



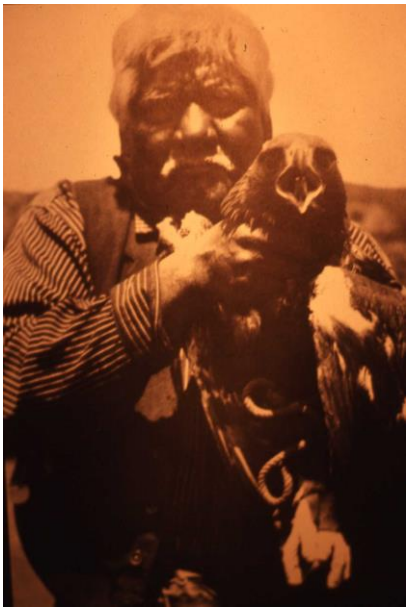
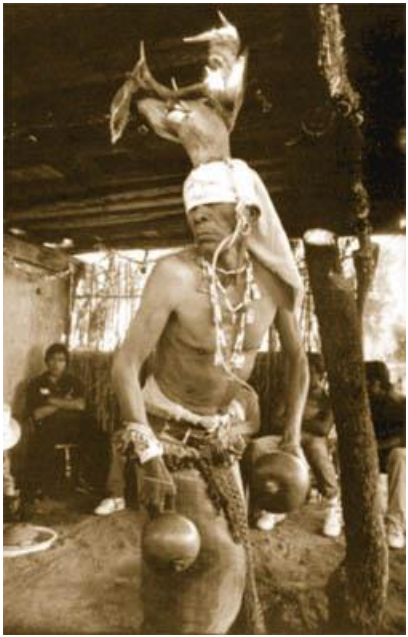
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# Native Americans, Feathers, and Bird Conservation







Manner of  
Worship,  
Ceremony,  
Dance, and Song



Celebration of  
Birth, passage to  
man and  
Womanhood,  
Healing of the  
Sick, Recognition  
of death

# Celebrating Personal Achievement and Cultural Heritage





Sacred and Revered

Animism – Religious belief that objects, places, and animals all possess a distinct spiritual essence





*The donning of feathers is a celebration of an ancient connection. Spirits are joined and the dancer assumes the attributes and power of the bird they become.....*

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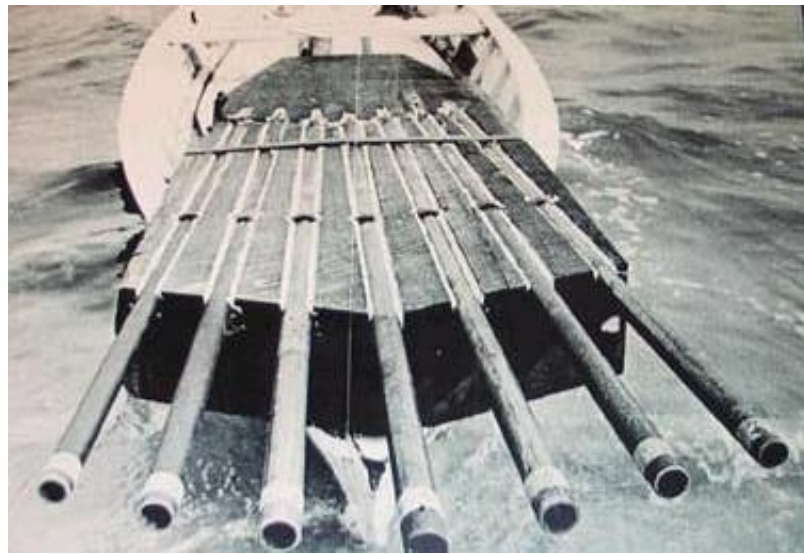
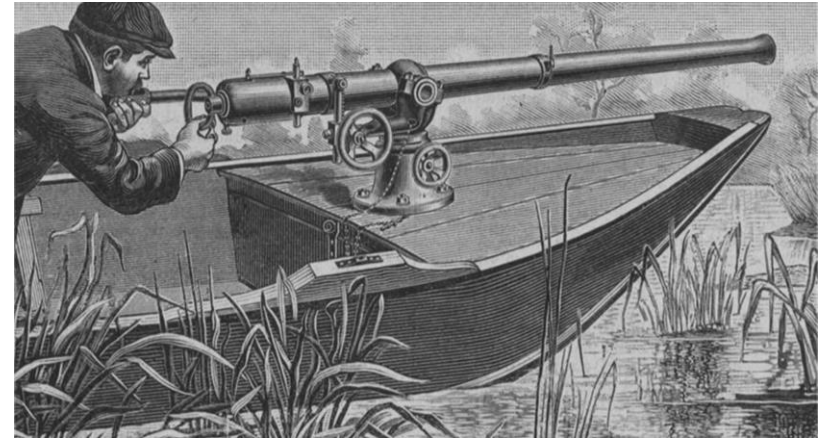
# 1800s

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- The Industrial Revolution and the prosperity that came with it changed the face of America forever.







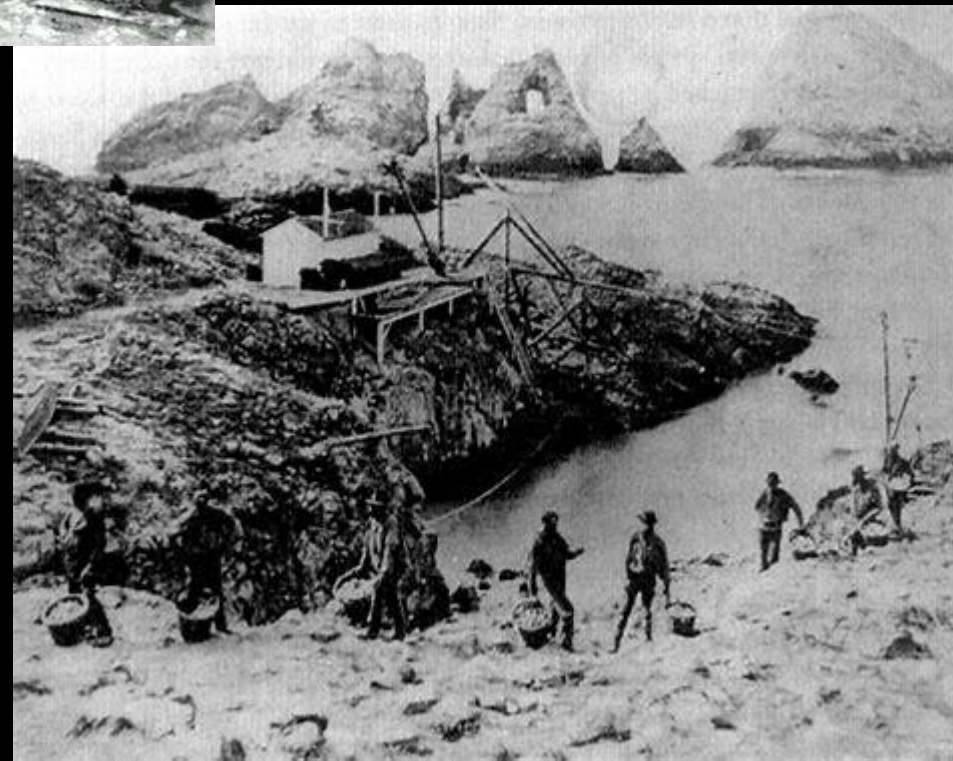
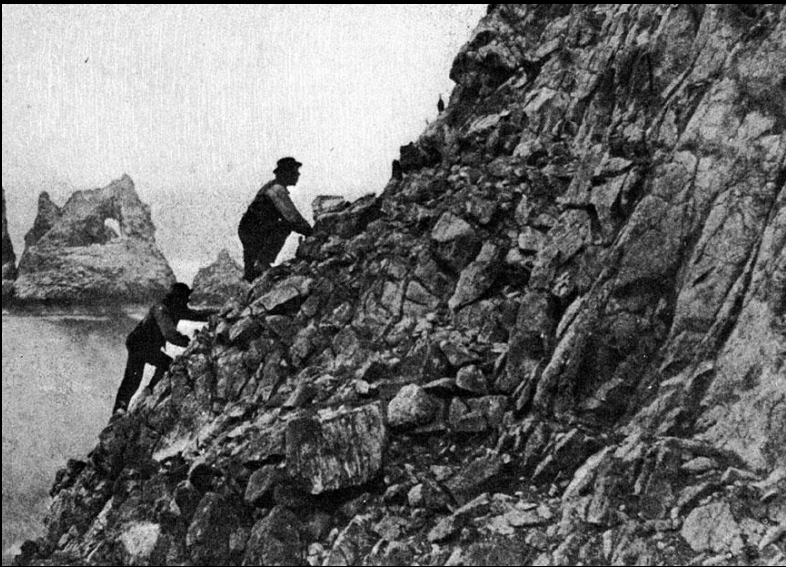


Passenger Pigeon  
population estimate  
3-5 Billion, Extinct  
by 1914



In 1912 only  
diamonds were worth  
more by weight than  
feathers









- 1903 President Roosevelt established the first refuge – Pelican Island NWR



- First 2 managers were killed by plumage hunters



# Wildlife Laws

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- Lacey Act, 1900
  - Migratory Bird Treaty Act, 1918
  - Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, 1972
  - Endangered Species Act, 1973
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# Change in Federal Land Management Priorities

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- National Parks
- National Forests
- Bureau of Land Management
- Wildlife Refuges

Goal to protect and preserve public lands and the wildlife that depended on them

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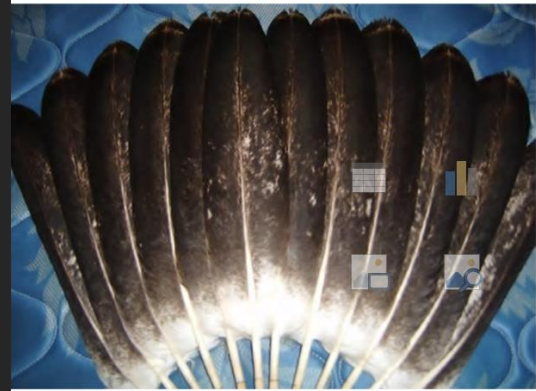
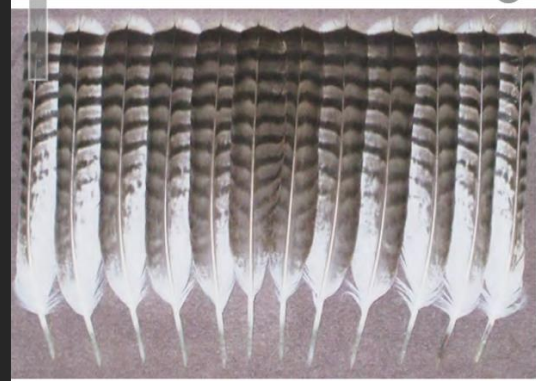


# *Unintended Consequences*

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- **New Wildlife Laws & Land use Policies - no provisions to allow N.A.s- to harvest birds for religious & ceremonial purposes.**
  - **Made it illegal for Native Americans to harvest feathers for religious & ceremonial use.**
  - **Created Black Market for Feathers.**
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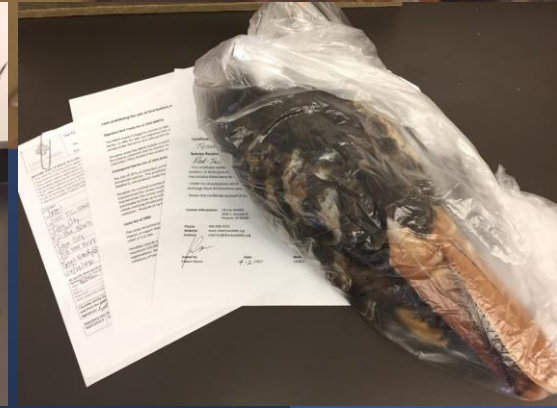
# Liberty Wildlife Non-Eagle Feather Repository

- The LWNEFR's mission is two-fold.
  - 1. Support Native American culture by providing N.A.s with a source of non-eagle feathers for religious and ceremonial purposes.
  - 2. Stop the illegal take of birds from the wild, by providing a legal and no cost source of non-eagle feathers to N.A.s.
- *"Giving new life to feathers that can no longer Fly"*



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