

(source: lightpollutionmap.org)

the Bortle Scale. is

between 7 and 8 on

Hattiesburg, MS ranks

sky.

A 1 is a very dark

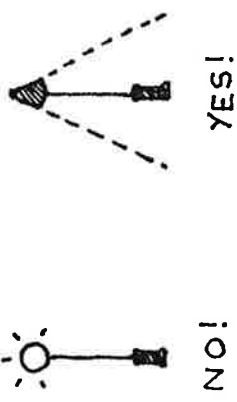
measures light pollution.

is a 9-point scale that

The BORTLE SCALE

It can also disrupt human sleep cycles and alter animal behavior.

For example, fireflies' courtship signals change, and plovers will not build nests if there isn't enough shadow to hide from predators.



keep skies dark.

light downward and

have domes to direct

The best streetlamps

can make a difference.

Better lighting design

Did you know that

80% of Americans, and

1/3 of people worldwide,

cannot see the Milky

Way?

(source: noaa.gov)

LIGHT POLLUTION,

the excessive use of

artificial light, makes

it hard to see the stars.

Let There Be
Starlight!



Car headlights can (and should!) be redesigned to have warmer lighting. Not only is this better for wildlife, it's safer for drivers.

(Recommendation: "Blinded by the Headlights", Decoder Ring podcast)

Timers and motion sensors can switch off lights when no one is around. And of course, we can all switch off our lights at home when we aren't using them. Let's use artificial light responsibly! ★

Go to darksky.org to learn more.

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