



## Partners in Flight Western Working Group Meeting

### DRAFT Agenda

16-18 April 2019

Ft. Collins, CO

#### Meeting Objectives:

- Sessions: MOTUS, Grasslands, and Alpine bird!
- Subcommittee updates, engaging discussions, and much more.....

#### Tuesday, April 16

- 1:00 Welcome by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies (Tammy Van Cauteren, 15 min)
- 1:15 Logistics, introductions and agenda/meeting overview (Scott Somershoe, 15 min)
- 1:30 MOTUS Subcommittee - update (Presentation Mary Whitfield, 30 min including discussion)
- 2:00 Great Plains MOTUS network planning (Presentation Matt Webb, 15 min)
- 2:15 MOTUS in the Great Plains and the West. Planning, coordination, and strategizing (Facilitators: Mary Whitfield, Matt Webb, others, Discussion 30 min)
- 2:45 Break (15 min)
- 3:00 Working with oil and gas industry to conserve habitat for birds (Presentation Ali Duvall, 20 min, Discussion 10 min)
- 3:30 Shining a light on nocturnal species: targeted citizen science surveys increase detections, trend estimation precision, and habitat prediction for nightjars (Presentation Elly Knight 25 min, 5 min discussion)
- 4:00 Monitoring for a conservation and management in Colorado and beyond (Presentation Jennifer Timmer, 20 min, Discussion 10 min)
- 4:30 Black Swift Working Group update (Presentation Rob Sparks, 15 min)
- 4:45 Avicaching update (Presentation Geoff Geupel, 15 min, including discussion)
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 6:00 Possible WWG Evening Social TBD

**Wednesday, April 17**

**Grassland Birds Session**

- 9:00 Introduction – Scott Somershoe (15 minutes)
- 9:15 Long-billed Curlew Project update, Full-Annual Cycle approach (Presentation Jay Carlisle 20 min, Discussion 10 min)
- 9:45 Connectivity, migration and habitat use of Long-billed Curlews from the northwest part of their range (Presentation David Bradley 20 min, Discussion 10 min)
- 10:15 Grazed vs. ungrazed grassland bird response (Presentation Rema Sadak, 20 min, Discussion 10 min)
- 10:45 Break (15 min)
- 11:00 A Baird's life: Full Annual Cycle monitoring and modeling of grassland birds in North America (Presentation Jacy Bernath-Plaisted and Erin Strasser 25 min, Discussion 5 min)
- 11:30 Stewardship efforts on private lands for grassland birds in Mexico (Presentation Arvind Panjabi, 25 min, Discussion 5 min)

**12:00-1:30 Lunch (90 min)**

- 1:30 Grazing effects on nesting McCown's Longspurs at Pawnee Experimental Research Station (Presentation Amber Carver, 25 min, Discussion 5 min)
- 2:00 If we graze it, will they come? The importance of local and regional context to effective grazing management for grassland birds. (Presentation Kristin Davis, 25 min, discussion 5 min)
- 2:30 Mountain Plover conservation in Colorado (Presentation Angela Dwyer, 25 min, Discussion 5 min)
- 3:00 Break (15 min)
- 3:30 Plague management on prairie dog colonies maintains habitat for grassland passerines and raptors (Presentation Reesa Conrey, 25 min, Discussion 5 min)
- 4:00 Discussion on grassland birds, priorities, coordination, and the role of PIF, WWG, other partnerships (Facilitators: Scott Somershoe, BCR staff, others, 1 hour)
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 6:00 Group dinner

**Thursday, April 18**

- 9:00 Welcome and logistics
- 9:15 Using eBird to prioritize conservation throughout the annual cycle for Neotropical migrants (Presentation Scott Wilson 30 min, including discussion)
- 9:45 Bird responses to Fire, Tree Mortality, Drought, and Climate in Sierra Nevada Forests (Presentation L. Jay Roberts and Ryan Burnett, 30 min including discussion)
- 10:15 How is Climate Change Affecting Yosemite's Birds? (Presentation Steve Albert, 20 min including discussion)
- 10:35 Break (10 min)
- 10:45 Habitat management for hummingbirds using fire as the tool (Presentation Sue Bonfield, 25 min, Discussion 5 min)
- 11:15 Western Hummer Partnership (Presentation Sue Bonfield, 15 min)
- 11:30 Black Rail surveys in Colorado (Presentation Liza Rossi/David Klute, 25 min, Discussion 5 min)

**12:00-1:00 Lunch (60 min) We will order in lunch, PLEASE BRING CASH**

- 1:00 Southern White-tailed Ptarmigan (*Lagopus leucura altipetens*) overall status assessment for a species of concern in Colorado's alpine (Presentation Amy Seglund, 30 min, Discussion 15 min)
- 1:45 Brown-capped Rosy-Finch surveys to determine occupancy, abundance and nest site selection (Presentation Amy Seglund, 15 min, Discussion 5 min)
- 2:05 Black Rosy-Finch survey (Presentation Rema Sadak, 15 min)
- 2:20 New approaches to quantifying the contributions of land ownerships to birds (Presentation Orien Richmond, 25 min, Discussion, 5 min)
- 2:50 Break (15 min)
- 3:05 Genoscape project update and collaboration opportunities (Presentation Kristin Reugg, 25 min)
- 3:30 World Migratory Bird Day (Presentation Sue Bonfield, 15 min)
- 3:45 PIF Steering Committee Update (Geoff Geupel, 30 min)

## PIF Western Working Group Meeting, April 2019

4:15 Business Meeting:

- PIF WWG engagement with PIF Science Committee – new/continuing WWG liaison (Scott Somershoe)
- Update on new WWG web site, the WWG survey, and ongoing integration with the national PIF web site (Edwin Juarez, Mike Green, 15 min)
- NEW PIF WWG CHAIR! Scott hands off the gavel.
- Fall 2019 meeting, where, when?

4:55 Wrap up

5:00 Adjourn