Partners in Flight Western Working Group Quick Reference

Nearly two thousand species of migratory and non-migratory landbirds, shorebirds, and waterbirds depend on the multitude of habitats across the west. The Western Working Group strives to protect, restore, and enhance bird populations and their habitats across this entire region. We foster communication, coordination, and cooperation among agencies, organizations, academic institutions, and the public. The clear linkages among birds and habitats compel us to work internationally, to reinforce partnerships, and to develop new mechanisms for conserving both migrant and resident bird species.

We are an informal network of partnerships consisting of local, state, provincial, national, international governments and organizations, Indigenous Nations and communities, as well as industry, resource users and other interested parties, to advance full annual cycle bird conservation. Individuals and organizations participate and form part of the network in various ways. *PIF Western Working Group participants engage in any of these types of activities outlined below (not intended to be an exhaustive list).*

- Collaborating with other partners in the network.
- Participating in PIF WWG biannual meetings and/or Committee meetings
- Developing, sharing and/or using PIF conservation tools
- Implementing actions outlined in conservation plans and share activities and accomplishments
- Subscribing to the PIF WWG email listserv

Key Components
- Develop, promote and implement bird conservation plans
- Develop land manager guides
- Identify and support research and monitoring needs
- Develop new collaborations and networks for effective full annual cycle bird conservation
- Maintain close collaborations with other bird conservation partnerships such as Joint Ventures, Western Hummingbird Partnership, flyway and migratory bird councils, and other national and international groups
- Collectively identify challenges, synthesize information, and generate solutions to be used by resource professionals and the conservation community

- Serve as a forum in support of species working groups, Road to Recovery (R2R), and other priority full annual cycle conservation efforts

- Support application of PIF tools (Avian Conservation Assessment Database, Population Estimates, PIF Migratory Connections) to advance regional and international conservation opportunities

Collaborative Guidelines: We have adopted the document *Guidelines for Engagement: Constructing healthy and long lasting bird conservation partnerships* as recommended best practices that help set expectations for ourselves and for our partners for successful collaboration.

Structure: Chair and Executive Committee. The chair and committee provide general coordination, plans meetings and guides agenda development, makes administrative decisions, tracks progress on products, and ensures the group is represented in other forums.

Technical teams: Western Forest Birds Working Group, Western Motus Network, Conservation Without Borders

External Representation: PIF Steering Committee, Road to Recovery, PIF Science Committee

Point(s) of Contact: Chair—Jennifer L. Davis (jdavis@abcbirds.org)

How to Join: Subscribe to the list-serv @ https://partnersinflight.org/resources/wwg-listserv-information/

Website: Subpage linked from PIF parent webpage: https://partnersinflight.org/working_groups/western/; additional webpages for annual meeting and species working groups

Social media: Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/WWGPIF/

Meeting schedule: In person/virtual meetings twice a year (spring/fall), held tri-nationally throughout Western North America.

Guidance documents: 2016 PIF Landbird Plan, Saving Our Shared Birds, Guidelines for Engagement, 2022 State of the Birds report, regional habitat conservation plans, Conservation Investment Strategies, Species plans

History: Formed in 1991

Other info: Meeting agendas have detailed contacts for specific projects (Motus network expansion, Conservation without Borders, Western Forest Birds, species working groups