

# What is Partners in Flight?

Partners in Flight (PIF) was created in 1990 to address declines in the populations of a number of long-distance migrant landbirds. PIF continues to bring together agencies, organizations, institutions, foundations, corporations, academic universities and other entities, that share an interest in advancing landbird conservation ([www.PartnersInFlight.org](http://www.PartnersInFlight.org)).

## Partners In Flight Mission

- ❖ Helping Species at Risk
- ❖ Keeping Common Birds Common
- ❖ Voluntary Partnerships for Birds, Habitats and People

## Species Assessment Database

The foundation for setting priorities among the many species, habitats and issues for the landbirds of North America is the PIF Species Assessment Database (<http://pif.rmbo.org>) wherein the future vulnerability of 888 species that regularly breed in the US, Canada, or Mexico species is evaluated. Information can be viewed for the global population or by Bird Conservation Region. Species assessment scores and related attributes are used by federal agencies, state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and scientists in a huge variety of conservation plans and actions.

## North American Landbird Conservation Plan

The North American Landbird Conservation Plan (2004) not only arrayed the landbirds of North America by vulnerability score, but also contained the first global population estimates for these species, the first monitoring needs assessment and the first population objectives at the species level. Estimates and objectives are used to this day in conservation design across North America.

## Saving Our Shared Birds

Saving Our Shared Birds ([www.SavingOurSharedBirds.org](http://www.SavingOurSharedBirds.org)) extended the species vulnerability assessment to all 882 regularly breeding landbird species in the US, Canada and Mexico. A major accomplishment was to delineate those areas of Mexico where high-priority resident species and high-priority migrants overlap in winter. These areas have been targeted for increased conservation attention. SOSBirds is available in English, French and Spanish.



## State of the Birds

State of the Birds reports ([www.StateOfTheBirds.org](http://www.StateOfTheBirds.org)) have been produced in 2009, 2010 and 2011, providing important scientific data for all bird species in the US. Many of the analyses and approaches have been based on the Partners in Flight approach. The 2011 report looks at bird conservation on the 850 million acres of land and 3.5 million square miles of ocean that belong to the American people.

## International Migratory Bird Day

International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) is the only international education program that celebrates the migration of nearly 350 species of migratory birds between nesting habitats in North America and non-breeding grounds in Latin America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Each year IMBD explores a different aspect of migratory birds and their conservation. This year's theme is Connecting People to Bird Conservation ([www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org)).

## Bird Education Alliance for Conservation

The Bird Education Alliance for Conservation (BEAC) is a coalition of educators representing universities, bird observatories, local, state, and federal agencies, and environmental education and conservation groups. BEAC ([www.birdedalliance.org/](http://www.birdedalliance.org/)) develops effective ways to implement bird conservation through education and serves as the Communication and Education working Group for PIF.

## Strategic Action Plan

PIF celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in bird conservation in 2010. To kickoff the next 20 years, we produced a strategic action plan that identifies 85 specific tasks to be achieved within the next three years. Also identified were *Key Partners for Implementation*, which include 78 agencies, non-governmental organizations, committees, and partnerships. The plan is available at [www.PartnersInFlight.org](http://www.PartnersInFlight.org).

## Join us!!

All PIF working groups and committees are open to all interested individuals at the state, region, national and international levels. Contact PIF National Coordinator Terry Rich ([terry\\_rich@fws.gov](mailto:terry_rich@fws.gov)) to find out where you can help!

