

## Endangered Culture Birdsong



Rachel Carson's ground breaking book, *The Silent Spring*, (1962) begins with a passage in which the author imagines a bleak future devoid of birdsong.

Recent studies indicate that the UK has lost over 40 million birds in 50 years due to changes in land use, climate, and habitat. With this decline in both number and species, Carson's vision edges ever closer to reality, as the warble, twitter and chirp of birdsong gets drowned out by our noisy urban spaces, and associated benefits to mental and physical health are lost.

### Prompts:

- How would you use this practice in your community if it really existed?
- Consider how the crisis is affecting the animal, plant or land you are taking care of?
- What would a future that nourished and protected your plant, animal or land look like? Imagine three ways your tomorrow would be different to today's reality.