



# Without Plants, Wildlife Would Perish

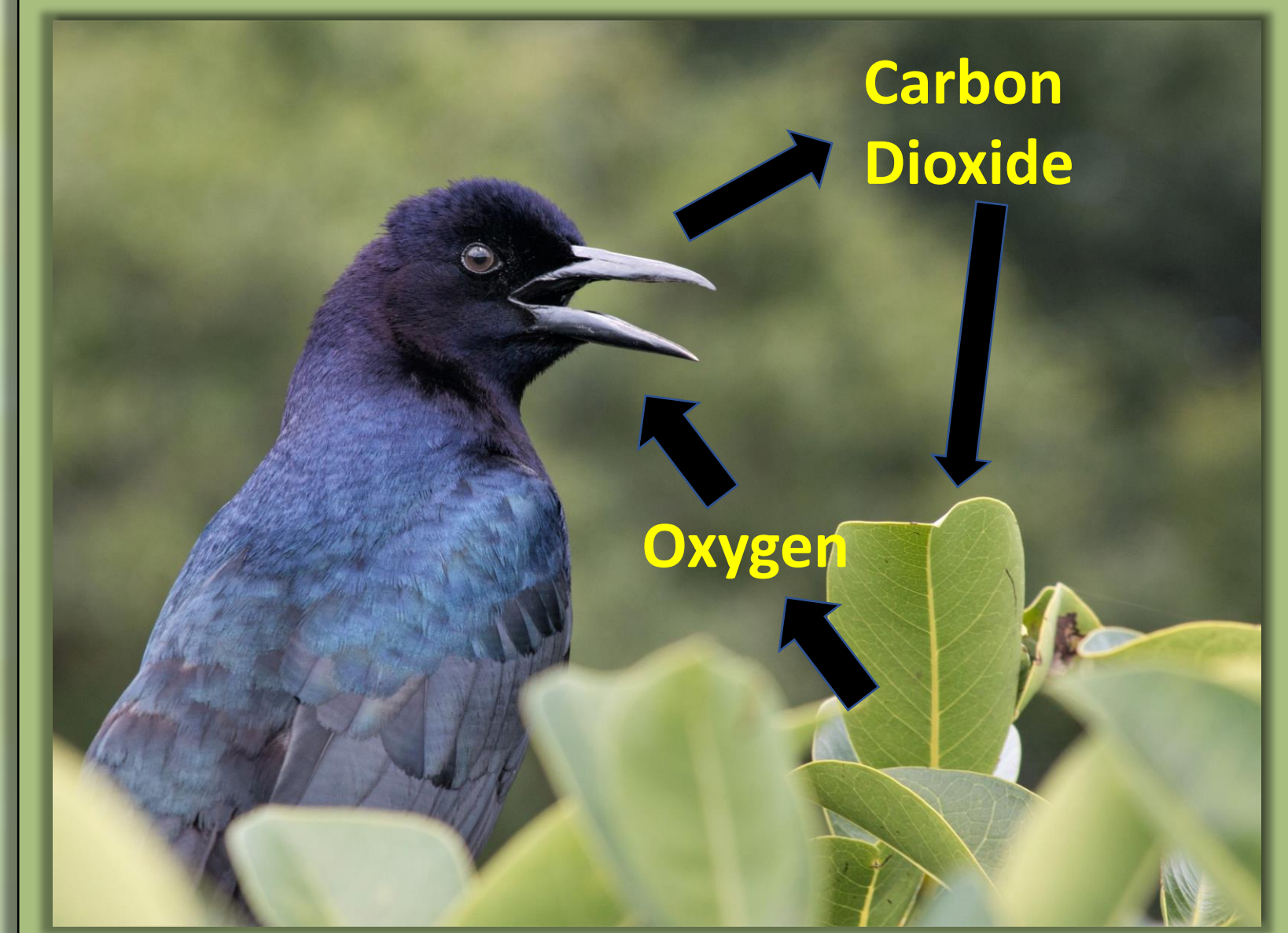
## Necessities



Plants provide shelter, places to sleep, and places to nest. They also provide places to hide from predators. Twigs and leaves are needed to build nests – even alligators use sticks and leaves for their nests. Did you know that eight out of ten land species live in forests?

Wildlife breathes out carbon dioxide into the air. Plants take carbon dioxide from the air and turn it into oxygen through photosynthesis. Without oxygen, many types of wildlife would not survive. Did you know that some insects can live up to 12 hours without oxygen?

## Oxygen



## Nutrition



Plant eaters, “herbivores,” get their nutritional needs from grasses, seeds, pollen, nuts, berries and other fruits. Some of these plant eaters include birds, fish, insects, and even large mammals. Bats, insects, butterflies, and hummingbirds drink nectar from flowers. Did you know there are over 60 spider species that eat plants?

Plants help protect wildlife against the damaging rays of the sun and extreme temperatures. Wildlife also seeks the protection of plants during extreme weather. Plants provide shade to rivers and streams, keeping water cooler and allowing for aquatic animals to flourish and reproduce.

## Protection

