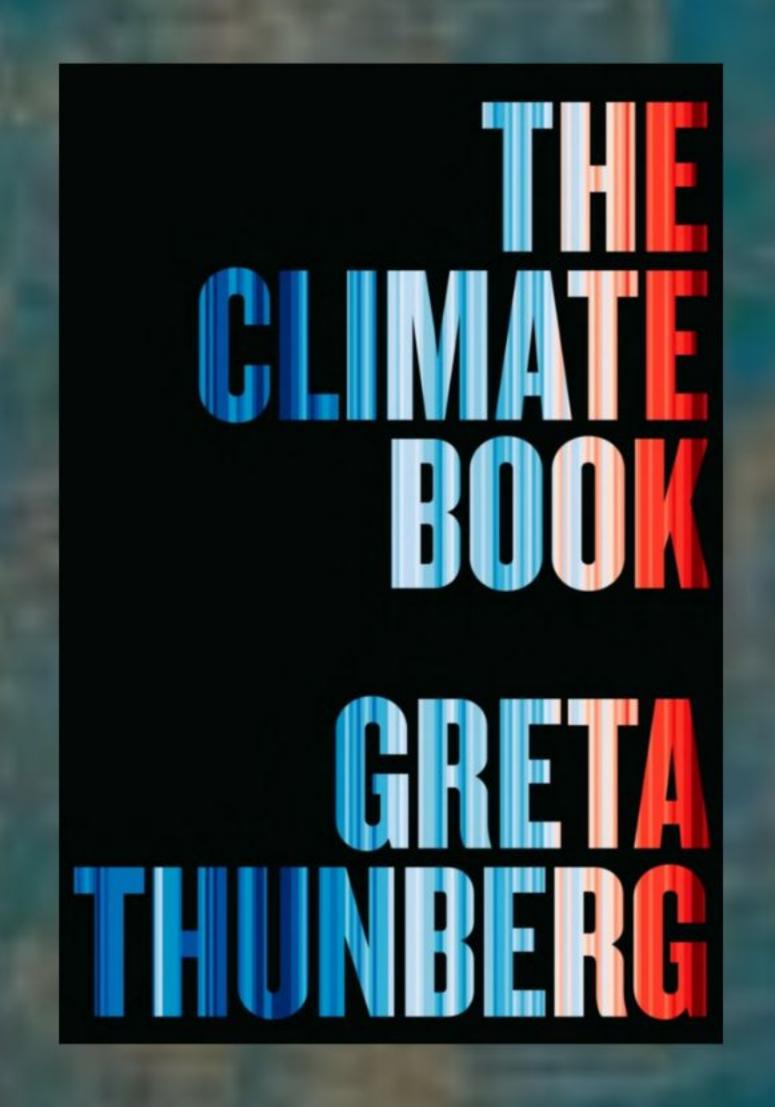
## Look at the Birds Matt. 6:25-26

Chris Altrock

### "Therefore I tell you, do not worry"



"The climate and ecological crisis is the greatest threat that humanity has ever faced. It will no doubt be the issue that will define and shape our future everyday life like no other. This is painfully clear."

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"We live in the Anthropocene -a geological age marked by the irreversible ways in which human beings have affected the climate and environment ... those of you born between the early 1990s and the early 2000s, at the tail end of the Millennial generation through what is being called Generation Z, or iGen, are the first to have spent your entire lives with the effects of climate change ... -->

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ON A WARMING PLANET

"This is 'the climate generation,' ... you face a bleaker forecast about the viability of life on this planet than the generations before you. Members of your generation share a mounting awareness that the effects of climate change are not abstract or predicted in some distant future, but are already being felt. The problems on the quickly advancing horizon will diminish the quality of life for everybody.

### "Therefore I tell you, do not worry"

"Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

"PLEASE READ THIS BOOK, AND THINK ABOUT IT. LET'S GET TO WORK." -BILL NYE

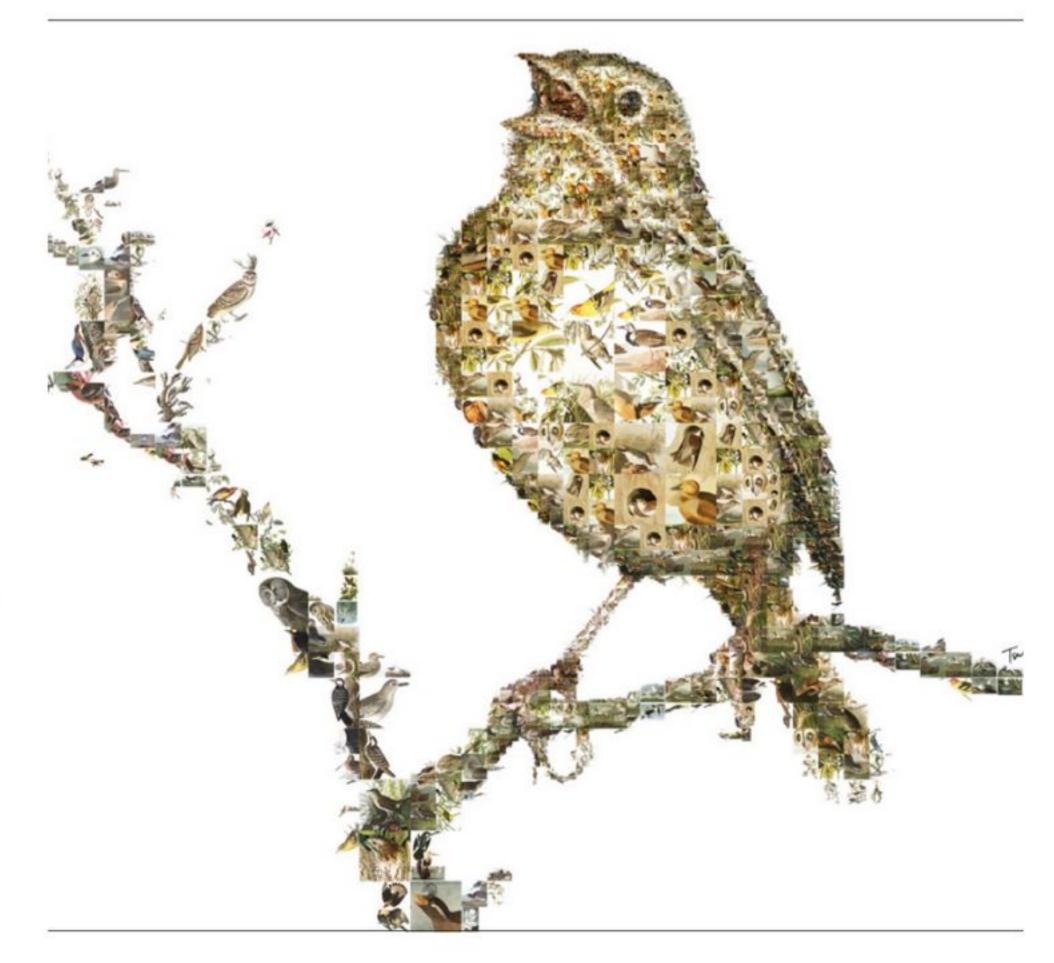
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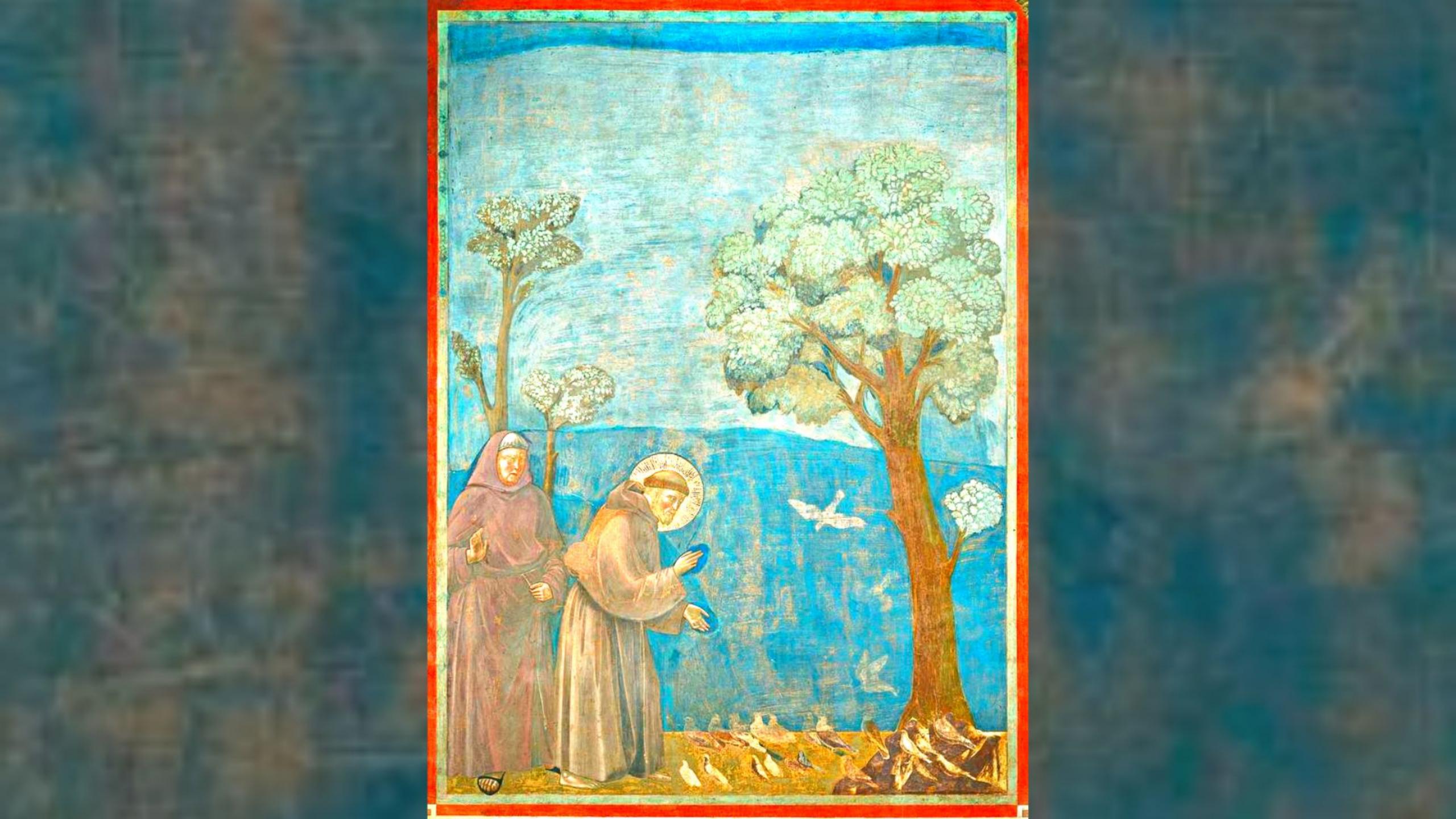
Audubon's Birds and Climate Change Report

Conservation Science, National Audubon Society

The National Audubon Society has spent the past century protecting birds. Now we are prepared to work on their behalf in the 21st century.

Nearly half of the bird species in the United States and Canada are seriously threatened by climate change. If nothing is done to abate this threat, many bird species will disappear forever.

Giotto didn't always say "Look to the birds." But he did, in so many ways, say "Look to creation."



And as he went on his way, with great fervor, St Francis lifted up his eyes, and saw on some trees by the wayside a great multitude of birds; and being much surprised, he said to his companions, "Wait for me here by the way, [while] I go and preach to my little sisters the birds"; and entering into the field, he began to preach to the birds which were on the ground, and suddenly all those also on the trees came round him, and all listened while St Francis preached to them, and did not fly away until he had given them his blessing ... Now the substance of the sermon was this: "My little sisters the birds, [you] owe much to God, your Creator, and [you] ought to sing his praise at all times and in all places, because he has given you liberty to fly about into all places; and though [you] neither spin nor sew, he has given you a twofold and a threefold clothing for yourselves and for your offspring.

Two of all your species he sent into the Ark with [Noah] that you might not be lost to the world; besides which, he feeds you, though [you] neither sow nor reap. He has given you fountains and rivers to quench your thirst, mountains and valleys in which to take refuge, and trees in which to build your nests; so that your Creator loves you much, having thus [favored] you with such bounties. Beware, my little sisters, of the sin of ingratitude, and study always to give praise to God." As he said these words, all the birds began to open their beaks, to stretch their necks, to spread their wings and reverently to bow their heads to the ground, ]endeavoring] by their motions and by their songs to manifest their joy to St Francis.

And the saint rejoiced with them. He wondered to see such a multitude of birds, and was charmed with their beautiful variety, with their attention and familiarity, for all which he devoutly gave thanks to the Creator. Having finished his sermon, St Francis made the sign of the cross, and gave them leave to fly away. Then all those birds rose up into the air, singing most sweetly; and, following the sign of the cross, which St Francis had made, they divided themselves into four companies. One company flew towards the east, another towards the west, one towards the south, and one towards the north; each company as it went singing most wonderfully;

signifying thereby, that as St Francis, the bearer of the Cross of Christ, had preached to them and made upon them the sign of the cross, after which they had divided among themselves the four parts of the world, so the preaching of the Cross of Christ, renewed by St Francis, would be carried by him and by his brethren over all the world, and that the humble friars, like little birds, should posses nothing in this world, but should cast all the care of their lives on the providence of God.

We look at the birds because the birds point us back to God

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