

## Multistate Conservation Grants – CFDA Number: 15.628

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Report Number – Final Report	
Were planned goals/objectives achieved? Yes	
National Conservation Need Addressed: Integrated Bird Conservation, Multistate Planning Efforts to Address Conservation Needs of Species at Risk	

**Progress Achieved** – The progress achieved under the 4 objectives listed below include the accomplishments of the four Regional Coordinators and the Migratory Bird Coordinator

### Goal/Objective 1 : Coordinate Partners in Flight (PIF) Plan Implementation

**Planned Accomplishments:** Assist in landbird project development in the regions through providing technical guidance, objectives and recommendations. Coordinate with other agencies and land managers to incorporate PIF objectives into their management plans. Give presentations at various meetings. Exchange information regarding PIF plans implementation.

#### **Actual Accomplishments:**

- Helped develop the “Landmanagers Guide to Bird Conservation in Pinyon-Juniper”
- Assisted with and ranked North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) proposals for the Sonoran, Atlantic Coast, and Lower Mississippi Valley Joint Venture.
- Advised on West-wide all-bird Monitoring and Assessment Program (WAMAP)
- Participated on the West Gulf Coastal Plain Landbird Technical Team
- Worked with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to insert WAMAP into their training schedule.
- Worked with Joint Ventures to get PIF objectives incorporated into plans
- Developed, attended and/or presented at meetings such as IBA Workshops, Sonoran Joint Venture (JV) board meeting, Inter Mountain West JV integration committee, state all bird workshops, Regional Association meetings, North American Ornithological Conference, US Forest Service (USFS) Region 8 and 9 forest planning meeting, SE PIF and NE PIF meetings, US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Region 2 Refuges meeting, IAFWA annual meeting, NE Wildlife Technical Committee meetings, Bird Conservation Region (BCR) 22 planning meeting, USFS/BLM joint meeting on landbird conservation, North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, Playa Lakes JV, USFS regional PIF workshops, Midwest Bird Symposium planning meeting, and Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative planning meetings
- Provided technical assistance at the Mexican species assessment meeting
- Assisted in developing and planning the 3<sup>rd</sup> International PIF Conference
- Attended PIF Implementation Committee meetings. Worked on topics such as the development of State Comprehensive Wildlife Strategies, “stepping down” objectives and priority species lists from the regional and national bird plans to the States for implementation in the state strategies, and coordinated bird monitoring.
- Contracted with PIF Continental Plan writers to develop a package for the states that includes PIF objectives and priorities for each state and BCR to provide information for the state strategies
- Member of steering committee for the Wildlife Habitat Council’s Corporate Campaign for Migratory Bird Conservation
- Worked with the Wildlife Management Institute on ideas for increasing bird funding and with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to develop more support for bird conservation activities

**Goal/Objective 2** : Coordinate National Shorebird and Waterbird Plan Implementation

**Planned Accomplishments:** Coordinate with the plans at the regional, BCR, JV or state level.

**Actual Accomplishments:**

- Coordinated and integrated shorebird and waterbird planning information and discussions into all-bird workshops.
- Developed and conducted the Shorebird/Waterbird State Working Group meetings at the IAFWA's annual meeting and at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference.
- Assisted with background planning information on marshbirds.
- Compiled waterbird plan assessment scores for Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory.
- Worked with West Gulf Coastal Plain to develop preliminary waterbird priorities.
- Met regularly with the national coordinators for the Shorebird and Waterbird initiatives on implementation strategies.
- Worked with National Coordinators and Regional Plan contacts to integrate PIF and Shorebird and Waterbird objectives at the physiographic area, BCR, state, and national level.
- Worked with National Coordinators and Regional Plan contacts to step down information from shorebird and waterbird plans to the states for use in the State strategies
- Worked with JVs to create shorebird and waterbird technical committees
- Involved with waterbird planning in BCRs 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, and 24

**Goal/Objective 3:** Facilitate opportunities for integration across all bird initiatives and strengthen the commitment of partners

**Planned Accomplishments:** Work to integrate PIF objectives into other initiatives.

**Actual Accomplishments:**

- Conducted all bird workshops with partners from state and federal agencies, non governmental organizations, land managers, industry partners, and concerned citizens.
- Worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority to develop priority species lists for projects
- Assisted with species assessments on Edward's Plateau and South Texas Brushlands physiographic areas
- Participated on the West Gulf Coastal Plain landbird Technical Team to develop priority species list and landbird objectives
- Worked with BLM to insert WAMAP into their training schedule.
- Worked with Joint Ventures to get PIF objectives incorporated into plans
- Provided staff support to the IAFWA's president in his capacity on the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI) by helping develop US NABCI Committee agendas and working with the staff of the US NABCI Committee to move forward actions of the US NABCI Committee.
- Member of US NABCI Committee's Communications Working Group
- Coordinated with the Northern Bobwhite Conservation Initiative to integrate bird initiative objectives

**Goal/Objective 4:** Lead in the refinement and evaluation of PIF Plans through Sound Science

**Planned Accomplishments:** Revise, refine, and complete plans using latest scientific information on species and habitats. Keep the plans up to date and on website. Serve on PIF Prioritization Technical Committee. Help coordinate research and monitoring projects for priority species. Conduct workshops and facilitate meetings among PIF regions, state working groups, and National PIF working groups.

**Actual Accomplishments:**

- Conducted 13 all bird workshops in the following states Kentucky, Texas, Arizona, Indiana, Maine, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Virginia, Idaho, Montana/Wyoming, Minnesota, and Michigan
- Completed the Partners in Flight North American LandBird Conservation Plan (Continental Plan).
- Placed on the website, updated, reviewed, and/or wrote the PIF regional and state plans listed in Table 1 below. They are located on the US PIF website at <http://www.partnersinflight.org/>.

Table 1: Partner in Flight Plans

<b>Physiographic or State Plan</b>	<b>Physiographic or State Plan</b>	<b>Physiographic or State Plan</b>
<a href="#">Subtropical Florida</a>	<a href="#">Allegheny Plateau</a>	<a href="#">Basin and Range</a>
<a href="#">Peninsular Florida</a>	<a href="#">Adirondack Mountains</a>	<a href="#">Mexican Highlands</a>
<a href="#">South Atlantic Coastal Plain</a>	<a href="#">Northern New England</a>	<a href="#">Sonoran Desert</a>
<a href="#">East Gulf Coastal Plain</a>	<a href="#">Spruce-Hardwood Forest</a>	<a href="#">Mojave Desert</a>
<a href="#">Mississippi Alluvial Valley</a>	<a href="#">Prairie Peninsula</a>	<a href="#">Mogollon Rim</a>
<a href="#">South Texas Brushlands</a>	<a href="#">Dissected Till Plains</a>	<a href="#">Mesa and Plains</a>
<a href="#">Oaks and Prairies</a>	<a href="#">Osage Plains</a>	<a href="#">Wyoming Basin</a>
<a href="#">Southern New England</a>	<a href="#">Central Mixed-grass Prairie</a>	<a href="#">Colorado Plateau</a>
<a href="#">Mid Atlantic Piedmont</a>	<a href="#">Central Shortgrass Prairie</a>	<a href="#">Columbia Plateau</a>
<a href="#">Southern Piedmont</a>	<a href="#">Northern Mixed-grass Prairie</a>	<a href="#">Central and Southern California Coast and Valleys</a>
<a href="#">Mid Atlantic Ridge and Valley</a>	<a href="#">Northern Shortgrass Prairie</a>	<a href="#">Southern Pacific Rainforests</a>
<a href="#">Southern Ridge and Valley</a>	<a href="#">Northern Tallgrass Prairie</a>	<a href="#">Alaska</a>
<a href="#">Interior Low Plateaus</a>	<a href="#">West Gulf Coastal Plain</a>	<a href="#">Arizona</a>
<a href="#">Lower Great Lakes Plain</a>	<a href="#">Mid Atlantic Coastal Plain</a>	<a href="#">California</a>
<a href="#">Upper Great Lakes Plain</a>	<a href="#">Edwards Plateau</a>	<a href="#">Colorado pdf version (879KB)</a> <a href="#">html version</a>
<a href="#">Northern Ridge and Valley</a>	<a href="#">Rolling Red Plains</a>	<a href="#">Idaho</a>
<a href="#">St. Lawrence Plain</a>	<a href="#">Pecos and Staked Plains</a>	<a href="#">Montana</a>
<a href="#">Ozark-Ouachita Plateau</a>	<a href="#">Chihuahuan Desert</a>	<a href="#">Nevada</a>
<a href="#">Boreal Hardwood Transition</a>	<a href="#">Southern Rocky Mountains</a>	<a href="#">New Mexico</a>
<a href="#">Northern Cumberland Plateau</a>	<a href="#">Central Rocky Mountains</a>	<a href="#">Oregon/Washington</a>
<a href="#">Ohio Hills</a>	<a href="#">Sierra Nevada</a>	<a href="#">Utah</a>
<a href="#">Southern Blue Ridge</a>	<a href="#">Utah Mountains</a>	<a href="#">Wyoming</a>

- Participated in the cerulean warbler, golden winged warbler, swallow-tailed kite, and painted bunting initiatives. This included participating in the Cerulean Warbler Summit Meeting, working on funding the development of a State Conservation Agreement (SCA) for the cerulean warbler, and participating in the cerulean and golden winged warbler atlas projects.

**Primary Project Objective:** To provide technical and other assistance to the states to implement All-Bird Conservation across the U.S. This will include assistance in implementing Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plans, the U.S. Shorebird Plan, and the North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, in cooperation and coordination with the North American Waterfowl Management Plan and the emerging resident game bird initiatives.

**Overall Benefits Derived:** Overall, The four objectives have been met and completed within budget.

The grant was critical in completing, revising, and/or reviewing PIF physiographic and state plans, and the PIF Continental Plan. The completion of the Continental Plan is a major milestone, as it provides a programmatic tie-in for the nearly 50 state and regional plans. The plan also provides the first attempt at

population estimates and objectives for 448 species of landbird in the US and Canada. The regional plans and the Continental Plan provide states with an excellent source of population, habitat, research, and monitoring information on landbirds.

The thirteen all-bird conservation workshops have been highly successful in achieving their goal of providing state resource managers and their partners with information on the major findings and recommendations found in newly completed national and regional bird conservation plans. They have given regional managers the opportunity to ask questions of subject matter experts, discuss their concerns, and receive answers to technical questions. They have helped state biologists to identify and overcome obstacles to local bird conservation efforts. Perhaps more importantly, the workshops have provided a forum for personal and organizational relationships to grow, thereby enhancing future cooperative efforts.

Coordination between the initiatives and between the initiatives and other entities (e.g., federal and state agencies, NGOs, land managers, and industry) has improved due to the efforts of the Regional Coordinators and Migratory Bird Coordinator through presentations, workshops, meetings, on the ground projects, and information sharing. Implementation of the bird initiatives has been enhanced through work with the states, Joint Ventures, NABCI, and federal agencies. Initiative coordination has provided the states with data and information on birds through the plans that were developed and through information exchange and coordination. The states have received and continue to receive a wealth of assistance such as technical information on landbirds, shorebirds, and waterbirds for use in the state wildlife strategies.

Note: The grant agreement includes a request for hard copies of each deliverable to be sent to the Conservation Library at the National Conservation Training Center, and the Natural Resources Library of the Department of the Interior. Due to the number (see Table 1 above) and size (approximately 100-200 pages each) of the deliverables it is cost prohibitive and would require a prohibitive amount of paper resources. Therefore, to economically and efficiently accommodate the request, we were planning on including CDs with copies of each deliverables. However, the website where the plans are housed is a Bureau of Land Management website, which is currently unavailable due to court order. We spoke with the Administrator of the plans website and he is unable to provide electronic copies of the plans. However, once access is restored he will forward the electronic copies to us. In turn we will provide the copies to the USFWS Fed Aid Office. Accompanying this final report is a CD that includes three sample physiographic area plans and a CD that includes the deliverables under the contract with Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

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