



Standing Together for Migratory Birds – Legislative Briefing and Reception May 9

Please join us in Washington, D.C. on May 9, from 2 – 7 pm for a legislative briefing in cooperation with the Honorable Senators Sheldon Whitehouse and Ben Cardin on migratory bird conservation programs followed by a reception to celebrate the remarkable annual migration of billions of birds.

Please RSVP [here](#) by May 3rd

These back-to-back events, sponsored by American Bird Conservancy, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ducks Unlimited, and American Birding Association, highlight bird conservation successes and how popular and important birds are to the American people and the economy.

Meeting & Reception Agenda, May 9, Kennedy Caucus Room, 325 Russell Senate Office Building

- 2 pm Keynote - Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) – Invited
- 2:05 Overview of Bird Conservation Programs and Hawaii Conservation Fund – Steve Holmer, American Bird Conservancy
- 2:10 Economics of Migratory Birds and Wildlife Watching – Bill Stewart, American Birding Association
- 2:25 Science and Migratory Bird Conservation – Ken Rosenberg, Cornell Lab of Ornithology/American Bird Conservancy

- 2:40 Migratory Bird Conservation Programs (Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act and Migratory Bird Joint Ventures) – Jennifer Cipolletti, American Bird Conservancy; Todd Fearer – Joint Venture Coordinator
- 2:55 Recovering America’s Wildlife Act – Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation; Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Jen Mock Schaeffer
- 3:10 North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA), Duck Stamp, State and Tribal Wildlife Grants – Dan Wrinn, Ducks Unlimited; Mark Humpert, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
- 3:25 Farm Bill Conservation Programs – Ariel Wiegard, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- 3:40 Bird Conservation Legislation (Agreement for the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP) and Land and Water Conservation Fund – Justin Stokes, National Audubon Society
- 3:55 Success of the ESA and Greater Sage Grouse Conservation – Mark Salvo, Defenders of Wildlife
- 4:10 Importance of Public Lands for Migratory Bird Conservation – Alan Rowsome - The Wilderness Society
- 4:25 Closing remarks and questions
- 4:45 – 7:00 Reception and Photo Exhibit to Celebrate Migratory Birds

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