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single and steadfast commitment to achieving
conservation results for birds and their
habitats throughout the Americas.

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## Message from the Chairman and President







ABC President George Fenwick

#### Dear valued supporter:

As we write this, American Bird Conservancy is nearing its 20th anniversary and preparing to celebrate two decades of bird conservation achievement. As the pages of this 2013 report attest, we have made remarkable strides to protect birds across the Americas—last year and through the past decades. In fact, we believe that no other organization has done as much to protect America's birds as ABC. Thanks so much for making our bird conservation work possible!

Earlier this year, we asked a group of people relatively new to ABC what attracted them to us. We expected to hear about people's favorite programs (such as rare species reserve creation or our migratory bird program) or advocacy work (such as reducing collisions with glass or promoting keeping cats indoors). And we expected to hear about favorite staff, our partnership basis for solving problems, or ABC's small-budget, high-output efficiency.

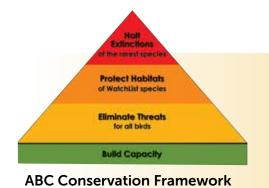
What we actually heard, over and over, was "ABC gets results." When we asked why they thought ABC got results, the answers included: unwavering focus on bird conservation; perseverance in solving challenging issues; deft use of partnerships; and great staff. As you can imagine, this is gratifying for us to hear.

"ABC gets results." This succinct notion is what drives all of us at ABC every day. We are relentlessly driven to turn the dial positively for birds. As we look to the next 20 years, we don't plan to change our formula. Our conservation framework continues to guide our efforts and optimizes our success. With your help, even greater achievements lie just ahead.

With best regards,

Warren Cooke Chairman, ABC

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# HALTING EXTINCTIONS

Birds on the brink of extinction have no more effective ally than ABC. For nearly 20 years, we have worked to stabilize and increase populations of the Americas' rarest birds. In 2013 alone, ABC and partners protected core habitat for bird species at 33 Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) sites. In Hawai'i, we worked on five islands to restore degraded habitats, maintain nest sites, and protect geographically isolated populations. And we advanced practical solutions to reduce

## Saving the Blue-throated Macaw

2013 was a watershed year for one of the world's rarest parrots: the critically endangered Blue-throated Macaw, found only in tropical grasslands of Bolivia's Beni region.

We helped double the size of the nature reserve known as Barba Azul (or "blue beard," as the macaw is locally known), supporting efforts of Asociación Armonía, our Bolivian partner, to buy a former cattle ranch adjacent to the reserve.

This is the world's only protected area for this remarkable bird. The land acquisition covers more than 14,000 acres and protects 20 unique forest islands used by one-third of the 350 to 400 Bluethroated Macaws left in the wild.

For hundreds of years, these forest islands and the birds that used them had been threatened by logging, cattle grazing, and fires set to clear surrounding grasslands. Not anymore. Grazing, logging, and most kinds of burning are banned in the reserve. The macaws that live here are better protected from live bird poachers and occasional hunters. Degraded forests are now being protected from grazing, and nest boxes are providing additional places for the birds to breed.

Birders from around the world have come to see the stunning birds, and researchers have stepped up efforts to find out what the macaws require to recover and—eventually—thrive.

It will take a long time for this species to rebound from the declines it suffered in the 1970s and '80s, when then-legal live bird hunters nearly drove it to extinction in the wild. Armonía's work to stop illegal trade combined with habitat protection at Barba Azul will prove to be a turning point for these fantastic birds and for local populations of more than 250 other species, including the Cock-tailed Tyrant, Blackmasked Finch, Greater Rhea, and Orinoco Goose.

An unexpected beneficiary of this land protection is the Buff-breasted Sandpiper, which stops here on its long migration from the Arctic to the grasslands of Argentina. Nobody knew the birds were found here in 2008, when ABC first helped create Barba Azul. Now we know that this reserve is a vital refueling site for these long-distance migrants.

These are the rewards that often come from saving the strongholds of the rarest.

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"I can say that of all the NGOs I have worked with, or for, not one of them works as much like a real partner as does ABC. The level of support and respect ABC provides to its partners is unparalleled. The work that you have supported with ABC and their partners in Latin America has created models of collaboration in amazingly beautiful and important places!"

### HALTING EXTINCTIONS: Highlights

- In 2013, ABC helped protect an additional 60,000 acres of core habitat for endangered birds; planted more than 290,000 trees, shrubs, and shade coffee plants; and enabled partners to develop strong relationships with more than 60 communities and regional governments to reduce threats to birds from illegal hunting, logging, and capture for the pet trade.
- A "founder population" of critically endangered Millerbirds more than doubled its original population of 50 birds to 121 on the uninhabited island of Laysan in Hawai'i, offering increased promise for the species' future. ABC helped translocate the birds to Laysan from their last remaining habitat on Nihoa Island during 2011-2012.
- The future of one of the world's rarest parrots, Ecuador's El Oro Parakeet, was brightened by a land acquisition that ABC helped make possible in partnership with Fundación Jocotoco. The acquisition expanded the renowned Buenaventura Reserve by 600 acres, to a total of 4.600 acres.

- In Peru, ABC and partner ECOAN purchased 1,261 acres to expand the Abra Patricia Reserve, an area recognized as an AZE site for Long-whiskered Owlet and Ochre-fronted Antpitta. In addition, four communities agreed to extend the Huembo Reserve, home of the Marvelous Spatuletail, by 17 acres in return for help from ECOAN and ABC in protecting 930 upstream acres of cloud forest and their water supply.
- In Mexico, the first protected area was created for the critically endangered Short-crested Coquette.
   ABC and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supported the work of Pronatura Sur to formally designate a 1,595-acre community conservation area for this rare hummingbird.
- ABC supported AvesChile's creation of a reserve to benefit the Chilean Woodstar. This rapidly declining hummingbird was down to about 400 individuals in 2012; the 2013 census reported a similar number, which may indicate declines have stopped for the moment.

### Meet ABC Staff:

Daniel Lebbin, Conservation Biologist at ABC, says he "never grew out of" childhood obsessions with wildlife and conservation. Today, when he isn't working with partner groups to conserve spectacular birds in remote parts of South America, he is often photographing or illustrating birds, working on scientific studies of birds, or writing about birds for a wide range of publications.

Daniel is lead author of the *ABC Guide to Bird Conservation*. He has a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Cornell University.



by Benjamin Skolnik, ABC, 20:

## PROTECTING HABITATS

Protecting core habitats for declining birds involves a great deal more than simply purchasing land. Improving land management and restoring habitats are also essential to

## Restoring Grasslands for Birds

In 2013, ABC showed why it is a "go-to" group for conservation of birds that depend on the Americas' rapidly disappearing grasslands. We worked across more than three million acres of the northern Great Plains and other western landscapes to enhance management practices in ways that benefit birds. Our partners include the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and many others.

At the heart of this work is the Long-billed Curlew, a large shorebird that has come to symbolize the spirit of the prairies. This bird breeds in the once-endless U.S. and Canadian grasslands; many winter in desert grasslands in northern Mexico.

Long-billed Curlews were once hunted nearly to extinction, and the grasslands they frequent are now among the world's most endangered places. Efforts to protect them won't likely succeed without the cooperation of farmers, ranchers, and land management agencies across the bird's vast range.

That's why, in 2013, we ramped up efforts to make that kind of cooperation the norm. We hired a curlew conservation specialist to work with landowners and managers in the northern portion of the curlew's U.S. breeding range, often steering them toward state and federal programs that provide incentives to make "curlew-friendly" changes.

This work is promoting land management practices that are most helpful to breeding curlews, which in turn help to sustain functional native plant and animal communities. For example, ABC and partners are promoting cattle grazing systems that provide the grass structure curlews prefer and minimize disturbance to nesting birds.

Other grassland birds benefit, too, from Chestnutcollared Longspur and Grasshopper Sparrow to Sprague's Pipit.

In Mexico, where curlews and many other grassland birds overwinter, we used a similar approach to help limit loss of habitat. A leading showcase for these efforts is the El Tokio Priority Grassland Area in northeastern Mexico, where we helped ranchers and our partner Pronatura Noreste protect grasslands on communal or ejido properties. In one success, Pronatura secured a 20-year conservation agreement with La Hediondilla ejido to create a 4,900-acre grassland reserve.

Much more must be done to halt Long-billed Curlew population declines, but ABC is working to transform the curlew into a success story of full lifecycle conservation. We have a target of 30 percent growth in the curlew population by 2043 and similar rebounds for other birds that share these grassland habitats.





In 2013, we helped make breeding easier for beach-nesting birds such as Least Terns and Black Skimmers, working with partners at 35 locations in the Gulf of Mexico to protect, monitor, and raise awareness of nesting sites. Due in part to our efforts, in Grand Isle, Louisiana, we observed nearly twice the Least Tern breeding pairs and fledglings in 2013 as we did in 2012.

## PROTECTING HABITATS: Highlights

- Bicknell's Thrush benefited from work by ABC and partners in the Dominican Republic to conserve habitat in Sierra de Bahoruco National Park and Loma Charco Azul Biological Reserve. Illegal tree-cutting and charcoal production were reduced due to an increased number of forest guards; improved marking of protected areas; and construction of a welcome center that emphasizes the importance of these protected areas.
- Golden-winged Warblers, one of our most rapidly declining wood-warblers, now have more places to breed. ABC and partners restored thousands of acres of early successional forest openings using science-based management practices in the Appalachians, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Lack of young forests and decreasing diversity of forest

- age have been identified as threats to this species' reproductive success.
- With partner Fundación Jocotoco, we helped overwintering Cerulean Warblers by securing a 90-acre land purchase on the eastern slopes of the Ecuadorian Andes, expanding the Narupa Reserve to 1,355 acres. In Colombia, we worked with Fundación ProAves to plant 24,000 trees on shade coffee farms used by Ceruleans and other U.S. migrants.
- We assisted in efforts to initiate a Greater Sage-Grouse planning effort covering more than 60 million acres of public lands in the United States. Resulting habitat protection and strong management actions could stop and reverse the species' rapid decline.



### Meet ABC Staff:

Dan Casey has served as ABC's Northern Rockies Conservation Officer since 2000. A resident of Montana, Dan's love of birds began during his childhood in New Jersey, when a broken TV propelled his family outside. He was captivated by mixed flocks of warblers, migrating hawks, and winter trips to the coast.

Since then, Dan has become one of bird conservation's most effective advocates, building partnerships and bringing science to bear in his work for three western Joint Ventures—collaborative, regional partnerships of diverse groups. He also initiated the Montana Bird Conservation Partnership and has led ABC's regional efforts for cavity-nesting birds in ponderosa pine and sagebrush bird communities—and for birds such as the Long-billed Curlew.

Dan was named "Montana Conservationist of the Year" in 2006 and received a 2014 Partners in Flight Leadership Award.

# **ELIMINATING THREATS**

These are not faraway problems like deforestation in the Amazon. Threats to birds exist in our own backyards, cities, and towns and take a toll of billions each year. These issues include window strikes, free-roaming cats, collisions with poorly sited wind turbines and communications towers, pesticide poisoning, and more. ABC sets itself apart by taking on these difficult challenges, making strides each year to catalyze legislative action and inspire and empower others to reduce these dangers to birds.

## **Getting Rid of Neonics**

Last year, we helped draw the world's attention to the dark side of the world's most widely used class of insecticides: nicotine-like chemicals called neonicotinoids, or neonics for short.

Emerging 20 years ago and now applied to agricultural fields, lawns, and gardens from coast to coast, these pesticides were hailed as harmless to "non-target" life forms. Now there's mounting evidence that neonics pose a major threat to birds.

"A single seed coated with a neonicotinoid can kill a songbird," said Cynthia Palmer, ABC's Pesticides Program Director and the co-author of a headlinemaking re-assessment of the environmental side effects of these agricultural chemicals. "In some lakes and aquifers, neonic contamination levels are now high enough to kill the aquatic invertebrates that many birds eat."

These findings emerged from ABC's 2013 report, "The Impact of the Nation's Most Widely Used Insecticides on Birds," authored by Palmer and renowned environmental toxicologist Pierre Mineau. In this assessment, which included industry research obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, the authors identified "serious deficiencies" in some of the pesticides risk assessment protocols used by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), describing

them as "more like a game of chance than...a rigorous scientific process."

International circulation of the report contributed to the decision in April 2013 by the European Union to enact a two-year ban on the use of three neonicotinoid insecticides, in order to allow time for proper research and review.

In the U.S. Congress, the report's findings were a driving force behind the Saving America's Pollinators Act. This Act—which was drafted with input from ABC and our partners—would compel EPA to suspend all uses of neonicotinoids pending independent scientific review of these products' effects on birds, terrestrial and aquatic invertebrates, other wildlife, and human health. You can help: Visit support.abcbirds. org/neonics.

Many of the neonics in use in the United States are now being reviewed for re-registration by the EPA. Once this review is complete, the insecticides could remain registered and available for use for the next 15 years.

ABC continues to work to ensure that this dangerous class of insecticides is suspended rather than greenlighted—and to urge the EPA to pull them off the market until reviews are complete.





"Just want to share how much I appreciate how effective you are in educating and offering solutions to protect birds from windows. Your good work along with what is collectively offered by ABC are simply remarkable efforts and successes for avian conservation overall."

> -Daniel Klem, Jr. Professor of Biology, Muhlenberg College

### **ELIMINATING THREATS: Highlights**

- ABC's Cats Indoors Program was at the forefront of a successful effort in Florida to defeat legislation that—among other negative impacts—would have made it easier for irresponsible people to dump unwanted cats without penalty, potentially escalating cats' impact on birds in the state.
- Inspired by ABC's Bird-Friendly Building Design, the city of Portland, Oregon, and the state of Minnesota adopted bird-friendly building standards, which will help to reduce the number of birds killed by collisions with windows.
- ABC took action on wind energy projects sited in critical bird habitats from coast to coast. For example, facing opposition from ABC and Black Swamp Bird Observatory, the Ohio National Guard abandoned a plan to build a "precedentsetting" 198-foot wind turbine in a major migratory corridor on Lake Erie's south shore.
- We worked with some of the largest glass companies in the world—including Arnold Glass PPG, Walker Glass, and Guardian—to test their products for effectiveness in preventing bird collisions. The products rated "bird friendly" based on ABC's testing protocol will help to meet the increasing demand for bird-safe glass.
- ABC alerted television viewers across the United States to the fact that keeping cats indoors is "better for cats, better for birds, and better for people" via four public service announcements that aired on CNN and other networks.
- ABC BirdTape—a product to reduce bird collisions with home windows—was independently certified as "highly effective" by an Austrian testing program, confirming the efficacy of vertical stripes of BirdTape placed 4 inches apart.

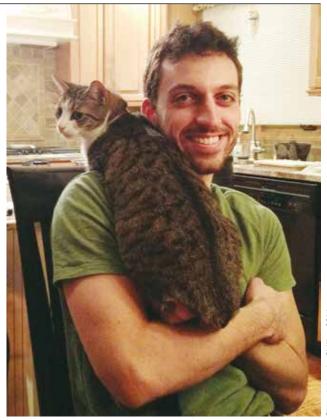
### Meet ABC Staff:

Grant Sizemore has always loved the outdoors.

But he didn't have much interest in birds until a trip to
Ghana at 16, where he got close to them through a
mist netting research project. Later, pursuing his MS in
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of
Florida, Grant became aware of the impacts of nonnative species on birds—including domestic cats.

At ABC, he puts these things together as Program Officer for the Cats Indoors Program. Grant says that many people are simply unaware that outdoor cats kill billions of birds in the United States every year. Others are unaware that booming colonies of abandoned housecats are popping up all over the country, and that outdoor cats spread diseases such as toxoplasmosis and rabies. He tries to get this information out in every way possible.

And yes, he owns a cat, which he keeps indoors.





# ABC Results...

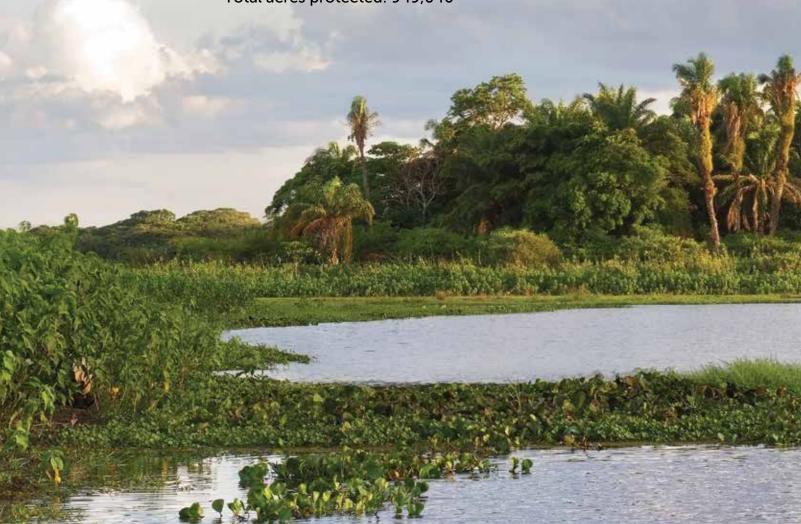
#### Land Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean (2005–Present)

65 reserves established or expanded in 14 countries:

- 46 managed by partner NGOs
- 12 managed by communities
- 7 managed by governments

67 easements, land owner agreements, and other lands protected

Total acres protected: 949,040





# By the Numbers

#### International Reforestation (2004–2013)

- 1.64 million+ native trees planted to restore native forests
- 560,000+ native trees planted to enhance the value of ranch lands, pastures, and fence-rows for birds
- 160,000+ shade trees/shade coffee plants installed
- 11,200+ acres of habitat enhanced
- 223 native tree/shrub species represented

Total trees and shrubs planted: 3.23 million



ProAves, park rangers monitoring Canudos Biological Station by Paul Salaman, 2006, Blackburnian Warbler at Santa Marta Reserve, Colombia, by Joe Tobias

# BUILDING CAPACITY

"Building capacity" is fundamental. To ABC, it means helping to build a community of more than 300 nonprofits and agencies working on bird conservation across the Americas, increasing our collective results. We do this in many ways: by fighting for bird conservation funding in Congress; bringing groups together to achieve results for birds through our Bird Conservation Alliance; and helping our partners in Latin America create and manage reserves for globally significant bird species.

## **Bringing Back the Birds**

Last year, ABC pledged to raise \$50 million by 2023 to reverse the broad decline of migratory birds in the Americas. We made that pledge because the need to help these birds could hardly be more urgent, and because we're convinced that the bird conservation community—by working at a new level of collaboration—can find and implement solutions.

We aimed to drive a higher level of commitment to "bring back the birds," and we believe that those similarly inspired will step up to help make it happen.

It's working: We now have the best bird conservation scientists working with some of the best bird conservation practitioners on the ground, turning science into action on a hemispheric scale that takes into account the needs of birds across their full lifecycles.

The commitment was made in Snowbird, Utah, at a meeting of the bird conservation groups and agencies known collectively as Partners in Flight (PIF). PIF was created in 1990 to combat the sharp decline of migratory birds in the Americas. Representatives of 120 conservation groups and government agencies from across the Western Hemisphere were present at the meeting, hosted by ABC. All involved agreed to work together to create an unprecedented set of eight "conservation business plans" to protect migratory birds of high conservation concern.

A first step in that process calls for the development of landscape-level conservation programs for key wintering grounds, including those where ABC and other groups are already working. For example, in the degraded but still bird-rich forests found on many Caribbean islands, we have—among other things—helped train park guards to protect the winter homes of migrants such as Bicknell's Thrush and Cape May Warbler, as well as the rare indigenous Bay-breasted Cuckoo.

In long-degraded forest highlands of Central and South America, we helped coffee farmers create birdfriendly habitat for overwintering Cerulean Warblers, Golden-winged Warblers, and Olive-sided Flycatchers.

In South America's Southern Cone Grasslands, we worked with our local partner to protect important stopover sites for Buff-breasted and Upland Sandpipers. And in Mexico's western thorn scrub, we helped conserve habitat for species including Rufous Hummingbird and Varied Bunting.

Reversing the decades-long decline of migratory birds will take time. But we are encouraged by this start. Working in collaboration with a wide-ranging set of partners—from Latin America and the Caribbean to partner organizations and agencies throughout the U.S. and Canada—we are building a hemispheric movement that will truly "bring back the birds."



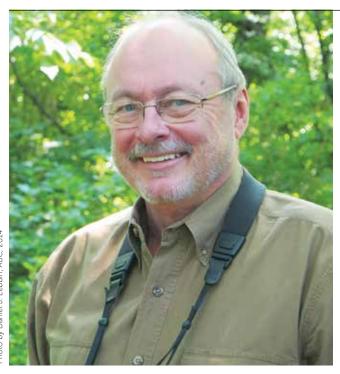


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### **BUILDING CAPACITY: Highlights**

- ABC supported the opening of the 12<sup>th</sup> ecolodge in our Latin American reserve network: a facility at the Lear's Macaw Reserve, managed by Brazil's Fundação Biodiversitas. Designed to generate income to help protect the reserve's flagship species, the lodge welcomed its first visitors in March 2013.
- ABC's Bird Conservation Alliance, comprising hundreds of organizations nationwide, leveraged its collective strength for the Spotted Owl, Marbled Murrelet, and Greater Sage-Grouse, sending federal representatives tens of thousands of comments advocating for strong conservation measures.
- We launched an online "Sustainability ToolKit" to help our international partners in conservation and business planning. Featuring training

- modules, self-evaluation forms, and other resources, the kit enables our partners to generate more funding and more effectively manage their resources, reducing reliance on ABC's long-term support.
- Appearing in birding and bird conservation publications around the world, our "See It, Save It" advertising campaign promoted visitation to our network of reserves, subsequently generating revenue for our in-country partner organizations to better manage and conserve those reserves.
- Jason Scott Lee, a movie star and actor in the TV series "Hawai'i 5-0," brought attention to the state's endangered Palila by voicing the bird's thoughts in a public service announcement that later aired during the Superbowl. The PSA was developed by ABC and the state of Hawai'i.



### Meet ABC Staff:

David Pashley doesn't remember even seeing a bird until he had to take ornithology in college. That changed everything: He later earned a PhD from Louisiana State, where his dissertation was entitled "A Distributional Analysis of the Warblers of the West Indies."

As our Vice President for U.S. Conservation Partnerships, David coordinates several Joint Venture programs, which bring together diverse partners to reverse declines of migratory birds.

David has been central to the development of two important bird conservation initiatives: Partners in Flight (PIF) and the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI). Today PIF is the country's largest bird conservation alliance, while NABCI works to integrate efforts of government agencies, private groups, and others on issues such as bird monitoring and state and federal funding.

We are honored to acknowledge the individuals, foundations, businesses, and others who have supported ABC's work. While space constraints prevent us from listing all of our donors, we are sincerely grateful for each member and every gift. We would also like to thank those who gave anonymously through the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #12048).

Peregrine Falcon by Greg Homel,

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The Falcon Club is our pivotal group of members who donate unrestricted gifts of \$1,000 or more each year. Members of this group (denoted in orange) collectively form a cornerstone in the success of all of our bird conservation programs and projects. Thanks to each of you—and a very special thank you to those who also support ABC as members of our Board of Directors.

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The Legacy Circle consists of ABC members who have included ABC in their estate plans through a bequest or other planned gift. This group of committed individuals supports one vision for the future of bird conservation. See page 27 for information on how to join.

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## In Memoriam

Sadly, as 2013 drew to a close, we acknowledged the loss of two close friends: Howard Pyle Brokaw and Robert W. Wilson. We will never forget their generosity and goodwill.

#### Howard Pyle Brokaw: ABC's First Board Chair

Howard Brokaw, birder and conservationist, died Friday, December 20 in Delaware. He was 97.

Howard was a graduate of Princeton University and spent his career at DuPont. After his retirement in 1976, he began a second career as a board of directors member and philanthropist for many nonprofit organizations. He served on the boards of the National Audubon Society, Delaware Nature Society, the American Ornithologists' Union, and more.



Photo courtesy of AOLL

Howard served as ABC's Board Chairman from 1994 through

2002. Under his leadership, ABC grew from a small group into the dynamic organization it is today.

Howard was also a patron of the arts. The grandson of American illustrator Howard Pyle, Howard and his wife, Mary, were donors to organizations such as the Brandywine River Museum.

Howard's boundless energy, enthusiasm, and goodwill are greatly missed.

#### Robert Wilson: Supporter of ABC Bird Reserves

Noted philanthropist Robert Wilson died on December 23 in New York City. He was 87.

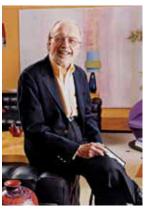


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Bob Wilson earned his fortune in the stock market. He retired in 1986 and became determined to give away his wealth before he died. ABC was one of the beneficiaries of Mr. Wilson's philanthropy, receiving three \$1 million challenge grants for land acquisition projects to save rare birds in Latin America.

Thanks to his foresight and generosity to ABC, a system of more than 47 private reserves,

encompassing almost one million acres in 10 nations, was protected.

In spite of his legendary generosity, Bob Wilson never sought the limelight, instead enjoying his role as instigator of great accomplishments.

His passing leaves a huge chasm in conservation and many fond memories of his debonair charm.



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# A Legacy for Birds: Regina Phelps



"I came to my love of birds in my mid-thirties. I am not sure what happened but I literally woke up one day and started to notice birds, then quickly grew to love them. Really! I jokingly tell people I wonder what I ate the night before.

The wonderful thing about birds is that they are everywhere and anywhere. I travel extensively for work and fun, and you can look at, learn about, and enjoy birds everywhere: major cities, the countryside, parks, and beaches to name just a few. What other hobby can be enjoyed in so many places? Put binoculars in your suitcase and you are good to go!

When you begin to love birds, you begin to follow what is happening in the world. Habitat loss, pesticides, outdoor cats, collisions, water issues, and more. I was drawn to ABC because this organization fights the hard fights—the sometimes unpopular causes to do the right thing for birds—and I want to ensure they will be able to do that for years to come.

That is why I decided to include ABC in my will and join ABC's Legacy Circle. This organization fights for birds, and that is incredibly important to me."

You too can leave a legacy for birds when you join ABC's Legacy Circle with an estate gift through your will, retirement plan, trust, or life insurance policy. If you would like more information, or if you have already included ABC in your estate plans, please contact Planned Giving Director Jack Morrison at 540-253-5780, or at jmorrison@abcbirds.org.

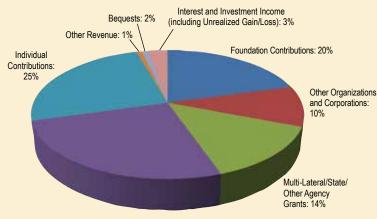


## 2013 Financial Statement

#### ANNUAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Federal Government Grants	\$ 2,849,796
Individual Contributions	\$ 2,757,997
Foundation Contributions	\$ 2,282,417
Multi-Lateral/State/Other Agency Grants	\$ 1,516,778
Other Organizations and Corporations	\$ 1,120,175
Bequests	\$ 91,124
Other Revenue	\$ 82,684
Interest and Investment Loss	\$ 311,659
(incl. Unrealized Loss)	

Total Annual Support and Revenue \$11,012,630

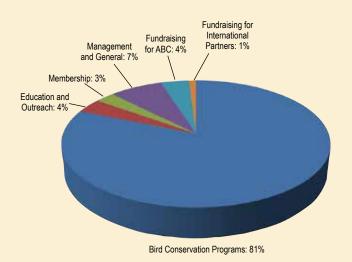


Federal Government Grants: 27%

#### **ANNUAL EXPENSES**

#### Program

Net Assets at December 31, 2013	\$ 5,130,916		
Total Annual Expenses	\$10,672,712		
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	\$1,326,950		
Fundraising for International Partners	\$ 103,872		
Fundraising for ABC	\$ 425,767		
Management and General	\$ 797,311		
Supporting Services			
Total Program Services	\$ 9,345,762		
Membership	\$ 286,680		
Education and Outreach	\$ 390,023		
Bird Conservation Programs	\$ 8,669,059		
Trogram			



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Mixed shorebird flock with Red Knots by Mike Parr, with thanks to Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

