

# Manifesto for the protection of migratory birds in oil production

It is a proven fact by official organizations and mentioned in the scientific journal [Nature](#) that night time harvesting of olives by automatic machinery significantly damages the population of migratory birds.

Olives are picked in Mediterranean countries between October and January, at this time millions of birds from central and northern Europe escape the winter and fly south to the Mediterranean basin and roost in olives trees.

High-intensive automatic harvesting machinery collect olives from hedge-planted olive trees. Roosting birds blinded by the bright lights and noise of these machines at night become accidental victims in the process. The Andalusian government in Spain [estimated](#) 100 dead birds per hectare harvested during the night.



## Threatened species

*Sylvia melanocephala*, *Sylvia borin*, *Sylvia atricapilla*, *Turdus viscivorus*, *Turdus philomelos*, *Turdus iliacus*, *Erithacus rubecula*, *Carduelis chloris*, *Phylloscopus ibericus*, *Phylloscopus collybita*, *Phylloscopus trochillus*, *Phylloscopus bonelli*, *Carduelis carduelis*, *Carduelis cannabina*, *Motacilla alba*, *Motacilla cinerea*, *Motacilla flava*.

## CrowdFarming Farmers Commitment

The undersigned producers, dedicated to olive cultivation and production of extra virgin olive oil, commit themselves to:

- Not pick the olives with automatic harvesters between 20:00 and 06:00
- Take the necessary measures to protect migratory birds in their olive groves.





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