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# How to save life on Earth, according to E.O. Wilson.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq3w7cldgMU>



“Biologist and Pulitzer winner E.O. Wilson has spent his life studying animals and fighting for their conservation.

As species go extinct at 1,000 times the normal rate thanks to human interference, Wilson’s new book **Half Earth** holds a bold plan to preserve the world’s biodiversity: set aside half of the entire planet for natural habitats. Jeffrey Brown talks to Wilson for more.”

From the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation: <https://eowilsonfoundation.org/e-o-wilson/>

“**Edward Osborne Wilson** (1929–2021), University Research Professor Emeritus at Harvard, was the guiding force that shapes the mission of the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation.

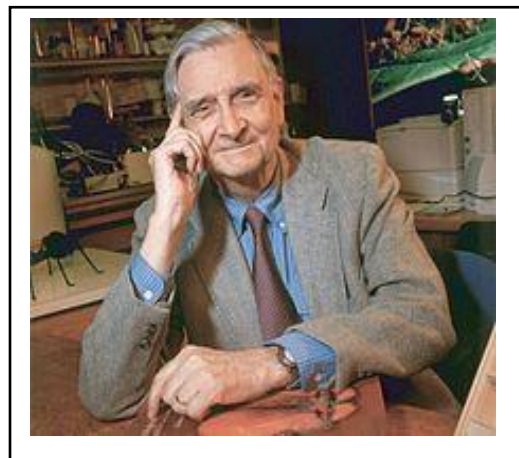
“In his long career, he transformed his field of research—the behavior of ants—and applied his scientific perspective and experience to illuminate the human circumstance, including human origins, human nature, and human interactions. Wilson was also a pioneer in spearheading efforts to preserve and protect the biodiversity of this planet.

“Beginning with his unusual childhood in Alabama, ‘E.O. Wilson—Of Ants and Men’ chronicles the famed biologist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author’s lifelong love for the natural world and the groundbreaking research that would establish him as the foremost authority on ants. It is an exciting journey of ideas but also an endearing portrait of a remarkable man; often dubbed ‘a Darwin for the modern day.’”

## E. O. Wilson

### Biologist

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### FROM: Wikipedia...

**Edward Osborne Wilson**, usually cited as **E. O. Wilson**, is an American biologist, researcher (sociobiology, biodiversity, island biogeography), theorist (consilience, biophilia), naturalist (conservationist) and author. His biological specialty is myrmecology, the study of ants, on which he is considered to be the world's leading expert.<sup>[2][3]</sup>

**Born:** June 10, 1929, Birmingham, AL

**Died:** December 26, 2021 (aged 92), Burlington, MA

**Spouse:** Irene Wilson (m. 1955)

**Awards:** Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction, Hubbard Medal, More

**Education:** Harvard University (1955), University of Alabama (1950), University of Alabama (1949)

Wilson is known for his scientific career, his role as "the father of sociobiology" and "the father of biodiversity",<sup>[4]</sup> his environmental advocacy, and his secular-humanist and deist ideas pertaining to religious and ethical matters.<sup>[5]</sup> Among his greatest contributions to ecological theory is the theory of island biogeography, which he developed in collaboration with the mathematical ecologist Robert MacArthur, which is seen as the foundation of the development of conservation area design, as well as the unified neutral theory of biodiversity of Stephen Hubbell.

Wilson is (2014) the Pellegrino University Research Professor, Emeritus in Entomology for the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University, a lecturer at Duke University,<sup>[6]</sup> and a Fellow of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry. He is a Humanist Laureate of the International Academy of Humanism.<sup>[7][8]</sup> He is a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize for General Non-Fiction (for *On Human Nature* in 1979, and *The Ants* in 1991) and a *New York Times* bestseller for *The Social Conquest of Earth*,<sup>[9]</sup> *Letters to a Young Scientist*,<sup>[9]</sup> and *The Meaning of Human Existence*.

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