

2017 Human Dimensions Subcommittee Summary of Accomplishments

Products

- Human Dimensions of Bird Conservation Fact Sheet & Associated All Bird Bulletin Blog Post: [Understanding Humans to Conserve Birds](#) with *Communications Subcommittee*
- Completed draft of Joint Venture guidance document: **Incorporating Human Dimensions into Joint Venture Implementation Plans**
- Call for **2017 Bird Conservation Human Dimensions Success Stories**
- [Pathways Human Dimensions Conference Guide for Bird-related Content](#)



NABCI partners Tammy VerCauteren (Bird Conservancy of the Rockies), Wilhelmina Bratton (US Forest Service), Greg Butcher (US Forest Service), Ashley Gramza (NABCI/Virginia Tech), and Judith Scarl (NABCI/Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; not pictured) meet with US Forest Service leadership to discuss the importance of integrating social science in bird conservation

Capacity Building & Engagement

- Co-instructed and integrated material related to bird conservation to the **HD Foundations course at Pathways conference** and promoted course within the bird conservation community
- Contributed valuable social science expertise to **Future of Waterfowl Management 2 Meeting** to support NAWMP 2018 Update

Capacity Building & Engagement (continued)

- Social Science Coordinator presented various HD topics at 6 meetings/venues
 - Midwest Fish & Wildlife conference: **Utilizing Social Science to Guide Bird Conservation Action on Private Lands**
 - VA chapter of The Wildlife Society: Poster title: **Why Bird Conservation Needs Social Science: The Case of Outdoor Pet Cats**
 - USFS leadership meeting: **Increasing Capacity for Human Dimensions: Implications for Conservation**
 - Pathways HD conference: **Research-based Lessons about Landowners' Wildlife Habitat Conservation Behavior**
 - National State Wildlife Action Plan meeting: **Human Dimensions Research to Improve Implementation of State Wildlife Action Plans**
- Co-organized **human dimensions of wildlife habitat conservation symposia** at Pathways HD conference with *Private and Working Lands subcommittee*

Technical Assistance

Provided assistance with:

- NABCI Bird conservation priorities survey
- NABCI Bird Relevancy document
- 2018 State of the Birds Report
- Value of Wetlands Survey conducted by the State of Missouri
- HD of free-ranging cat surveys and request for proposals (3) by provincial, university, and NGO partners

Research

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Project in Playa Lakes Joint Venture (PLJV) Region to understand predictors of program adoption and retention

- Coordinated and organized project planning meeting with PLJV, FSA , and Bird Conservancy of the Rockies in Fort Collins, CO
- Organized and performed 3 focus groups in PLJV
- Coordinated construction of mail survey



Working pasture in the Texas Panhandle (Photo courtesy of Ashley Gramza)