

Partners in Flight: The next 30 years of collaborative bird conservation



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Partners in Flight (1990 -2020)

'Birds are ducks too'

Public-private partnership includes 17 federal agencies, 48 NGOs, over 60 state and provincial fish and wildlife agencies, numerous universities, and 14 corporations.

PIF Mission

Keeping Common Birds Common, Helping Species at Risk, through Voluntary Partnerships



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PIF Landbird Conservation Plan: 2016 Revision

Avian Conservation Data Base (ACAD) :

Prioritizes 1585 native and 18 non-native bird species found in mainland North America south to Panama plus adjacent islands and oceans.

THE STATE OF THE BIRDS 2019

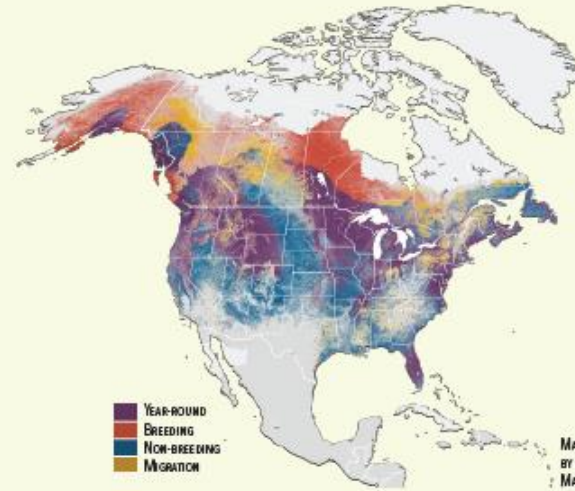
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICA'S BIRDS IN CRISIS



BUT CONSERVATION WORKS!

RECOVERY IS
POSSIBLE
WHEN WE
INVEST IN BIRDS



MAP SHOWS CURRENT BALD EAGLE ABUNDANCE BY SEASON BASED ON EBIRD DATA. PHOTO BY TOM MAST/MAGULAY LIBRARY.

Our national bird, an icon of wildlife recovery: In 1970, there were just a

Net Population Change: *Loss of Common Species*

- 50% of loss is made up of 10 abundant species

Horned Lark



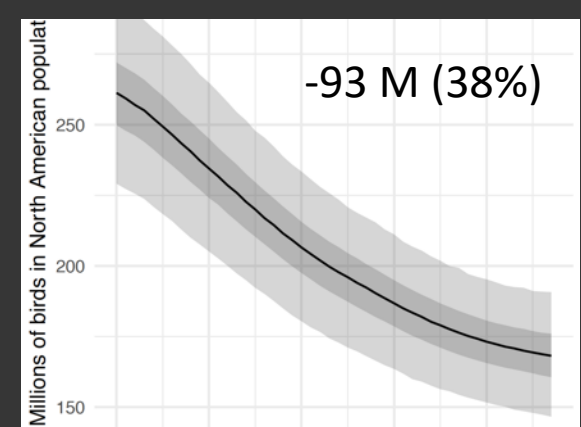
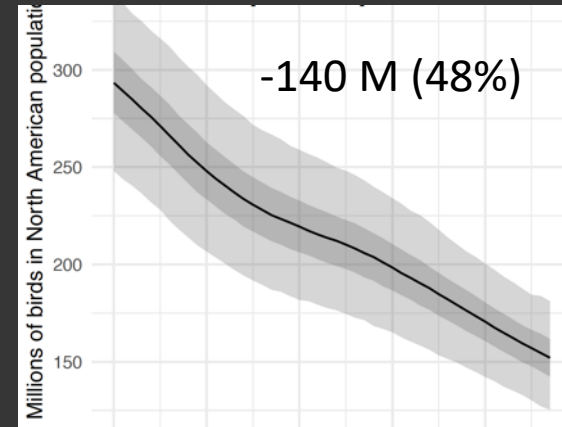
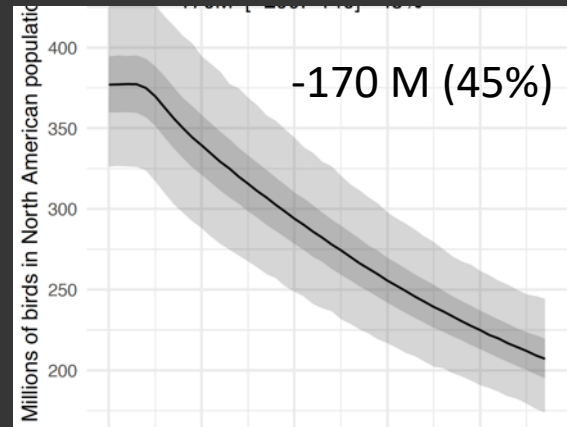
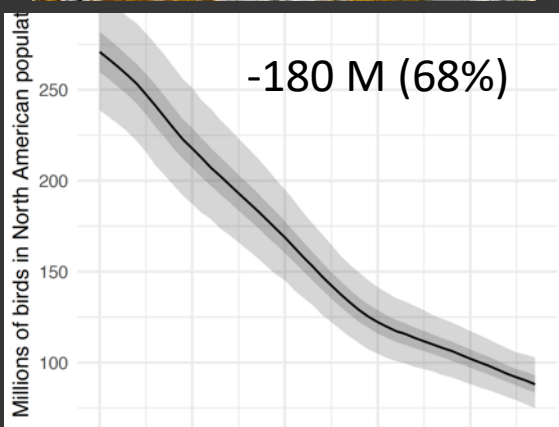
Dark-eyed Junco



Savannah Sparrow



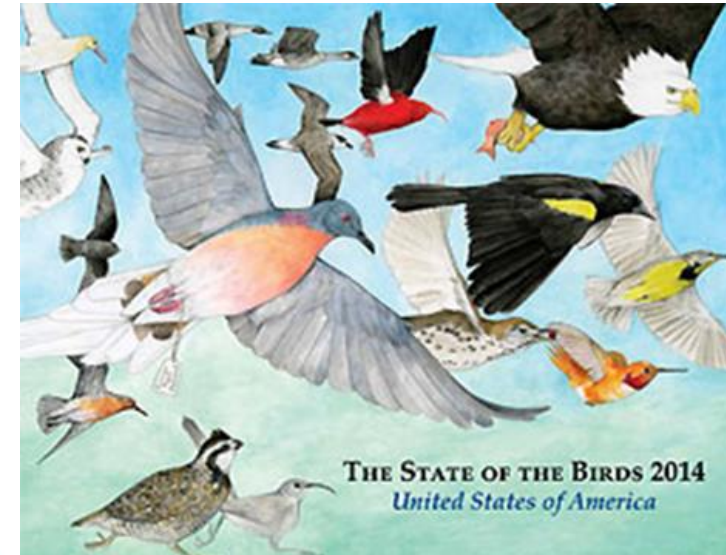
Red-winged Blackbird



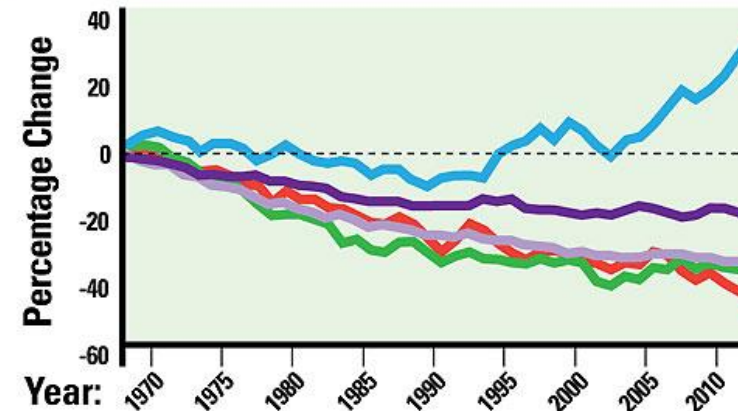
North America Waterfowl Management Plan (1986)

North American Wetlands Conservation Act (1989)

The Plan set forth a strategy for restoring waterfowl populations to 1970s levels through voluntary, non-regulatory, public-private partnerships that work to conserve the wetlands habitats that waterfowl need to survive.



● Grasslands ● Aridlands ● Eastern Forests ● Western Forests ● Wetlands

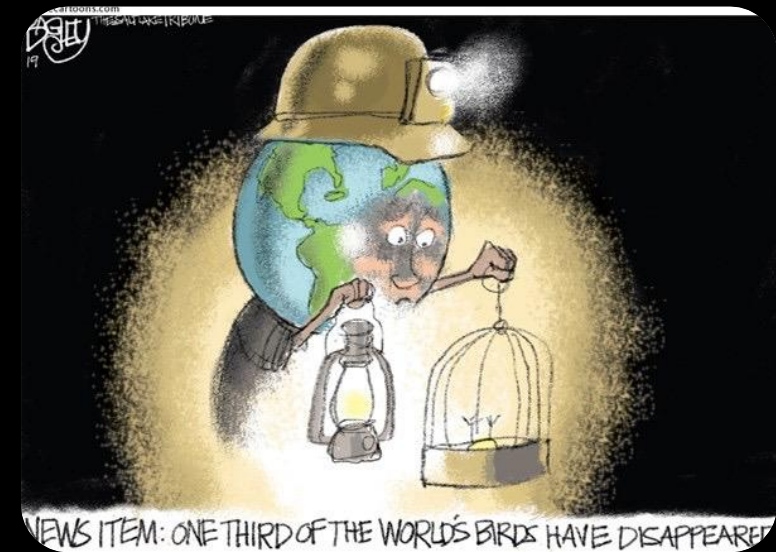


See Our Approach for description of bird population indicators

Game-Changer Opportunities

www.3billionbirds.org

1. Unprecedented Collaboration:
 - Synergistic and functioning partnerships
2. “Smoking Guns” and New Science:
 - identifying causes of decli. Conservation
3. Investment Strategy:
 - Integration of PIF Business plans
4. New Legislative/ Policy Opportunities:
 - Recovering America’s Wildlife Act
5. Communication and engagement
 - build on “Bird Crisis” campaign



Goal for PIF 30th anniversary:

triple the number of people/organizations engaged over the next 3 years

PIF engagement at > 8 major conferences and workshops in 2020

PIF 30th anniversary celebration with 25th American Bird Conservancy March 25th in Wash DC

Engagement through creative uses of eBird and Avian Knowledge Network (e.g. Avicaching, Bio-blitzes, iNaturalist, Land Trust stewardship, etc.)

Promotion of World Migratory Bird Day – “Birds Connect Our World”

Integration of PIF Plans with State Wildlife Action Plans, Joint Ventures, Flyway councils and state outreach programs.

Fill the gaps in Joint Ventures implementation plans. Bring in key state, federal, and industrial partners that deliver upland habitat.

Promote full lifecycle conservation for target species and their habitats .



PIF Conference List 2020



AFWA Wildlife Diversity Coordinators (presentation)
San Diego, CA (Jan 27-29)

Society for Range Management (booth)
Denver, CO (Feb 10-14),

North American Wildlife and Natural Resource Conference (booth and workshop)
Omaha, NE (March 9-13),

North American Ornithological Conference (sessions)
Puerto Rico (August 10-15)

The Wildlife Society Meeting (booth and session)
Louisville, KY (Sept 27 – Oct 1)

Land Trust Rally: National Land Conservation Conference (booth and session)
Portland OR (Oct 8-10).



Other potential conferences:

Society for Conservation Biology , Society for American Foresters, Sustainable Forestry,



The Partners in Flight Eastern Working Group Is Taking Flight!

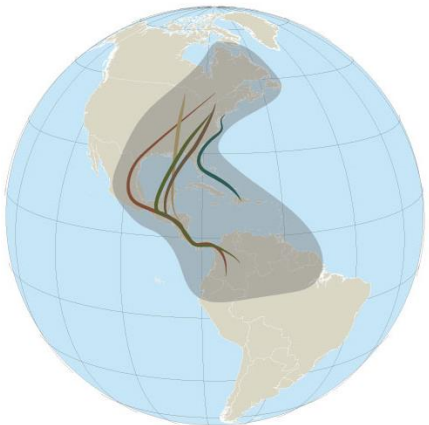
Join us for the next 30 years of advancing bird conservation in Eastern North America



PIF Eastern Working Group



- *Launching a reconfigured regional working group for Eastern North America*
 - Help address unmet conservation needs for Eastern North American birds
 - Structured coordination, communication, and action on key issues
 - Through science-based, adaptive management approaches
 - Throughout species' full annual cycles across the Western Hemisphere
 - Initially focusing on three priority issues identified during first meeting

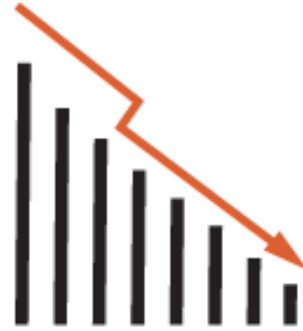


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*Full Annual Cycle
Conservation*

- Develop & implement conservation investment strategies
- Promote linkages between breeding, migration, and wintering grounds



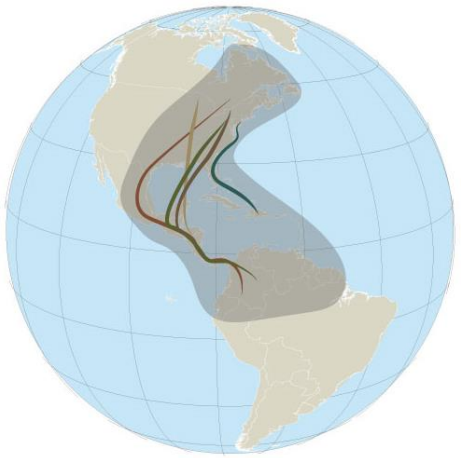
Data Management

- Addressing limitations and unmet management needs
- Forum for outreach around information sharing, using data to inform conservation action/decision



*Science
Delivery*

- Deliver BMPs to managers in clear, understandable way with “how to”
- Clearinghouse of outreach materials



PIF Eastern Working Group

Full Annual Cycle Conservation Team



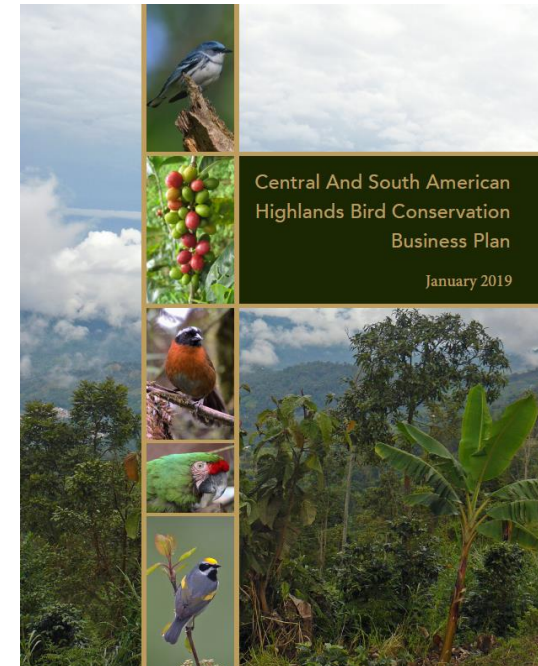
PURPOSE:

catalyze conservation of migratory (land)birds of Eastern North America throughout their full annual cycles across the Western Hemisphere.

INITIAL FOCUS:

development and delivery of Bird Conservation Business Plans

- By 2020, one BCBP complete & another in progress





PIF Eastern Working Group

Links With NABCI



- Possible NABCI Subcommittee links and collaborations:
 - International Subcommittee
 - Monitoring Subcommittee
 - Private and Working Lands Subcommittee
 - HD Subcommittee
- Share information about the EWG and encourage engagement
 - All interested parties are welcome to participate
 - Join the EWG in helping to deliver conservation actions that will help address the “bird crisis”!