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COVER: Red Knot and chick by Gerrit Vyn. Our efforts on behalf of the rufa Red Knot paid off in 2014, when the species was listed under the Endangered Species Act. This action will help to ensure adequate measures are taken to protect the species.
Message from the Chairman and President

Dear ABC friends and supporters:

In our 20 years, nothing has been more consistent than change. Not only are populations and distributions of birds changing, but the science of ornithology is evolving swiftly. Twenty years ago, much of what we knew about bird movements came from leg bands on rarely recaptured birds. Today, we have not just satellite telemetry and feather isotope analysis to understand bird travels, but geolocators — tiny tags that log information so we can learn about every place a bird has been since the tag was applied. Even temperature and altitude information can be recorded! As a result, we know more about the movement of birds than ever before.

Along with this information revolution are myriad other changes, most of which are bad for birds. Human population growth, deterioration of air and water quality, climate change — these are serious, and ABC applauds those fighting to heal these wounds to our planet.

Yet birds are declining and sometimes disappearing around the Americas and in your favorite birding haunts. So, while others struggle against global perturbations, ABC focuses on direct actions to bring back the birds now. Any particular bird species may or may not be adaptable to the worldwide changes facing us, but we know that without taking steps to confront more immediate threats — habitat loss, free-roaming cats, or deadly pesticides — these birds may not even survive in populations sufficient to withstand larger-scale challenges.

One thing that hasn’t changed is ABC’s results-driven approach to bird conservation, which continues to produce the best success stories for birds. As you will see in the following pages, 2014 was no exception. We produced significant accomplishments in protecting some of the rarest species in Latin America and Hawai‘i, expanding conservation of vital habitat in the continental United States, and reducing the greatest threats to all bird populations.

Your support — your membership in the ABC family — keeps us moving forward, ensuring that we continue to get the results for which ABC is so well-known and appreciated. Thank you for our collective success in bringing back the birds!

With best regards,

Warren Cooke
Chairman, ABC

George Fenwick
President, ABC

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HALTING EXTINCTIONS

Conservation of rare bird species throughout the Western Hemisphere is ABC’s specialty. Working with partners, we protect, restore, and manage core habitat for imperiled birds. In 2014, more than 60 priority conservation projects benefited more than 125 endangered species in 12 countries. We tackled island conservation on the breeding grounds of Townsend’s Shearwater, fought poorly-sited wind turbines for Kirtland’s Warblers, and established the 66th reserve in our Latin American Bird Reserve Network, for the Araripe Manakin in Brazil.

Palila on the Road to Recovery

In 1793, Captain John Vancouver released a ram, two ewes, and a lamb on Hawai‘i’s Big Island, hoping they would reproduce and ensure fresh provisions for his future voyages. By 1825, sheep were established at every elevation of the island, including on three major volcanic peaks, where they feasted on the lush vegetation of the māmane forests. The damage was done: In a generation, one introduced species unraveled thousands of years of evolution.

Loss and degradation of the māmane forests have had a profound effect on the island’s native species, ecosystems, and water cycle. Among the most severely affected is the Palila, an attractive native honeycreeper now restricted to the southwestern slope of the Mauna Kea volcano and on the verge of extinction.

The struggle to protect and restore the Palila and its habitat has had many twists and turns. But the courts have repeatedly made clear that the state is legally obligated to eradicate the remaining sheep from the Palila’s critical habitat.

Central to the conservation of this bird is a unique collaboration among the Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), Mauna Kea Forest Restoration Project (MKFRP), and ABC, with support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the DJ&T Foundation, and many others. DOFAW has built 37 miles of fence around Mauna Kea and removed more than 3,500 sheep. With ABC and NFWF support, MKFRP now maintains 48 miles of fence to protect the native forest, controls non-native feral cats and mongooses that prey on Palila nestlings, and restores additional habitat within targeted areas.

More than 87,000 native trees and shrubs have been planted since the project began in 2009, and nearly 13,000 trees and shrubs were planted this year alone.

ABC and MKFRP’s joint public outreach efforts have been critical to the project’s success. A public service announcement about Palila and Mauna Kea dry forest conservation aired in Hawai‘i during two of the most-watched television events of the year: the Super Bowl and the Academy Awards.

The result? After eight years of steady decline, annual surveys are suggesting the Palila population may have begun to stabilize. And although our actions on Mauna Kea are primarily aimed at conserving the Palila, they will also benefit a suite of additional native bird species, including Hawai‘i ‘Amakihi, Hawai‘i ‘Elepaio, and ‘Apapane, and could eventually encourage the return of ‘Akiapōlā‘au.

Get to know the Palila and other Hawaiian birds benefiting from our efforts: abcbirds.org/bird/palila
“The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is pleased to partner with American Bird Conservancy. Our work in Hawai‘i has helped to establish a new population of the endangered Millerbird and to construct fencing to exclude feral cats from a key Hawaiian Petrel colony in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.

“We’re also excited about our collaboration to restore young forests for the declining Golden-winged Warbler. These successes are grounded in ABC’s capacity to deliver effective conservation for our most imperiled species.”

— C. Scott Hall, Senior Manager, Bird Conservation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
HALTING EXTINCTIONS: Highlights

• We supported our Brazilian conservation partner, Aquasis, in creating the 140-acre Oasis Araripe Reserve to protect the critically endangered Araripe Manakin. (See image on back cover.) First discovered in 1996, fewer than 800 of these stunning birds still exist. They live only in an 11-square mile area of northeastern Brazil, within remaining fragments of humid tropical forest. This property — the first-ever reserve for the manakin — could eventually become part of a corridor connection to the 230-acre Sitio Fundão State Park. Its acquisition was made possible in part through the generous support of the March Conservation Fund, the Robert W. Wilson Charitable Trust, David and Patricia Davidson, and Stuart and Lynn White.

• Rare birds nesting on six acres of Hawai‘i’s Kīlauea Point National Wildlife Refuge are now protected from predators by a state-of-the-art stainless steel fence. Stretching almost a half-mile in length, the fence is designed to keep non-native mammals — cats, dogs, rats, and mice — out of the area so new populations of threatened seabirds, such as Newell’s Shearwater and Hawaiian Petrel, can be established. Other native species will benefit, too, including the endangered Nēnē (Hawaiian Goose) and the Laysan Albatross. The fence project was a collaborative effort by ABC, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Rim Conservation, and the Kaua‘i Endangered Seabird Recovery Project, and was made possible in part thanks to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

• We helped our Peruvian partner ECOAN plant more than 67,000 native trees and coffee bushes in the area of the Huembo Reserve, home to one of the world’s most spectacular hummingbirds, the Marvelous Spatuletail. Our ongoing work to engage the local community in reforestation and agro-forestry is helping to restore and expand critical habitat for this rare bird and is supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grants Program.

Meet ABC Staff:

Chris Farmer’s love for birds began with childhood visits to Pennsylvania’s Hawk Mountain. Today, as ABC’s Hawai‘i Program Director, Chris leads our efforts to prevent extinctions and recover endangered birds in the 50th state.

A research trip to remote Nihoa Island stands out. As Chris’s boat approached, tens of thousands of seabirds circled overhead. On shore were thousands more: nesting frigatebirds, boobies, and petrels. Nihoa Finches and Millerbirds approached him with little fear. For Chris, it was a glimpse of how numerous Hawai‘i’s native birds once were — and how important it is to protect the remaining species.

Photo by Bob Johns, ABC, 2014
PROTECTING HABITATS

To stabilize bird populations and prevent extinctions, we find the most effective ways to save habitat and improve land management. In North America, ABC and our partners are bringing back the birds by working to improve the way one-quarter of the American landscape is managed. But since many declining bird species depend on large expanses of land — sometimes on two continents, and across several countries — we build and lead international and domestic partnerships that target breeding, wintering, and stopover habitats.

National Bird of Ecuador Protected

We worked with a broad alliance of partners in 2014 to conserve key habitat in Ecuador for the Andean Condor, adding thousands of acres to one of the largest contiguous wilderness areas in the country.

ABC provided significant financial and technical support to Fundación Jocotoco to acquire the property, known as Hacienda Antisanilla. The impetus for the $1.6 million purchase was the remarkable discovery — by Jocotoco and researchers with The Peregrine Fund — that the largest population of Andean Condors north of southern Peru and Bolivia was on this property. Between 30 and 40 condors nest and roost on the cliffs here, representing more than half of the condor population in all of Ecuador.

The property is located at the western border of the spectacular 350,000-acre Antisana Ecological Reserve. With its páramo grasslands and high-altitude forests, this reserve bridges two adjacent protected areas, Cayambe Coca Ecological Reserve and Sumaco National Park, making the entire protected area an extraordinary 1.8 million acres.

This integrated conservation area incorporates one of the largest elevation gradients in the world, stretching from 3,900 to 18,875 feet above sea level. It is truly a reserve built to provide critical habitat now, and — we hope — to better withstand the tests of climate change in decades to come.

The acquisition is important for several reasons in addition to protecting the condor. The broader region protects a vital source of water for the residents of Quito. Its proximity to Ecuador's capital has resulted in rapid development, putting significant pressure on natural areas and resources.

The region is also inhabited by numerous endemic plants and animals and is extremely fragile because plants grow so slowly in the tropical alpine climate.

The páramo areas harbor Silvery Grebe and Andean Ibis, now considered a separate species from the more-common Black-faced Ibis. The lakes, marshes, and bogs provide important habitat for migratory shorebirds, including Buff-breasted, Baird’s, and Upland Sandpipers.

The acquisition of Hacienda Antisanilla came about through close coordination of many collaborators: the Ecuadorian government, more than 10 groups within Ecuador, and international partners such as Paul G. Allen Foundation, blue moon fund, Centro de Rescate Ilitia, March Conservation Fund, The Peregrine Fund, Rainforest Trust, Robert W. Wilson Charitable Trust, and World Land Trust.

The Andean Condor has inspired people for centuries. Go online to learn more about this legendary bird and other species ABC works to protect: abcbirds.org/bird/andean-condor
“ABC’s support has been vital to ProNatura Noreste’s efforts to protect nearly 70,000 acres of Chihuahuan desert grasslands in the Valles Centrales Grassland Priority Conservation Area, one of the most important in North America.

“Together we are helping ranchers adopt improved land management techniques, which means their ranchlands can provide better habitat for grassland birds such as Baird’s Sparrow and Sprague’s Pipit.”

— Mauricio de la Maza, Director of Conservation, ProNatura Noreste
PROTECTING HABITATS: Highlights

- We advanced efforts to conserve habitat for grassland birds that breed in the northern Great Plains and winter in northern Mexico. One of these efforts, with the Bureau of Land Management, focused on designing land management plans for Long-billed Curlews and other migrants, as well as resident birds. With support from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, we provided technical assistance to private landowners and partners on more than 25,000 acres in three states; many of these acres are also enrolled in Farm Bill programs.

- In Mexico, with our support, ProNatura Noreste achieved remarkable results. Five major cattle ranch owners in Chihuahua have undertaken critical restoration activities — including soil aeration, shrub removal, and improved cattle rotation — to enhance nearly 70,000 acres of wintering habitat for species including Baird’s Sparrow and Sprague’s Pipit. We are grateful to Jonathan Franzen and the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies for their support of this work.

- With our partners, we planted more than 230,000 native trees and shade coffee bushes in the

ranges of dozens of endangered and migratory bird species in four countries, ranging from the Jocotoco Antiptta in Ecuador to the migratory Swainson’s Thrush. Ongoing reforestation efforts in Cochabamba, Bolivia spurred an unexpected development when a local electric company needed Polylepis trees to provide mitigation for a dam project and purchased them from the only local source: a nursery operated by our partner Asociación Armonía. Thanks to this, the company supported important reforestation work and directed money to the local community.

- We protected critical breeding sites for beach-nesting birds along the Gulf Coast in Florida, Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama. The collaborative effort has brought big results for shorebirds affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. In 2014 alone, ABC worked with 21 partners at 58 sites, where volunteers provided some combination of protection, monitoring, and outreach on more than 2,400 acres of coastal habitat. That acreage supported 950 nests and 1,400 breeding pairs of target species, primarily Least Terns and Wilson’s and Snowy Plovers.

Meet ABC Staff:

As ABC’s Northern Great Plains Conservation Coordinator, Cheryl Mandich works with ranchers and other landowners to implement stewardship practices that improve habitat for birds and wildlife while maintaining sustainable use of their lands.

She had a pivotal moment back in 2005, when she was monitoring radio-collared Greater Sage-Grouse. Based on the strength of the radio signal, she knew that a hen had to be close by, but couldn’t find her. Then suddenly, peering through the sagebrush, she saw the bird’s shiny eye. The hen was perfectly camouflaged.

From that moment, she says, her interest was “focused on habitat and what birds require” — an interest that she calls on every day at ABC.
ELIMINATING THREATS

These are not faraway problems like deforestation on the other side of the world. 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.

Defeat for d-CON

This was a watershed year in our long fight against d-CON products, a success that was many years in the making.

Back in 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency ordered pesticide companies to stop selling super-toxic rodent poisons on the consumer market. The move was intended to protect children, low-income families, pets, raptors, and other wildlife.

EPA gave companies three years to comply, and by the close of 2012, all of the manufacturers had conformed except Reckitt Benckiser, maker of the nation’s most popular rodenticide product, d-CON. In January 2013, EPA announced its plans to ban the sale of 12 d-CON mouse and rat poison products that were out of compliance with the 2008 decision. Reckitt Benckiser appealed; ABC and several other groups prepared for a lengthy court battle.

Meanwhile, the company had sued the state of California to block rodenticide regulations that went beyond EPA’s efforts to protect people and wildlife. Similar to the EPA case, ABC and its partners aided California as parties to the litigation.

A ruling in the California case may have been the tipping point for the entire country when a California judge forced the company to make a choice: If it wanted to keep selling rodenticides, the company would have to start manufacturing two separate lines of d-CON rat and mouse poisons — one for California, and one for the rest of the country — or it would have to start producing safer rodenticides for the entire country.

Amid ongoing legal actions and negative publicity, Reckitt Benckiser agreed to stop producing its second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide consumer products by the end of December 2014, and to stop distributing to retailers by the end of March 2015.

We are happy about these steps toward ridding the nation of these harmful products that cause fatal hemorrhaging in Red-tailed Hawks, Barn Owls, Golden Eagles, and many other rodent-eating raptors. But the settlements Reckitt reached with EPA and the state of California do not end the country’s rodenticide problems: Although the most toxic rodenticides are disappearing from retail stores, they will continue to be sold in bulk at feed- and farm-supply stores. We will continue the fight until the super-toxic poisons are gone from these markets entirely.

Our Pesticides Program is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Wallace Genetic Foundation, the Turner Foundation, the Ceres Trust, and the Cornell-Douglas Foundation.

Explore the ways you can help reduce the threat to birds from pesticides: abcbirds.org/program/pesticides
“Thank you to ABC for the work and research you’ve put into the issue of bird-safe glass. It’s an amazing body of resources we consult ourselves and direct others to all the time!”

—Tania Homayoun, Ph.D.,
Senior Conservation Biologist,
Audubon Texas
ELIMINATING THREATS: Highlights

- When the *rufa* Red Knot began to suffer drastic population declines a decade ago, ABC was among the first conservation groups to take on the challenge of finding solutions. Red Knots migrate nearly 20,000 miles each year between South America and the Arctic, stopping in Delaware Bay to fatten up on the eggs of horseshoe crabs. But overharvesting of the crabs has devastated the shorebird’s population. Persisting through obstacles for 10 years, our efforts finally paid off in 2014, when FWS listed the bird as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. This action will help to ensure that adequate conservation measures are taken to protect the species.

- Up to 1 billion birds die each year from collisions with glass. To combat this threat, we joined New York City Audubon, New Jersey Audubon, and Ennead Architects to develop a unique testing tunnel that will advance efforts to develop new glass windows and doors that are more bird-friendly. We are grateful for the generous support of the Leon Levy Foundation for our Birds and Collisions Campaign.

- We filed suit in federal court against the Department of the Interior, based on our assessment that DOI’s 2013 regulation allowing wind energy companies and others to obtain 30-year permits to kill eagles without federal prosecution violated the National Environmental Policy Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. We believe that wind energy and other renewable energy sources can be encouraged without putting Bald and Golden Eagles at risk, and we initiated the legal action in order to have the rule invalidated pending full compliance with environmental laws.

- A new bird-friendly line-setting device supported by ABC was piloted in coastal fisheries in Ecuador. By reducing setting time for a 400-hook longline by as much as 80 percent, the device greatly reduces the risk of seabirds — including the critically endangered Waved Albatross — being accidentally caught on baited hooks. This work was made possible in part through the generosity of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, and Lynn and Stuart White.

Meet ABC Staff:

As ABC’s Vice President for Conservation Advocacy, Darin Schroeder works to educate lawmakers and administration officials on how to develop policies that advance bird conservation.

Darin’s favorite book is a tale of perseverance — *Don Quixote* — and in policy work, he’s had some chances to put that quality to the test. He is especially proud of brokering an agreement on behalf of ABC and other conservation groups with telecommunications companies that has since helped to reduce the devastating impact of communications towers on migratory birds.
Land Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean (2005–2014)

Sixty-seven reserves have been established or expanded in 13 countries through land purchases, easements, landowner agreements, and other mechanisms:

- 47 managed by partner NGOs
- 12 managed by communities
- 8 managed by governments

Total acres protected by ABC and partners: 990,848
Our Latin American Bird Reserve Network

More than 2,000 bird species benefit from our reserve network – nearly half of the bird species recorded in the entire Americas.

Many of these species are listed under the IUCN Red List of threatened species:

- 14 are critically endangered
- 44 are endangered
- 80 are vulnerable
- 107 are near-threatened

In total, our reserves provide habitat for roughly one-quarter of all threatened bird species in the Americas.
BUILDING CAPACITY

ABC plays a unique role in the bird conservation community. Working in the north and in the south, we bring wide-ranging partners together to achieve more for birds than we could accomplish alone. In 2014, by investing in other organizations with our own time and resources, we helped 19 Latin American partners become stronger financially, organizationally, and programmatically. Helping to raise funds, sponsoring science, building coalitions ... all of these actions ultimately produce results that benefit birds.

More Partners, More Bird Conservation

More than a dozen conservation groups gathered at the El Dorado Reserve in northern Colombia, a site known for incredible bird diversity that has become self-sustaining by attracting increased visitors. The focus of this 2014 event: sharing information and inspiring conservation action.

Participants shared lessons learned in the management and sustainable financing of bird reserves, as well as how to implement effective reforestation programs. Among other results, this event led our partner Fundación Jocotoco to conduct its first “BirdBlitz,” an innovative way to catalog birds at its 10 reserves and to raise operating funds.

Working with our Latin American partners is just one of the ways we helped to enhance capacity for conservation. Other leading roles make it possible for ABC to get results — and for the conservation community as a whole to move forward. We are the “somebody should...” who steps up and says, “I’ll do it.”

For example, we participate in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Joint Ventures (JVs) program, leading several of these regional partnerships to improve land management practices in important bird habitats. The JVs bring together a broad array of stakeholders — from government agencies to tribes — and provide efficient and effective strategies for action. This year, the Joint Ventures led efforts to apply best management practices in more than a dozen major bird habitats, such as grasslands and ponderosa pine forests.

Illustrating the scope of the Joint Ventures’ work, the ABC-supported Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture (AMJV) received an award of $8 million in 2014 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s new Regional Conservation Partnership Program. The funding will enable the AMJV to enhance 12,500 acres of forest habitat on private lands for the rapidly declining Cerulean Warbler and other wildlife. Approximately 1,000 acres of reclaimed mine lands will also be restored using American Chestnut plantings.

We also lead the Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) to help protect the rarest of the rare. Uniting more than 100 conservation groups in the effort to prevent species extinctions, we use AZE data at ABC to prioritize our site-based conservation work. For example, in 2014, we helped to expand the El Dorado Reserve for the benefit of the AZE-listed Santa Marta Parakeet.

Another example is how we fight for funding sources to benefit the entire bird conservation community. Thanks to strong 2014 lobbying efforts by ABC and partners, the U.S. Congress approved $96.5 million for fiscal year 2015 for critical bird conservation programs such as the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grants Program.

Learn more about why we take our partners’ sustainability so seriously: abcbirds.org/program/sustainability
El Dorado Reserve, managed by ABC partner Fundación ProAves, is benefiting from expanded reforestation efforts. ProAves’ Mónica Parada is shown with a wax palm, a tree vital to the endangered Santa Marta Parakeet. Photo by Benjamin Skolnik, April 2014.
“Bird conservation is at the heart of our ‘Biggest Week in American Birding’ festival, and we can think of no greater partner to work with than American Bird Conservancy. Having the support of the ABC team has expanded the festival’s reach and strengthened our conservation voice on so many levels.

“It is an honor and a privilege to work with the knowledgeable, dynamic, and dedicated team at ABC, and we look forward to strengthening our partnership in the future.”

— Kimberly Kaufman, Executive Director, Black Swamp Bird Observatory
BUILDING CAPACITY: Highlights

- We supported the first-ever satellite tracking project for Black-capped Petrel, an endangered species numbering fewer than 2,000 pairs. Working in collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and Grupo Jaragua, our partner in the Dominican Republic, and with the support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and others, we obtained new data about the species’ nonbreeding range. We learned that these petrels fly as far north as Maryland and as far south as the coast of Colombia. These data will help ABC and other groups enhance their efforts to conserve the species.

- Our outreach efforts helped to drive coverage of current and emerging bird conservation priorities, stimulating action by individuals, partner conservation groups, and policy-makers. For example, in 2014, through articles published in *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, and many other venues, we raised awareness among millions of people on major drivers of bird mortality, including glass collisions, free-roaming cats, the use of neonicotinoids and other insecticides, and poorly-placed wind turbines.

- We continue to play a leadership role in Partners in Flight — a cooperative effort among partners ranging from federal, state, and local government agencies to industry and academia — to conserve bird populations across the Western Hemisphere. Partners in Flight launched an unprecedented effort in 2013 to develop conservation business plans that link conservation needs of migratory birds across their breeding, migratory, and wintering habitats. Last year saw solid progress in these plans, including events that brought experts to Colombia and Honduras to facilitate development of wintering grounds conservation plans for the Golden-winged Warbler.

Meet ABC Staff:

For as long as Holly Robertson can remember, she has been fascinated by rainforests. But it wasn’t until her first trip to the lowland rainforests of Costa Rica, in 2007, when she put her binoculars on macaws, parrots, and toucans, that she really took notice of birds.

As ABC’s International Development Officer, Holly works to protect those brightly colored birds that caught her eye years ago. She secures funding for our highest-priority projects in Latin America and the Caribbean, and helps our local partners strengthen their fundraising capacity by assisting them with proposal writing and donor cultivation.
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).

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. ABC is grateful to all of our supporters.

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At a December 2014 dedication ceremony, the legendary birding site in southeast Arizona was turned over to TAS for long-term management. Its new name, the Paton Center for Hummingbirds, reflects the fact that the Violet-crowned and up to 14 other hummingbird species can be seen there.

The site was originally owned by the late Wally and Marion Paton, who wanted their home to be preserved in perpetuity. We thank their children and the 1,000-plus bird-lovers who helped us save the site.

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Sara Spector-Keith, Administrative Assistant
Craig Thompson, Great Lakes Regional Director
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Ryan Trachtenberg, Policy and Oceans and Islands Development Officer
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David Wiedenfeld, Senior Conservation Scientist
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David Younkman, Vice President, Western Region
Dariusz Zdziebkowski, Director of Information Technology

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I became a member of American Bird Conservancy in 2006 and was so impressed [with the organization] that I joined ABC’s Legacy Circle in 2007. My path to ABC and the conservation sector started many years ago with a deeply held commitment to the protection of the environment and the birds and wildlife that depend on it. This commitment has guided my charitable giving and how I spend my personal time — birding, hiking, running and nature photography.

Five years ago I chose a new career path that enabled me to marry avocation and vocation. I now work at a well-respected environmental organization, but it is equally important to me that I make a positive impact beyond my lifetime on bird conservation and the creatures that bring me so much joy. That is why I joined ABC’s Legacy Circle.

I am involved with and provide financial support to a number of well-known bird conservation and environmental organizations. Yet, it is ABC that is best aligned with my goals of advancing a strong bird conservation agenda and achieving strategic and meaningful results.

There are many reasons why I have included ABC in my will and why I share my enthusiasm for its work with friends, family, and colleagues. ABC creates and protects habitats, develops and shares best practices that ground its work, leads collaborations to leverage resources and multiply the results, and takes on difficult challenges to reduce threats to birds. No organization has done as much as ABC to protect birds across the Americas.

The staff of ABC is incredibly effective and committed and I am fortunate to have experienced several ABC field trips with them. It is a privilege to be associated with this outstanding organization now and in the future. I hope that you will become part of the ABC family too.

— Cindy Ferguson

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 Jack Morrison, Planned Giving Director, at 540-253-5780, or at jmorrison@abcbirds.org.
The elegant Rufous-tailed Jacamar can be found in many areas where ABC works, including Rio Canande in Ecuador, El Dorado in Colombia, and the Osa in Costa Rica. Photo by Glenn Bartley
2014 Financial Statement

ANNUAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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Total Annual Support and Revenue: $12,224,136

ANNUAL EXPENSES

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Total Program Services: $11,170,796

Supporting Services

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Total Supporting Services: $1,484,933

Total Annual Expenses: $12,655,729

Net Assets at December 31, 2014: $4,699,323

American Bird Conservancy’s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014 were audited by the Certified Public Accounting firm of Gelman, Rosenberg, and Freedman. A copy of ABC’s complete financial statements can be obtained by contacting: American Bird Conservancy, P.O. Box 249, The Plains, VA 20198 or on our website at abcbirds.org.

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