



CREATING A CHORUS FOR BIRD CONSERVATION

SUCCESSFUL BIRD CONSERVATION STARTS HERE

U.S. North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI) is a unique forum bringing together federal and state agencies with non-governmental organizations to communicate shared bird conservation objectives, identify common priorities at the national and hemispheric scales, and form partnerships to more effectively put these priorities into action. Since the earliest days of U.S. NABCI, we have stated that “the single most important component of bird conservation is partnerships.” This is as true today as it was in 1999. If we are to recover bird populations across the continent, it must be done as a coalition with unified voice and complementing each others’ strengths. During the 1990s, the growing recognition that major declines of migratory birds were occurring across all taxa prompted the conservation community in Canada, the United States, and Mexico to take greater steps towards establishing a framework for coordinated, large-scale bird conservation that would result in the creation of NABCI. In 1996, the trilateral Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), established under the North American Free Trade Agreement, passed a resolution to establish a working group to develop a North American strategy for bird conservation. As a result of the recommendations from this visionary group, the CEC Council approved the North American Bird Conservation Initiative strategy and action plan, which established preliminary goals, objectives, and actions for the conservation of all birds in North America. Three interim NABCI national committees were formed that

would evolve into the tri-national NABCI committees that exist today. Over the past twenty-five years, with the help of thoughtful coordination, conservation leaders have been able to share ideas, visions, and creative products for the benefit of the community. Although U.S. NABCI has faced many challenges over the past quarter-century, our core mission of acting as a convener and informational clearinghouse has remained constant. We know that bird populations across the country are in decline. We also know that we have the tools to reverse these declines. U.S. NABCI will continue bringing people together for the benefit of all birds so that our shared vision may be realized before it’s too late.



Whiskered Screech-Owl

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

NABCI Mission: Facilitate collaborative partnerships that advance biological, social, and scientific priorities for North American bird conservation.

U.S. NABCI MEETS THE MOMENT

Bird conservation is not a static endeavor. It requires adapting to new challenges, creating innovative solutions, reflecting on past failures, forging broad partnerships, and occasionally acting with limited information. Critically, people are at the heart of bird conservation. While U.S. NABCI and our partners will continue to be guided by science, how we bring that information to people has changed over the past twenty-five years. U.S. NABCI has increasingly recognized that we need to relate to all people to be successful. Communities across the country benefit from bird conservation in myriad ways; protecting and creating quality bird habitat is linked to increased human health and enhanced property values, provides clean air and water, stimulates economies, benefits producers, ameliorates climate change effects, and much more. The presence of vibrant and diverse birdlife improves mental health, connects us with our natural world, and provides enjoyment for over 96 million Americans. U.S. NABCI has increasingly provided a forum for communicating the relevancy of bird conservation to people in new and creative ways.

U.S. NABCI is committed to integrating human dimensions (i.e., the many elements of conservation that are not wildlife and habitats) and conservation social science (i.e., scientific disciplines which explore human dimensions or integrate aspects of wildlife, habitats, and human behavior or social processes) into the work we do. As conservation is a human activity, a focus on human behavior and social processes, whether in the form of scientific research or public engagement, is necessary. Wildlife, habitats, and people are not always thought of together when we plan, manage, or study bird conservation even though they are inseparable. Comparable to biological information, human dimensions information can be a valuable addition to every phase of conservation work, from research and planning to design, delivery, monitoring, and evaluation. U.S. NABCI supports the intentional integration



Lesser Prairie Chicken

of social science and human dimensions throughout the conservation network of our partner organizations and beyond. People are the heart of conservation, and human dimensions help us explore ways to effectively create community-driven outcomes that support both birds and people.

WE BROADEN THE CONVERSATION

U.S. NABCI believes that achieving bird conservation goals necessitates addressing systemic inequities and ensuring that all communities, regardless of race or background, have equitable access and engagement with the conservation field. To this end, a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) Community of Practice was formed in 2020 through collaborative efforts among NABCI members who shared a common vision of creating a more just and inclusive environment within the bird conservation community. We aim to extend beyond mere acknowledgement of issues to focus on proactive efforts aimed at creating a more just and inclusive environment for both people and birds. For example, our STORK Grant program provides translation services for researchers and conservationists based outside of the US that wish to publish scientific findings on migratory birds in English-language peer-reviewed journals, elevating



voices from Latin America and the Caribbean while disseminating vital information about shared migratory species. The additional conversations, webinars, and workshops we hold serve as platforms for sharing experiences, exchanging ideas, and fostering dialogue among members of the conservation community. By fostering a culture of inclusivity and equity, U.S. NABCI aims to not only strengthen its effectiveness for achieving conservation success but also ensure that all individuals, regardless of background, have the opportunity to contribute to the preservation of birds and their habitats.

U.S. NABCI Committee Members

- American Bird Conservancy
- American Birding Association
- American Ornithological Society
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- Avian Knowledge Network
- Biodiversity Research Institute
- Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
- Bureau of Land Management
- Cornell Lab of Ornithology
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Defense
- Ducks Unlimited
- Environment for the Americas
- Migratory Bird Joint Ventures
- National Audubon Society
- National Flyway Council
- National Park Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Science
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- Partners in Flight
- Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Institute for Bird Populations
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- Waterbird Conservation for the Americas
- The Wildlife Society



Kentucky Warbler

OUR VISION DEPENDS ON PEOPLE LIKE YOU

The U.S. NABCI Committee is only as strong as our members. Facilitating unprecedented and authentic coalitions across the hemisphere to achieve strategic conservation requires the participation of all voices contributing collaboratively over time. If U.S. NABCI is going to continue organizing positive outcomes for birds over the upcoming twenty-five years and beyond, it will require not only an active role for the next generation of conservation leaders but

also the incorporation of perspectives from new partners; leaders in industry, energy, land management, urban planning, and much more. You can help us build an equitable and inclusive coalition to champion bold, new legislation and policies for the protection of migratory and endemic birds in the United States. You can help us integrate and strengthen natural and social science capacity across the bird conservation community to support environmental and human wellbeing. You can help unify communication to restore bird populations while ensuring communication is accessible and relevant to the broader community. The field of bird conservation is changing and adapting to new challenges and paradigms, and thus requires new strategies and ways of thinking to be successful. We recognize that not everyone we need at the table will be focused on birds; but we can and must make sure that birds are part of the conversation. We must promote strategic conservation delivery guided by well-developed strategies and measured outcomes. Our Subcommittees are the driving force behind U.S. NABCI successes; they are where ideas come to life, products are created, and innovations are made. Each Subcommittee is focused on a specific topic and is directly related to our Strategic Plan. Whether or not you are part of a member organization, by getting involved in one of our Subcommittees you can help shape the conversation around bird conservation and lend your perspective to the urgent work needed to recover our vanishing birds. The time to act is now.

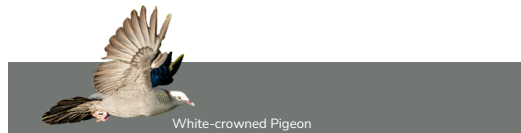


U.S. NABCI Subcommittees

- Communications
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice
- Government Affairs and Partner Engagement
- Human Dimensions
- International
- Monitoring
- Private and Working Lands
- State of the Birds

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- State of the Birds Report (2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022)
- State of North America's Birds (2016)
- Incorporating Human Dimensions into Joint Venture Implementation Plans (2019)
- Five Game Changing Paradigms: A NABCI Call to Action to Address the Three Billion Birds Crisis (2021)
- A Guide to Incorporating Social Science in Bird Conservation (2023)
- North American Vision for Hemispheric Bird Conservation (2016)
- Field Guide to Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the Farm Bill (2008, 2015, 2021)
- National Bird Conservation Priorities (2018)
- Field Guide to Developing Partnerships (2021)
- Bird Conservation Relevancy Toolkit (2021)
- Bird Conservation Regions Map (1999, 2014)



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