



# The Birds and the Beans

In the time it takes you to drink your next cup of coffee, acres of tropical forest and the birds that depend on it may be lost. By choosing to buy **shade-grown coffee** you can help protect this important habitat.



Shade Coffee Farm

"Shade-grown" refers to the way coffee has traditionally been farmed. Coffee shrubs are planted in the shade provided by tall trees, making these coffee farms excellent homes for birds and other forest-dwelling wildlife.

Over the past 20 years, more than half of the shade coffee farms in Latin America have been converted to sun coffee farms. This newer method requires cutting trees down which destroys habitat for birds and other wildlife. Sun coffee also requires heavy use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers.



Sun Coffee Farm

**Take a coffee break... AND give birds a break!**

Buy organic, shade-grown coffee that has the Smithsonian's Bird-friendly seal of approval. Your purchase will protect bird habitat and support the work of the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center.

