

# Are there enough photovoltaic panels in the wild

Are solar panels good for wildlife?

The good news for wildlife is that there are ways for solar developers to make installations less harmful and even beneficial for many species, like fences that let some animals pass, wildlife corridors, native plants that nurture pollinators, and more.

# Do photovoltaic installations affect biodiversity?

However, the currently available evidence regarding the effects of photovoltaic installations on biodiversity is still scarce. More research is urgently needed on non-flying mammals and bats as well as amphibians and reptiles. Solar thermal panels and floating PV installations should also be further investigated.

### Do PV panels affect biodiversity?

Contrary to other types of renewable energies, such as wind and hydroelectricity, evidence on the effects of PV panels on biodiversity has been building up only fairly recently.

## What are solar photovoltaic (PV) panels?

Nowadays, several technologies have been developed to make the most of this vast and endless pool of solar energy. At the forefront, solar photovoltaic (PV) panels are made of semiconductors that convert sunlight into electricity.

### Do solar thermal panels affect wildlife and ecosystems?

While PV installations and especially ground-mounted USSE facilities have been the subject of most research, the impacts of solar thermal panels on wildlife and ecosystems have yet to be studied. Thus, it remains to be found whether these impacts could be similar to the ones observed in the case of PV panels.

### Are wildlife attracted to PV panels?

Our understanding and certainty of wildlife being attracted to PV panels is limited, and largely restricted to birds and insects.



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