

Partnerships for Birds

Each year, some 350 bird species migrate between summer and winter habitats. Their flights span state and national boundaries and have inspired unique partnerships dedicated to bird conservation. This year *International Migratory Bird Day* celebrates successful collaborations through the conservation stories of 20 species. Learn more from these examples.

Wood Duck

The Wood Duck is a conservation success story.



Thanks to the conservation efforts of hunters, birdwatchers, and the general public, the Wood Duck is one of the most abundant waterfowl species in North America. Hunters held off hunting while the species recovered, and special boxes were erected to provide nesting places where there were none.

Atlantic Puffin

Thanks to 36 years of dedication by biologists, volunteers, and student interns, Atlantic puffins are back in Maine and their numbers are rising. Involving careful and creative preparations, 1000 puffin chicks were carefully moved from Canada to Maine over 9 summers. Thanks to dedicated partnerships, 600 pair now nest on five islands in Maine where they had once been extirpated.



Swainson's Hawk

The death's of some 20,000 Swainson's hawks in Argentina brought researchers in the U.S. and Argentina together with the chemical industry to restrict the use of the deadly chemical, monocrotophos. Feeding in agriculture fields, the hawks had eaten grasshoppers poisoned by the insecticide banned in the United States. This incident underscored the need to stop the export of these known deadly pesticides. Since this time, Swainson's Hawk populations have stabilized.



Tufted Jay

The showy tufted jay lives in a very small area of the pine-oak forests of northwestern. A large portion of its habitat lies within El Palmito Ejido. The Ejidos are Mexico's system of community-shared lands from which the timber is a valued economic source. Today, the community is working with partners to diversify their income through ecotourism that will protect the habitat for the Tufted Jay and other species.



Northern Bobwhite

The Northern Bobwhite, once a common bird and favored game species, has disappeared from much of its habitat. Today, *Answer the Call* is an exciting partnership of conservation groups that are working to increase the food, cover and water that healthy quail populations need.



Grassland Birds

The burrowing owl and long billed curlew are among the grassland bird species that are declining more rapidly than any other group of North American birds. Most grassland habitat is in private hands, so landowners are critical to bird conservation. Conservation organizations are working closely with landowners to ensure habitat for these birds by scheduling haying and plowing compatible with the nesting season, conserving native plants, and grazing cattle on remaining grasslands.



You Can Be A Partner too!

- Plant native plants.
- Avoid using pesticides in your yard.
- Keep cats indoors and dogs on leashes at the beach.
- Volunteer for a bird conservation project
- Take kids birding

International Migratory Bird Day

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