

The ***ESKIMO CURLEW*** is a migratory shorebird, but it also spends time in grasslands, feeding on grasshoppers.

Decades ago, the Eskimo Curlew was extremely common in North America, with a population in the many millions.

Unfortunately, the species has not been seen for the past 55 years and hunting and the destruction of grasslands are thought to have influenced its decline.

The species is currently considered endangered in the United States, but in Canada, it has already been deemed extinct.

Scientists hope the plight of this shorebird will inspire protection for other troubled curlew species.

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