

# DDT story

## British Crop Protection Council - Shoot to Kill: Control and Controversy in the History of DDT Science

### The DDT Story...

- This process is called biomagnification.
- Biomagnification is when the amount of DDT (or other pesticide) increases in the amount as it moves up the food chain. For example, producers (grass) would have very little DDT, the organisms that eat grass would have more DDT, and the top carnivore would have the most DDT in their bodies.
- Eventually concentrations of DDT became large enough in birds of prey to affect their reproduction. Unfortunately, DDT continues to be used in SOME tropical countries because it is such an effective pesticide. It not only affects species that live in these countries but also species that live elsewhere in the world, including people who consume food products imported from the tropics.

Description: -

- Ostrovskii, Nikolai.

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### The Bird Saver

This effectiveness lasted for six months or more, a feature not matched by alternative pesticides that cost three times as much.

### Myths and Facts about DDT

In reality, bird populations increased significantly after DDT was introduced. As mentioned previously, it was widely used during World War II to control lice, and thus typhus, by dusting humans with a ten percent powder. If the epidemic followed the age-old pattern, there would be an explosion of death, with perhaps as many as 250,000 fatalities.

### The Deadly Dust: The Unhappy History Of DDT

Gareth Williams, Paralyzed with Fear: The Story of Polio, United States: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013 : 64.

### Myths and Facts about DDT

Government agencies some more than others did turn to it with increasing frequency, and so did our industrializing agricultural industry. It is poorly absorbed from the skin unless formulated in petroleum distillates.

### Myths and Facts about DDT

In one success story, 1.

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