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A few oaks stand in the pastures still, great ornaments. I do not see any young ones springing up to supply their places. Will there be any a hundred years hence? These are the remnants of the primitive wood, methinks. We are a young people, and have not learned by experience the consequence of cutting off the forest. One day they will be planted, methinks, and nature reinstated to some extent.

Henry David Thoreau
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A housing project that worked. Double-crested cormorants congregate at a nest built on an artificial platform installed by Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources to provide nesting sites for cormorants along the shore of Green Bay on Lake Michigan. Erected during the mid-'70s, the platforms have played an important role in a spectacular recovery of the state's beleaguered cormorant population. The success of this relatively inexpensive program, described in Inga Brynildson's article "More Pieces for the Puzzle," is a good example of a highly efficient management technique based on real insight into the factors limiting a species' success in a given situation.

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