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The world is beautiful, it keeps us and animals alive. And I feel as if we don't thank the world for that, even though the world is not a person and we are unable to speak to it, there are other ways to thank it. However, it has been brought to my attention that many animals over the years are almost going extinct or have already gone extinct. That's crazy if you think about it. But for now, I'm going to talk about animals, and then I'll move on to other subjects that need to be mentioned more often.

The Animals, and pollution. (mostly the animals)

In the last 10 years, over 470 species have gone extinct. 470!! Think about that. And since 1970, we have wiped out around 60% of the animal population. To be honest we are killing this world, day by day. I am aware that it has been mentioned multiple times about the population of tigers, but there are fewer than 3,500. But we, and when I mean we, I mean everyone who has the time to help this world in one way or another by recycling, picking up trash, planting trees, fruit, and vegetables. Simple things like that. Other things that have been mentioned multiple times already are animals that have been seen with soda can holders around their head, fishing nets, fishing line, plastic bags, or just bags in general, straws, string of many kinds, it goes on forever. And as an animal lover, I know that they do not deserve to live in situations like this.

Pollution

Over the years, I have explored ways to help this world in my free time. I have done hours of research, and I came across one video. It showed that multiple countries have converted plastic, and other garbage into electricity, pretty cool right? And as many people know, the man who went to the moon, looked at our planet, took a photo, and showed it to the world. It showed how alone our home is in space. Multiple people got active and started the environmental movement. Here is a photo-



As you can see, these people are wearing gas masks, or just something to cover your face. That's how you can tell how bad it got then. And surprisingly, the rivers were so polluted that one set on fire, and stayed like that for days on end. **A River!**

From what I would imagine, I feel like it would be like breathing in smoke from a fire, or a cigarette. Piercing your lungs, making it a struggle to breathe. But also connecting to the "Animals" part that I mentioned earlier, just imagine what it would be like to them. Their sense of smell is 40 times greater than ours, meaning they have around 300 million receptors in their nose. Compared to ours, we only have 6 million. Or another way to put it- They could smell you making a sandwich from 12 miles away. That's a massive difference. I would assume it was pretty intense.

It has also been brought to my attention that every year, when the snow starts to melt, there are piles of trash all over my front yard. That shows the amount of garbage people throw out their window or just drop on the ground every year in the winter, as if nobody will notice. It is a hassle needing to pick up after others responsibilities. So, the thing I'm trying to say is if you see trash or anything that seems like it isn't supposed to be lying around, pick it up and find a trashcan or recycling bin. Although that sounds like I'm demanding it, I'm just saying.

How I imagine animals perspective on this:

Many animals' homes have been destroyed, such as birds, or animals that burrow. But for now I'm just going to go with the bird's situation. In the last decade, 15.3 million trees have been cut down. Meaning millions of bird nests have been destroyed. That's truly devastating. Although I do not destroy nature in ways like this, I have no knowledge of if people cut down trees with birds' nests in them. And also from my knowledge destroying birds' nests regardless of if they have eggs or not, is illegal. Sometimes people do it on purpose, and sometimes not. And I hope people don't do it on purpose.

Endangered species.

Many of the coolest animals are endangered. The ones I love so much are the Canadian lynx, the timber rattlesnake, and a few of my favorite insects, the rusty-patched bumble bee, the yellow banded bumble bee, and the Ashton cuckoo bumble bee. The current status on the bees are-

-Rusty-patched bumble bee: Endangered. And the snakes- -The North A racer: Threatened.
-Yellow banded bumble bee: Threatened. The eastern rat snake: Threatened. Ashton cuckoo bumble bee: Endangered. Timber rattlesnake: Endangered. And last- the cats, the eastern mountain lion: Endangered.

It's really sad seeing these animals going either towards being extinct, or endangered. But, you know that's how the world is now, but the thing is, there is a solution. We can stop doing what's messing up this world. Pollution, littering, we can start recycling more, reducing,

and reusing things. Like selling clothing, and thrifting clothes. Stop wasting food, throwing away things that can still be used, etc. It goes on forever. Not only will it help the world, it'll help us, and the plants, and animals.

Conclusion

So in conclusion, many people in this world must decide to help fix what we broke. And we might be able to help bring this world back to the way it was long ago. Anyway- thank you for taking the time to read this! I really appreciate it, and remember to think about ways to help this world.