



Bird Conservation Alliance Meeting at the North American Ornithological Congress – August 16, 2016 from 1-5 pm, Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

August 16-20 the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center is hosting the [North American Ornithological Congress](#), *Bringing Science and Conservation Together*. In conjunction with this amazing conference with the continent's top bird scientists, there will be a Bird Conservation Alliance meeting highlighting connections between science and bird conservation policy.

Attendance at this BCA meeting requires that you register for the North American Ornithological Congress. (One-day registration's to the NAOC are available and will enable you to attend pre-conference morning workshops and training sessions, as well as the opening reception in the evening. [Click here to register.](#))

Please note: When you register for the NAOC, you will need to sign up for the Bird Conservation Alliance (BCA) meeting which is listed under "Workshops and Training Sessions" and entitled: *Bird Conservation Alliance – How to Effectively Engage in Conservation*.

Engaging in Bird Conservation

At the August 16 BCA meeting, please join us for presentations and discussion on how to utilize science to influence timely bird conservation issues including eliminating and reducing sources of mortality, and conserving and restoring habitats for species of concern. The meeting is sponsored by the [Bird Conservation Alliance](#), a coalition of over 200 organization working together to advance bird conservation, and American Bird Conservancy.

Tentative Agenda

1 pm *Introductions and overview*
Steve Holmer, Director, Bird Conservation Alliance

Keynote Address
David Malakoff, Deputy News Editor, *Science Magazine*

The state of the science on human-caused bird mortality as a basis for threat management
Scott R. Loss, Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management, Oklahoma State University

Current events in legislation and regulation
Darin Schroeder, Vice President of Government Relations, American Bird Conservancy

State of the Birds 2016
Ken Rosenberg, Conservation Scientist, Cornell Lab of Ornithology

3:00 Eliminating Sources of Bird Mortality

Protecting Birds from Pesticides: How can regulations keep pace with the science?
Cynthia Palmer, American Bird Conservancy

Understanding and Communicating the Evidence for Conservation: The Threat of Outdoor Cats
Grant Sizemore, American Bird Conservancy

Reducing bird collisions with communications towers: from science to conservation
Dr. Joelle Gehring, Federal Communications Commission (Invited)

Science-based Bird-friendly Design Legislation: a Growing Trend
Dr. Christine Sheppard, American Bird Conservancy

Importance of Data Transparency in Siting and Mitigating Bird Mortality from Wind Energy Development
Michael Hutchins, American Bird Conservancy

4:10 Panel on Conserving and Restoring Habitats

Atlantic Shorebird Conservation Plan
Ian Davidson – National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Migratory Bird Habitat Conservation and Restoration
Andrew Rothman – American Bird Conservancy

Wintering Ground and Endangered Species Conservation
Daniel Lebbin – American Bird Conservancy

5:00 – 7:00 Happy Hour at nearby establishment

7:00 Opening Reception of North American Ornithological Congress