



Partners in Flight Western Working Group – Fall 2023 Meeting

Boise Idaho – October 31st to November 3, 2023
Draft Agenda – Mountain Time

Zoom Link: Link will be emailed a few days before the meeting to those that have [registered](#)

Hotel:

Holiday Inn Express Boise (475 W. Parkcenter Blvd., Boise, ID 83706).

Please use this [link](#) to book on the Partners in Flight room block by **October 19th** to book at the discounted rate of \$139/night.

Meeting Venue:

Selkirk and Sawtooth rooms, Idaho Fish and Game state headquarters building
600 S Walnut St, Boise, ID 83712

Parking Information:

We encourage in-person participants to walk from the Holiday Inn to the Meeting venue. Below are some parking options near the meeting venue:

- [meeting location](#)
- [main parking lot](#)
- [adjacent/overflow lot](#)
- [nearby municipal park](#) with lots of parking along Walnut (just N of Idaho Fish & Game), along [entrance road](#), and in the main lot

Monday, October 30th

10:00 am – 5:00 pm Idaho Bird Conservation Partnership - IBCP (in-person and via zoom, all welcome)

Tuesday, October 31st

9:00 am - 11:30 am Idaho Bird Conservation Partnership meeting continues

11:30 am – 1:00 pm LUNCH BREAK

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm **IBCP & Partners in Flight Western Working Group Joint Meeting**

1:00 Quick Intro & Welcome

1:05 Pinyon Jay working group – steering committee meeting and updates, including:

- Quick update on Idaho Pinyon Jay 2023 pilot survey & PhD research – *Lesley Howard, IBO, and Rory Eggleston, Utah State University*
- Pinyon Jay Working Group update – *Scott Somershoe, USFWS*
- Q & A

2:05 Cassia Crossbill: Collaborative Approach to Monitoring and Habitat Management – *Jay Carlisle, Ryan Healey, Brittanie Loftin, and Rob Miller; IBO*



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- 2:25 White-faced Ibis tracking project in context of surface water, flood irrigation, etc.
– *Patrick Donnelly, IWJV, and Brett Gullett, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game*
- 2:50 BREAK
- 3:00 A coupled Human and Natural Systems Approach to Studying Recreation on Public Lands – *Madeline Aberg, Oregon State Univ.*
- 3:30 Assessing Illegal Shooting of Birds Along Power Lines – *Eve Thomason, USGS*
- 4:00 BREAK
- 4:05 brief Rosy-finch Working Group update – *Janice Gardner (to be confirmed), Sageland Collaborative*
- 4:10 Idaho’s Black Rosy-finch Breeding Surveys (& other SGCN too!) – *Tempe Regan, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game*
- 5:00 End of day’s meeting

Wednesday, November 1st

Field Trip(s) - times TBD

Thursday, November 2nd

Simultaneous Spanish/English translation will be available. In-person participants please bring smartphone/laptop with headphones to connect to translation service online.

9:00 am - 11:30 am **Motus**

Objectives: Updates, study design and International Collaborations

9:00 Arrive, Welcome and Introductions

9:05 An update on The Motus Western Regional Working group - Matt Webb, BCR

9:30 Pacific Northwest Motus Strategic Plan – William Blake

9:45 Motus antenna test kits – William Blake

10:00 BREAK

10:10 Local Motus talk -TBD

10:25 Motus project in Canada - TBD

10:40 From idea to reality: the first coastal Motus network in Mexico – Julian Garcia

11:10 Motus in Central America?

- Discussion

11:30 am - 1:00 pm LUNCH BREAK



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1:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Conservation Without Borders**

1:00 Fostering Equitable Engagement

- a. Present the PIF Equitable Engagement Sub-committee (Elva Manquera, Klamath Bird Observatory)
 - i. PIF Equitable Engagement Fellow
 1. Fellow to help center the importance of ongoing landbird conservation efforts by Latin American and Caribbean partners.
 2. Open conversation about other activities/efforts fellow could support. (feedback)
 - b. Highlight examples of on-going efforts across the region
 - i. Urban Bird Program (PAU): birds cross borders - CONABIO, Tatiana Sanchez
 - ii. Weaving networks among women - Red de Observadoras de Aves Amazilias, Patricia Hernandez
 - iii. Strengthening diversity, equity, and inclusion in ornithology through EFTA's Diversity Internship Program, By Stephanie Loredó, Bird Conservation and Internship Programs Lead

2:00 Call for Contributions: Neotropical ornithology from a Neotropical perspective

- a. Present the idea of the initiative (Ana Gonzalez, Canadian Wildlife Service)
 - i. integrate the contributions of indigenous, Afro-descendant, and other minority communities.
 - ii. Contributions are expected from ornithologists, ecologists, conservation practitioners, ethnographers, educators, and social scientists
 - iii. Contributions may be in the form of scientific studies, essays, cultural commentaries, stories from the field, or interviews.
 - iv. Target audience for the book includes wildlife agency professionals, scientists, policy analysts, decision makers, academics, students, amateur naturalists, bird watchers, and citizen/community scientists.
- b. Open conversation on the initiative/feedback questions/answers

2:45:pm – 3:00 pm BREAK

3:00 Enhancing opportunities for collaborative conservation projects

- a. Examples of one-on-one targeted collaborations
 - i. Canada (Becky Stewart, Environment and Climate Change Canada)
 - ii. Southern Wings (Edwin Juarez, Arizona Game and Fish Department)
- b. Integrating project needs/objectives within regional and international conservation plans and strategies - tips and tools for NMBCA projects - Alliance for the Conservation of the Central American Pine-Oak Forest example (Claudia Macias, Pronatura Sur)
- c. Conserving Migratory routes of Long-billed Curlews in their Wintering Grounds (Javier Cruz, OVIS)

4:30 – 5:00 Wrap up



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Friday, November 3rd

08:30 am – 4:30 pm **Species Working Groups**

Framing

Target. Implementation of NABCI/PIF 'Gamechanger # 3' Integrate Conservation Investment Strategies. The PIF WWG is a regular forum that assists in the integration, synthesis and dissemination of information generated from Western Species Working Groups. This will provide a consolidated source of information for collaborations Joint ventures, NGOs and others interested bird conservation at large scales (and using ecosystem-based approach).

Objectives. 1) Identify commonalities, big ideas, common threats and strategies from the different conservation plans from the numerous Western Species Working Groups. 2) Share information on structure, capacity, and succession planning to ensure persistence of Species Working Groups. 3) Publish characteristics of a successful Working Species Group (draft outline started in March 2022). 3) Prepare for discussions at the January Road to Recovery Workshop on various themes for sustainable recovery of species.

0830 -11:30

Conservation planning

8:30 Using the AKN for sensitive species (John Alexander)

9:00 Implementing strategies from conservation business plans: A trilateral example. (John Alexander, Sarahy Contreras, and Becky Stewart)

9:30 Looking for commonality among species working groups. Three big ideas that might be relevant to other groups (10-minutes each. Groups with well-developed plans)

- Western Hummingbird Partnership (Susan Bonfield)
- Pinyon Jays (Scott Somershoe)
- Desert Thrasher Working group (Corrie Borgman)
- Tricolored Blackbird (Xeronimo Casteneda)
- Others (invite others from the audience after they hear above)

10:30 – 10:45 BREAK

10:45 Roundtable discussion on conservation plan strategies and commonalities, how do we use and apply them?

11:30 am - 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Species Working group Continued

1:00 Road to Recovery January Workshop (Brandt Ryder)

1:20 What working groups need to persist, characteristics of a sustainable Working Species Group (Geoff Geupel)



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1:45 – 2:00 BREAK

2:00 Species Working Groups updates (new activities, outcomes, resources etc.)
5-10 minutes each.

- Yellow-billed Cuckoo (Hira Walker)
- Southwest Warbler Working Group (Peggy Darr)
- Western Hummingbird Partnership (Susan Bonfield)
- Yellow Rail (Mike Green)
- Rosy-finch (Tempe Regan)
- Black Swifts (Rob Sparks)
- Tricolored Blackbird (Xeronimo Casteneda)
- Pinyon Jay (Scott Somershoe)
- Desert Thrasher (Corrie Borgman)

3:30 Developing recommendations to reduce impacts from energy development projects –
(Corrie Borgman)

4:00 – 4:30 wrap-up and Next meeting discussion.