



## US North American Bird Conservation Initiative

**Mission:** The [U.S. NABCI Committee](#) facilitates collaborative partnerships that advance biological, social, and scientific priorities for North American bird conservation.

**Vision:** Healthy and abundant populations of North American birds are valued by future generations and sustained by habitats that benefit birds and people.

### U.S. NABCI Goals 2017-2021

**Goal 1:** Maintain a well-coordinated bird conservation community to achieve strategic conservation.

**Goal 2:** Facilitate science-based conservation efforts that support healthy bird populations.

**Goal 3:** Inform and support effective policy to advance bird conservation.

## Recent NABCI Products and Accomplishments for National Bird Conservation

**National Bird Conservation Priorities:** NABCI helps the bird conservation community speak with a unified voice about priorities we all agree on. To facilitate this, NABCI identified a short list of consistent priorities across partner organizations that NABCI should support, promote, and communicate to advance NABCI's vision. The [National Bird Conservation Priorities document](#) will provide emphasis to priorities with broad community support and ensure that consistent, cross-cutting needs are communicated to federal leadership, foundations and other funders, and leadership of potential partner organizations. Organized into five themes with 3-6 Strategies per theme, this document highlights a "Top 10" list of Priority Actions that the majority of bird conservation partners agree urgently need to happen, on which we can make progress over the next 3-5 years. 13 partners have committed to specific ways they could communicate or advance these Priorities within and outside of their organizations.

**Demonstrating Bird Conservation's Relevance to Build Partnerships:** Actions and outcomes that benefit birds can also have far-reaching benefits for human health, economic interests, and other human goals. To help bird conservation professionals demonstrate the links between bird conservation and other goals to engage potential partners outside of bird conservation, NABCI created a [Relevancy Toolkit](#). This document highlights dozens of published studies linking birds and bird conservation with other human benefits. Examples can help provide a "hook" for opening dialogues about collaboration and the toolkit is designed to help bird conservation professionals reframe how we approach partnerships that benefit bird conservation.

## Committee Meeting Highlights, 1-2 August 2018

**State of the Birds 2018: The Critical Role of State Wildlife Agencies for Bird Conservation:** NABCI's four-page State of the Birds report will: 1) highlight science documenting large-scale population declines across Species of Greatest Conservation Need; 2) describe the role of state agencies in bird conservation and document examples of state bird conservation successes; 3) emphasize the need for additional funding to implement State Wildlife Action Plans, using the Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations as a backdrop; 4) Explore Recovering America's Wildlife Act as a potential model to create and drive funding to enable State Wildlife Action Plan implementation. *Anticipated release: Late fall 2018 or early winter 2019.*

**Human Dimensions Success Story Map:** In September 2018, NABCI will release an interactive online tool that highlights successful examples of how human dimensions has been used to address bird conservation issues.

**Private Lands Staff Biologist Forum:** NABCI seeks to develop a forum for private lands field staff who work directly with landowners to discuss successes and challenges and build a community of practice in order to improve conservation delivery. The next step is to form a planning team for the forum. If you can help, [contact Todd Fearer](#).