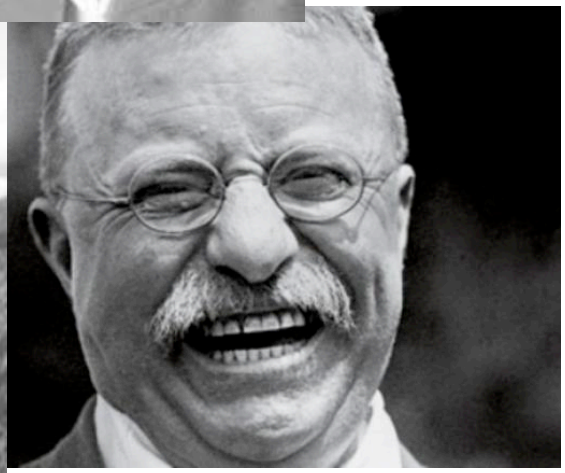
Mission: Creating Adventure, Conveying Knowledge, Conserving Nature, Serving Community



Vision: Inspiring Passion for Nature and Saving Wildlife for Future Generations!

100 Years From Today?





What Will Be Our Legacy?

Look for the Helpers…