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The Boom is On

Every spring, male prairie-chickens hop, strut and make a loud “booming” sound to woo a mate. Catch a glimpse of the prairie-chicken's peculiar mating display live from Bluestem Prairie!

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Spring is in the air!

Looking for something fun for the whole family? We rounded up the top 10 BEST places for kids to explore in and around the Twin Cities.

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May Nature Notes

Colorful warblers and woodland wildflowers make May a great time to get outdoors in Minnesota!

[Discover more of what this month has to offer](#)

STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Nomadic community in the shadow of Jargalant Khaikhan, Mongolia. © Bayar Balgantseren

Mongolia Champions Conservation for a Sustainable Future

Mongolia is once again taking conservation leadership to the next level with the launch of Eternal Mongolia. This new initiative will provide long-term conservation funding to deliver on Mongolia's commitment to protect 30% of its land and waters by 2030 while supporting sustainable community development.

[See Eternal Mongolia's Place in an Enduring Earth](#)



Fish Are Making a Remarkable Comeback in Maine's Rivers

Thousands of sea-running fish are returning to the Penobscot River in Maine this spring—a biological ritual that was nearly impossible just a few years ago because of dams and other obstacles. During this month's World Fish Migration Day we're highlighting the restoration of these fish to the Penobscot and other rivers around the globe.

[See How Federal Aid and Tribal Partnerships Help the Penobscot's Revival](#)



New Pathways for New Conservation Leaders

Young leaders are developing conservation solutions for their communities—with incredible results—through an innovative career experience developed in partnership by the National Geographic Society and The Nature Conservancy.

[See Why This Is Not Your Typical Internship](#)



Meet the Amazing Giant Rats of Oceania

Rats don't always get a good rap in Western culture, but these much-maligned rodents are actually quite spectacular. And Australia, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands are home to dozens of fascinating rodent species—some of which are very rare.

[See Why These Rats are So Cool!](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Camping among the flowers in China's Sichuan Province. © 艾加宪/TNC Photo Contest 2022

Ready for camping? Here's how spring camping looks among a sea of flowers in Mianyang, China's Sichuan Province. This captivating photo was submitted in TNC's 2022 Photo Contest.

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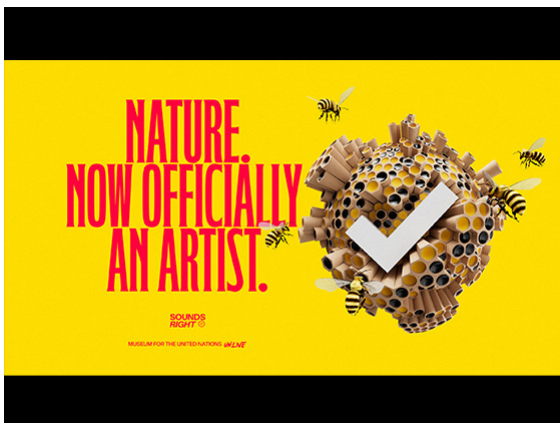
TRENDING NEWS

New Study from The Nature Conservancy Pinpoints Urban Neighborhoods in Urgent Need of Trees

Trees protect public health and lower bills, and—according to a new study from TNC—planting them in tree—poor communities of color can have especially powerful benefits that pay for themselves.

[Read the *BBC* Story](#)

HAPPENING NOW



Protecting Nature by Listening to Music

TNC has joined forces with new initiative Sounds Right to encourage music fans around the globe to



A Partnership to Help Protect Forests

TNC and Grove Collaborative are partnering in support of Indigenous-led conservation across 2 million

recognize the value of nature—and
inspire them to act.

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acres of the Tongass Rainforest of
Southeast Alaska.

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