Current initiatives and priorities

Founded in 1994 to “conserve birds and their habitats across the Americas

HOW WE DO IT:

ABC’S STRATEGIC BIRD CONSERVATION FRAMEWORK
BirdScapes
Conserving Habitats for Birds of Conservation Concern

Here's where ABC is working with partners to bring back the birds

This map depicts areas where ABC and partners are active, or are planning to be active, in delivering on-the-ground bird habitat conservation through BirdScapes. Further areas will be added in the future.

BirdScapes are landscape-scale areas identified by ABC that provide habitat to help sustain or recover targeted migratory bird species or populations. We’re establishing BirdScapes on breeding, wintering, and stopover areas throughout the Western Hemisphere at the intersection of critical bird habitats and conservation opportunity.

ACTIVE BIRDSCAPES

1. Northwestern Prairie
2. Northern Prairie
5. Cheyenne Headwaters
6. Minnesota Northwoods
7. Wisconsin Northwoods
8. Upper Peninsula
9. Pennsylvania Wilds
10. Poconos
12. Missouri Timbers
13. Blackland Prairie
14. Northeastern Prairie
15. Higher Country
16. EL Tories
17. Central Illinois
18. Septemberal
19. San Luis Valley
20. Eastern Colombian Andes

PLANNED BIRDSCAPES

21. Northern Wisconsin
22. Central Wisconsin
23. Southern Wisconsin
24. Chihuahuan Desert
25. Sonoran Desert
26. Central Plateau
27. Southeastern Plateau
28. Southern California
29. Southern California
30. Western Lowlands
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Active BirdScapes
Planned BirdScapes

ABC is grateful for the following partners who have committed to help deliver projects and, where region has otherwise constrained as in length of the development of an unsuitable appendix, populations in the United States, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. As a result of the collaboration among diverse partners, BirdScapes is a collaborative effort of ABC, the American Birding Association, the Audubon Society, the National Audubon Society, the National Audubon Society, and the National Audubon Society. A complete list of partners will appear when this map is added to other sections of the publication.
ABC Joint Venture Peeps
• Staff in 9 Joint Venture
• 16 JV staff work for ABC (17 by June 2019)
• Serve on 10 JV Management Boards
“Dream” projects and unaddressed needs

- Think Large Scale – flyways and full life cycle
- Focus on migratory birds that stay in US and Canada and aren’t long distance migrants
- Ensure that the information that gets generated in species working groups gets out to conservation partners and is applied
Challenges and impediments to implementation

- Need habitat management BMPs for listed species and communication tools for land managers/owners who can implement BMPs
- Needs related to mid-continent shorebirds and waterbirds
- Should Eastern PIF broaden to cover more than landbirds?
- Fire and inability to use proactively
- Negative public perception about forestry
- Translating national population objectives to on the ground needs – how much and where – flyway scale more so than JV scale
- Funders want to know if we are having success on the ground but are unwilling to fund monitoring/research. What have we learned from monitoring that can help us improve? Monitoring should be attached to delivery and response to be sure we are getting a return on habitat investments
- Need engagement within Mississippi Flyway for a workshop related to grassland multi-state projects