
Small-scale solar energy in the wild

Does solar energy affect wildlife?

This limited information indicates that the effects of solar energy development on wildlife are generally negative, primarily due to the destruction and modification of wildlife habitats and bird mortality (DeVault et al., 2014, Kagan et al., 2014, Visser et al., 2019).

What are solar-wildlife challenges?

Accompanying this rapid growth of utility-scale solar facilities (also referred to as large-scale solar facilities) within the landscape are solar-wildlife challenges related to increased land conversion into solar facilities.

Do solar energy plants affect fauna?

Renewable energy sources include solar energy plants (PV), however research on the effects of utility-scale plants on fauna has been limited. Most studies have focused on extensive PV in natural habitats like savanna or deserts, so these studies are not directly applicable to European contexts where many PV are placed in farmland.

Do solar energy plants reduce bird mortality?

However, it is already well-established that bird mortality at solar energy facilities is the lowest compared to fossil fuel-based plants and other renewable energy sources. Some findings even suggest that photovoltaic installations may have a positive impact on biodiversity compared to other technogenically altered landscapes.

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