Partners in Flight

Working with States, Provinces, and Territories for Landbird Conservation

Allen's Hummingbird. Aaron Maizlish

What is Partners in Flight?

Partners in Flight (PIF) is a dynamic and welcoming network of 150+ organizations dedicated to landbird conservation across the Western Hemisphere, including federal, provincial, and state agencies, non-government organizations, academic researchers, and industry.

PIF is engaged in all aspects of landbird conservation from science, research, planning, and policy, to management, monitoring, education, and outreach. We are all dedicated to PIF's simple, proactive mission: Keeping common birds common and helping species at risk through voluntary partnerships.

How Can PIF Help States, Provinces, and Territories?

PIF provides the tools below to help your work and to deliver conservation. Use these PIF products to revise State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs) and Species of Greatest Conservation Need! Reach out to PIF contacts if you have any questions or need guidance.

Links to the following tools and resources available from the QR code on the back!

1 | Bird Species Prioritization

The PIF Avian Conservation Assessment Database (ACAD) provides information for assessing the conservation vulnerability and status of all bird taxa from Canada through Panama. Regional Stewardship Lists and Joint Venture focal species built from the ACAD can be easily stepped down to state, provincial, or territorial planning.

The PIF Population Estimates Database provides breeding adult population size estimates for U.S. and Canadian landbirds at continental, state/province, and Bird Conservation Region scales.

2 | State eBird Portal

PIF partnered with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology to build an eBird portal for states!

This portal, which provides access to the eBird State-Level Status and Trends Database, Relative Abundance State Maps, Stewardship Connections Maps, and Data by State, can be used to inform your conservation planning and full annual cycle conservation projects.

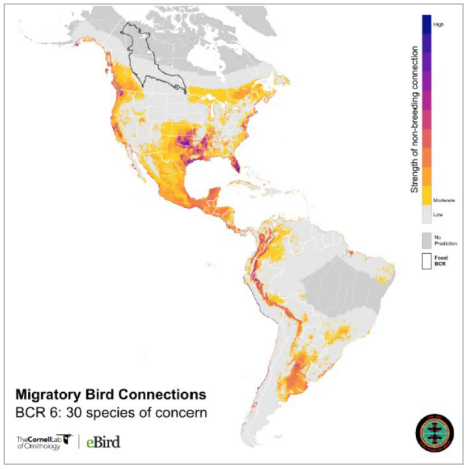
Decline of the North American avifauna (Rosenberg et al. 2019) documented the loss of nearly three billion birds since 1970 in the United States and Canada; it spurred renewed energy and commitment to reverse bird declines and resulted in new funding and initiatives for bird conservation. The PIF Avian Conservation Assessment Database was foundational to this research.

Evening Grosbeak. Ryan Mitchell

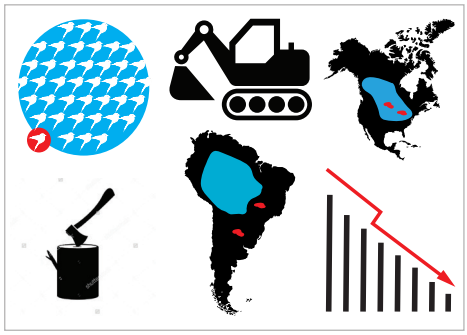
3 | Migratory Connections

The Partners in Flight Technical Series #10: MAKING CONNECTIONS for Bird Conservation (2023) provides maps which link North American breeding birds to nonbreeding geographies to help build new cross-boundary partnerships for bird conservation.

Consider using this full annual cycle science to target investments in Southern Wings to curb threats to our declining migratory birds while they're beyond our borders!



Example of a Stewardship Connection map.



Vulnerability Factors from 2016 PIF Landbird Conservation Plan Update from top left clockwise: Population Size, Threats during Breeding season, Breeding Distribution, Threats during Non-breeding season, Non-breeding Distribution, and Population Trend

4 | PIF Landbird Conservation Plan

This core guidance for the PIF partnership refined and updated the relative vulnerability assessment of 448 species of North American landbirds, and presented new scientific assessments, tools, and recommendations that States, Provinces, and Territories can use to integrate into range-wide and full annual cycle conservation for high priority landbirds.

5 | World Migratory Bird Day

World Migratory Bird Day is PIF's flagship awareness-raising program that serves as a call to action to conserve migratory birds and to inspire collective action across diverse communities.

The annual conservation theme focuses attention on threats to shared species and incorporates PIF messages and priority species. Information is available digitally and in print for use across the Americas in media, at events, in conservation campaigns and more.

Prairie Warbler. William Majoros

Scan the QR code to find ALL the PIF tools and resources mentioned to reverse population declines of landbirds

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