# Supporting information needs of State and Federal Agencies

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# GLOBAL REACH, LOCAL IMPACT



### RELATIVE ABUNDANCE







Cardellina canadensis

### Abundance

Estimates of relative abundance for every week of the year animated to show movement patterns. Relative abundance is the estimated average count of individuals detected by an eBirder during a 1 hour, 1 kilometer traveling checklist at the optimal time of day for each species.

### Weekly relative abundance

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Modeled area (0 abundance) No prediction

eBird data from 2008-2022. Estimated for 2022.

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## SEASONAL ABUNDANCE MAPS





Static map 🔵

Post-breeding migratory season 2 Aug - 22 Nov

0.06

Layer opacity

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Learn more

### Seasons timeline

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### **Regional stats**

Countries, territories, and dependencies

United States

Subregions

Massachusetts

Stats 🕜	Non	Pre
Mean relative abundance		0.06
Percent of seasonal modeled population		0.8%
Percent of region occupied		81%
Percent of modeled range in region		0.6%
Days of occupation in region		35

### Downloads



# WEEKLY RELATIVE ABUNDANCE



### Static map

Estimates of relative abundance for every week of the year animated to show movement patterns. Relative abundance is the estimated average count of ...

### Learn more

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### Custom shapes stats

Draw a shape on the map to generate a summary table or chart for that custom area of interest.



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## TREND MAPS 2012-2022

Status and Trends > All species



### Static map

This map depicts the cumulative change in estimated relative abundance from 2012 through 2022 with circles representing 27km x 27km regions. Red indicates decline and blue indicates increase. The darker the color, the stronger the trend. White circles represent locations where the trend estimate is not significantly different from zero (i.e., the 80% confidence interval contains zero). Circle sizes are scaled by the estimated relative abundance at the middle of the time period.

### Learn more

Abundance trend Pct. change, 2012-2022

-30%	-20	-10	Uncertain	+10
Show	all tre		ncluding thos	
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Countries, territories, and dependencies United States Subregions Massachusetts Trend (confidence intervals) 😮 -18.7% Upper -27.9% Median -29.4% Lower

### Downloads







## APPLICATIONS: USFWS



## WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT





Ruiz-Gutierrez et al, 2021



## WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT

### Max annual relative abundance eBird





Ruiz-Gutierrez et al, 2021

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## POPULATION UPDATE 2020

### Estimate of population size 2018-2019 316,708 **BALD EAGLES**

42,068 Pacific (North) Flyway no estimate **4X** Increase in 10 years based 30,427 on population **Central Flyway** 159,772 recovery and new eBird estimation Mississippi Flyway methods





U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# 2020 Update



Stuber et al, 2022

Photo: Bald Eagle by Randy Walker/Macaulay Library

### POPULATION SIZE FOR GOLDEN EAGLES



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Stillman et al,2023







### Permits for Incidental Take of Eagles and Eagle Nests

A Rule by the Fish and Wildlife Service on 02/12/2024

### **Eagle Incidental Take Permits for Wind Energy**

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With this rulemaking, the Service seeks to implement efficiencies in authorizing incidental take associated with wind energy projects. This final rule creates a general permit option for projects in areas that are low risk to eagles. We also revise the specific permit process to provide clarity to applicants and ensure processing is efficient and consistent with the preservation standard. With broader participation in permitting, the Service anticipates increased benefits to eagle populations as more projects implement avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures.

The Service uses a combination of eagle relative abundance and proximity to eagle nests as eligibility criteria for wind energy general permits. The Service uses the Cornell Status and Trends definition of relative abundance and relative abundance products (Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York, available at: *https://science.ebird.org/en/status-and-trends*). Relative abundance values determined for a project must be based on these publicly available Status and Trends relative abundance products for bald eagles and golden eagles. To help project proponents quickly determine eagle relative abundance, the Service will maintain an online mapping tool (*https://arcg.is/CKLKy1*).



### **N** -DOCUMENT DETAILS Printed version: PDF Publication Date: 02/12/2024 Agencies: Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Dates: Effective April 12, 2024.

🕞 Rule

### PROTECTING BALD AND GOLDEN EAGLES







0.35

0.25 0.20 0.15 0.10

0.05 0.00

## IMPACT ASSESSMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT



- Bald and Golden Eagle exposure; 80<sup>th</sup> quantile (3,050m x 2,520m)



# ACCESS TO DATA PRODUCTS



### DOWNLOADS

### **Data Products**

### Relative abundance: 624 US (2,424 World) 3x3 km Weekly and summaries Standardized across species Metrics for CI

Trends: 593 US (856 World) 27 x 27km Metrics for CI Past 10yrs



### Abundance downloads

Relative abundance is the estimated average count of individuals detected by an eBirder during a 1 hour, 1 kilometer traveling checklist at the optimal time of day for each species.

### Abundance map images (PNG)

- Abundance map (All seasons)
- Abundance map (Breeding season)
- Abundance map (Non-breeding season)
- Abundance map (Pre-breeding migration season)
- Abundance map (Post-breeding migration season)

### Weekly abundance animation MP4

Weekly abundance animation

### Abundance geospatial data (raster)

- Mean abundance raster (All seasons)
- Max abundance raster (All seasons)
- Mean abundance raster (Breeding season)
- Max abundance raster (Breeding season)
- Mean abundance raster (Non-breeding season)
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- Mean abundance raster (Post-breeding migration season)
- Max abundance raster (Post-breeding migration season)





# U.S. State-Level eBird Data Summaries

An eBird data portal for use in State Wildlife **Action Plans** 

Get Your State Data



https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/us-state-level-conservation-data-summaries/#state-data



# INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS



### Learn More About the Project



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### Introduction to the Project

This is a short introductory video for our project to support the information needs of state wildlife agencies using data and results from eBird. We will introduce the team and share a brief overview of the project. Along the way, we'll share examples of current ways eBird Status and Trends results are applied to conservation and management.

Video by Viviana Ruiz-Gutierrez.

### Introduction to eBird Status & Trends Data Products

The eBird Status and Trends (S&T) Project has been working for the past 15 years to develop robust, accurate, and scalable inferences on the occurrence, abundance, distribution, and trends of North American birds. Currently, the S&T project has generated estimates of relative abundance for every week of the year, at high



# DATA DOWNLOAD PAGE





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Arkansas All Data
California All Data
Colorado All Data
Connecticut All Data
Delaware All Data
Florida All Data
<u>Georgia All Data</u>
<u>Hawaii All Data</u>



## EXAMPLE OF AVAILABLE DATA

Passeriformes > Passerellidae

# Saltmarsh Sparrow

Ammospiza caudacuta

EN Endangered







# EBIRD STATE TABLE DATA

species	swap	sgcn	pct_brd_pop	max_week_pct_pop	max_abd_week
Saltmarsh Sparrow	NA	1	18.0848917	19.2025394	28
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Blue-winged Warbler	NA	1	4.3564063	2.8067703	19
Virginia Rail	NA	1	3.3866494	6.3899955	19
Roseate Tern	NA	1	2.4530389	13.8489971	32
American Woodcock	NA	1	2.3938261	2.5296891	11
Prairie Warbler	NA	1	2.3264965	2.4398006	19

Column	
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max_abd_week	The week of the year

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### Interpretation

- on in North America that is found in the state during the breeding season
- round value of percent of the population in North erica that is found in the state
- where we find the maximum percentage of the population in the state

## EBIRD STATE VISUALIZATIONS



Massachusetts - Saltmarsh Sparrow 18.08% of modeled population (breeding season)

The Cornell Lab eBird



Massachusetts - Saltmarsh Sparrow Week with maximum state abundance centered around 2020-07-13

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# EBIRD STATE VISUALIZATIONS



### Massachusetts - Roseate Tern 2.45% of modeled population (breeding season)

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**e**Bird



### SHARED STEWARDSHIP CONNECTIONS

### common\_name

Wood Duck American Oystercatcher Piping Plover American Woodcock Double-crested Cormorant

Broad-winged Hawk Gray Catbird Wood Thrush Saltmarsh Sparrow Eastern Towhee Baltimore Oriole Ovenbird Worm-eating Warbler Louisiana Waterthrush Blue-winged Warbler Blackburnian Warbler

Pine Warbler Prairie Warbler Scarlet Tanager Rose-breasted Grosbeak

### Stewardship Connections Massachusetts: 21 breeding species







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Uniqueness of US Stewardship Connections





# NEXT STEPS

### EBIRD STATE TABLE DATA

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Other?	

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- opulation trend 2002-2022
- n trend for the State 2002-2022
- sociation for each species

# EBIRD STATE TABLE DATA





Week with maximum state abundance centered around 2020-07-The**Cornell**Lab **e**Bird

High	
Low 0	
No Prediction <b>State</b>	
Border	
-13	

## DATA DOWNLOAD PAGE

### CornellLab

### Data by State

### Click the links to **download zipped files** of helpful eBird data by state

U.S. State	Download eBird State Table Data	Breeding tiff	Max tiff	Images	Stewardship
Alabama	<u>Alabama Tabular Data Summary</u>				
Alaska	<u>Alaska Tabular Data Summary</u>				
Arizona	<u>Arizona Tabular Data Summary</u>				
Arkansas	<u>Arkansas Tabular Data Summary</u>				
California	<u>California Tabular Data Summary</u>				
Colorado	<u>Colorado Tabular Data Summary</u>				
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Georgia	<u>Georgia Tabular Data Summary</u>				
Hawaii	<u>Hawaii Tabular Data Summary</u>				

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# Thank you!

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# Stewardship Connections & Uniqueness of Stewardship Connections Maps



### **SPECIES SELECTION**

- Migratory species with high quality eBird Status and Trends data for both breeding and nonbreeding seasons
  - At least 1% of the species' total breeding population breeds in a given state 0
  - 0 season
- Same folder as maps



stewardship\_connection\_species\_MO.csv

Missouri's species list

# At least 85% of the breeding population in the state migrates out during the nonbreeding



common\_name

Wood Duck

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird** 

Green Heron

Mississippi Kite

**Broad-winged Hawk** 

Eastern Wood-Pewee

Acadian Flycatcher

Eastern Phoebe

## STEWARDSHIP CONNECTIONS MAPS

Weighted Sum by species 



state % breeding population



nonbreeding abundance











## UNIQUENESS OF STEWARDSHIP CONNECTIONS MAPS

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= TOTAL

- Proportion of stewardship connections
- Relative to US states



### State 1: Alaska



### State 2: Arkansas





### Given State: Missouri

### Uniqueness of US Stewardship Connections Missouri: 49 breeding species

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# FULL ANNUAL CYCLE CONSERVATION

### **Migratory Bird Connections**

Alaska: 76 breeding species







Strength of non-breeding connection

Moderate

No Prediction

Focal State

Low

### **Migratory Bird Connections**

Alaska: 76 breeding species









Focal State





# FULL ANNUAL CYCLE CONSERVATION

### **Migratory Bird Connections** Missouri: 17 species of concern





Strength of non-breeding connection

Moderate

Low

No

Focal State

Prediction



### **Migratory Bird Connections** Missouri: 6 grassland species







Strength of non-breeding connection

# FULL ANNUAL CYCLE CONSERVATION

### Stewardship Connections Northeast: 89 breeding species







Strength of non-breeding connection

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