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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.



August 2023 Meeting Theme: Refocusing on the Strategic Plan

The August 2023 U.S. NABCI Meeting represented an opportunity for the committee to refocus our vision for bird conservation by fully embracing the 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan. As we continue to chart a course for the recovery of our lost 3 billion birds, the Strategic Plan provides a valuable map guiding our priorities and efforts through the next several years. Ensuring that our work continues to align with the five goals of the Plan is critical to maintaining the success of U.S. NABCI through our network of collaborative partnerships.

Partnerships established through U.S. NABCI continue to remain engaged on pertinent legislative issues affecting bird populations, including the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, and provided the committee with progress reports and opportunities for improved messaging. Effective bird conservation requires effective policy, and U.S. NABCI was provided an opportunity to preview upcoming changes to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act as well. U.S. NABCI remains committed to creating spaces for all voices to be heard, and our Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice Community of Practice is advancing a number of initiatives that advance belonging and facilitate unprecedented partnerships as outlined in

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the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan. In particular, the DEIJ CoP looks to build capacity within each existing Subcommittee ensuring that the work of the Subcommittee is aligned with our stated commitments, including a translation panel which will work to make our products and messages accessible to non-English speakers. Similarly, U.S. NABCI is in the early stages of creating a grant system providing funds to non-English speaking researchers intending to publish scientific findings in peer-reviewed journals for a professional translation service of their work. We cannot promote effective conservation across the hemisphere without accessing the best available science, and this grant would help address some of the barriers affecting the publication of that critical knowledge. As the Road to Recovery initiative makes clear, we also need to integrate social science and the human dimensions of bird conservation to be effective at reversing declines. U.S. NABCI is looking at ways to develop social science capacity, and to integrate human messages into the next State of the Bird Report.

The International Subcommittee has developed a new Work Plan, which will have an important role to play in developing full annual cycle conservation messaging. This includes placing efforts into reinvigorating both NABCI Canada and NABCI Mexico. Conservation Investment Strategies are another way of engaging with the international bird conservation community, and there currently exists a need to collate the vast and dispersed amount of information related to the status of developed and developing CIS efforts. U.S. NABCI is looking to lead the way addressing this need by creating a web-based clearinghouse where information on CIS projects can be found. Finally, as the 25th Anniversary of U.S. NABCI approaches, we look forward to sharing our successes, challenges, and vision for the future of bird conservation with both the public and the conservation community at large.