

# European Starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*)

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# How the starlings arrived.

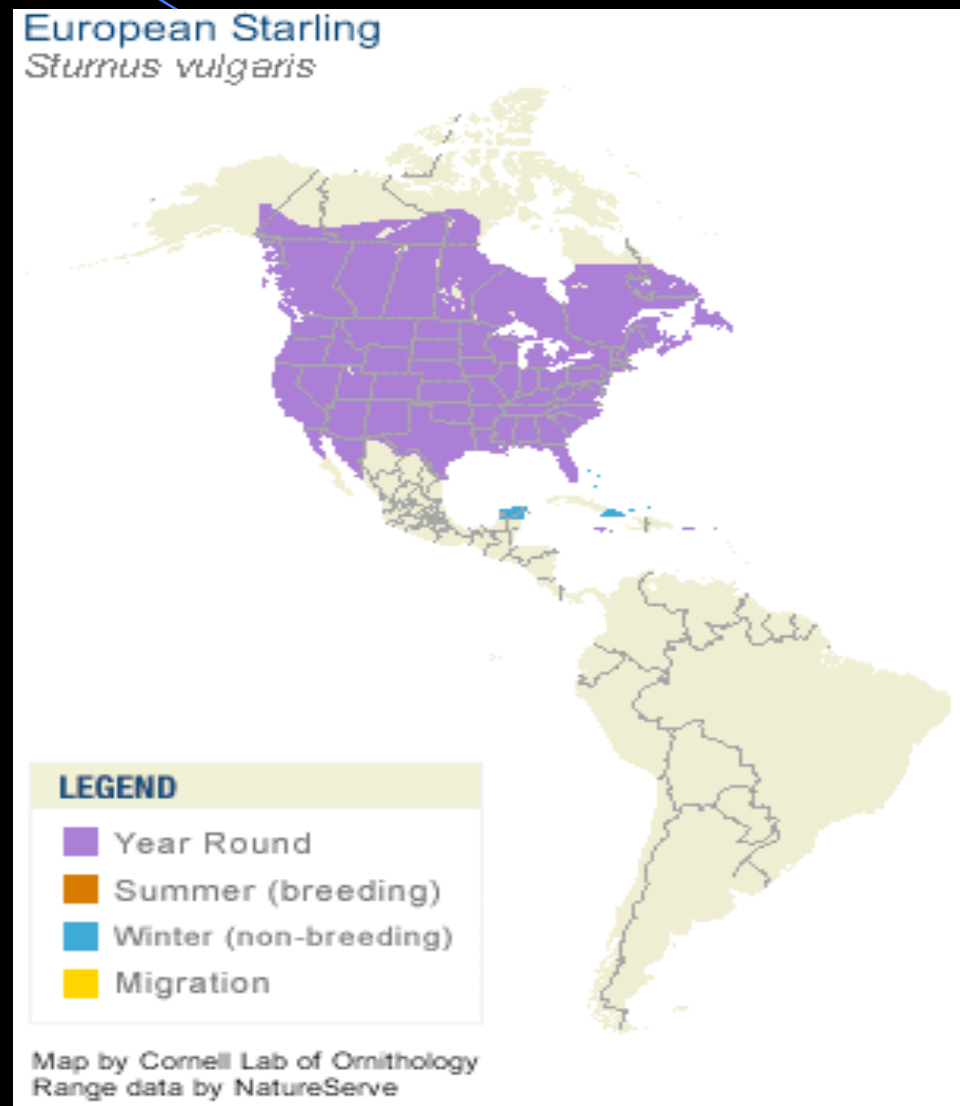
Eugene Scheiflin released 40 pairs in New York.

# Predators

Predators include cats, raccoons, and birds of prey.

# Places spread to

- U.S.
- Northern Mexico
- Parts of the Caribbean



# Native Region

The European starlings originally lived in Europe, North Africa, and Asia.

# Characteristics that help it thrive

The starlings are intelligent birds with a high tolerance for climate change. These birds also thrive in urbanized areas, but can thrive in areas that have not been urbanized.



# Effects

- The starlings destroys nestlings and eggs of native birds
- Compete with native birds for nests



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