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Explaining temporal changes in breeding bird diversity in the Netherlands

This thesis describes, quantifies and explains changes in breeding bird diversity in the Netherlands in the past decades. The analyses are based on large-scale, long-term and multi-species datasets on changes in distribution and abundance. A substantial part of these data is gathered by volunteers, people who go out into the field to count birds merely for the joy of it. Nevertheless, they are generally very skilled and use standard protocols for carrying out the field work. By confronting population trends with life-history and ecological traits of breeding birds, the characteristics that are primarily associated with successful and unsuccessful species in our rapidly changing environment are identified. This helps unraveling underlying mechanisms, prioritizing conservation research and developing management strategies.

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