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Flycatchers and fantails: new songbirds discovered on tiny islands

Ten new songbird species and subspecies have been identified on a trio of previously under-explored Indonesian islands in the largest discovery of its kind in more than a century, according to a new study.

Hidden away on the remote Wallacean islands of Taliabu, Peleng and Batudaka, close to where British naturalist Alfred Russel Wallace independently developed the theory of evolution to Charles Darwin, five new bird species and five subspecies were detected during a six-week expedition to the area, off the coast of Sulawesi!

In the last 20 years, only 161 new species of birds have been found worldwide, with even fewer in restricted geographic areas. There are roughly 11,000 recognised bird species, yet it is believed many more remain to be discovered.

Fight the climate crisis by planting trees!



Planting trees is one of the biggest and cheapest ways of taking CO₂ out of the atmosphere to tackle the climate crisis.

As trees grow, they absorb and store the carbon dioxide emissions that are driving global heating.

The Committee on Climate Change stated that in 2018, the UK planted 13,400 hectares of woodland. To tackle climate change the CCC recommend that 30,000 hectares be planted every year!

The Woodland Trust is an organisation based in the UK that plant woods and trees

to combat climate change, build a greener future and create havens for wildlife.

They have planted 43 million trees since 1972 and continue on their mission to capture carbon with the help of others.

To find out how to take part in planting some trees visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

Source: *The Guardian*, *The Woodland Trust*, *The Independent*

Quorn to be first major brand to introduce carbon labelling!

The new labels, aimed at helping consumers understand the environmental impact of their shopping, will start appearing on some products from June and on the entire Quorn range by next year.

It says that in 2018 its products enabled savings of 200,000 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent compared with meat. The greenhouse gas impact of mycoprotein – the fungi-based protein used in Quorn products – is 90% lower than beef!

Carbon Trust research in 2019 found that two-thirds of consumers support the idea of a recognisable carbon label to demonstrate that products have been made with a commitment to measuring and reducing their carbon footprint.

Source: *The Guardian*

