

# FY2025 - AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS



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## Endangered Species Recovery | USFWS, NPS, USGS, BLM

Amidst a loss of 3 billion North American birds, dozens of bird species are declining at an especially alarming rate. Each has unique habitat needs and faces different threats, but solutions tailored to the recovery of each species are being put in place by dedicated conservationists. Additional funds are needed to keep species like the Red Knot, Lesser Prairie-Chicken, Marbled Murrelet, sage-grouse, and Hawaiian forest birds from reaching the point of no return.

| Agency           | Program                         | FY24 Final (millions) | FY25 President's Budget (millions) | FY25 ABC Recommendation (millions) |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| USFWS, NPS, USGS | Hawaiian ESA Recovery           | \$15.51               | \$15                               | \$20                               |
| USFWS            | Red Knot Recovery               | \$0                   | \$0                                | \$5                                |
| USFWS            | Lesser Prairie-Chicken Recovery | \$0                   | \$0                                | \$5                                |
| USFWS, NMFS      | Marbled Murrelet Recovery       | \$0                   | \$0                                | \$5                                |
| BLM              | Sage-Grouse Conservation        | \$73                  | \$73                               | \$73                               |

## Pesticide Licensing | EPA and USFWS

The Environmental Protection Agency is currently tasked with clearing a 40-year backlog of pesticide reviews mandated under the Endangered Species Act and other statutes. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must make species-specific recommendations as part of this process. To comply with court-mandated deadlines, protect species, and reduce harms from pesticides, ABC recommends fully funding the EPA's request of \$75.7 million for the Office of Pesticide Programs, and increasing the USFWS's Ecological Services Consultations branch appropriation to \$10 million for FY2025.

| Agency | Program                     | FY24 Final (millions) | FY25 President's Budget (millions) | FY25 ABC Recommendation (millions) |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| EPA    | Pesticides Licensing        | \$48.70               | \$75.70                            | \$75.70                            |
| USFWS  | ESA Pesticide Consultations | \$1                   | \$1                                | \$10                               |



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## Marine Pollution | EPA

Plastic pollution is among the leading threats to seabirds. We recommend that the EPA's Marine Pollution Program receive at least \$13 million to support its goals of reducing marine litter, capturing trash, and protecting human health and the marine environment. Support is especially needed for the Trash Free Waters Program, which supports communities around major river systems and coastal areas to capture and prevent trash before it enters waterways. This program further helps fulfill legal obligations under the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act.

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|--------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| EPA    | Marine Pollution Program | \$10.20               | \$12.70                            | \$13                               |

## Migratory Bird Protection | USFWS, DOI

Reducing bird declines requires more than focusing on imperiled species. By addressing threats to birds in the wild, hundreds of species can be protected for generations to come. ABC's core mission work of protecting migratory birds from threats can be better supported by increasing funding for mitigation and permitting under the MBTA; increasing funding for habitat conservation under the NMBCA; and funding improvements and retrofits of federal buildings to reduce threats from window collisions.

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|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| USFWS  | MBTA Incidental Take Mitigation | \$0                   | \$0                                | \$10                               |
| USFWS  | NMBCA                           | \$5.10                | \$5.10                             | \$6.50                             |
| NPS    | Window Collision Mitigation     | \$0                   | \$0                                | \$10                               |

## Migratory Bird Joint Ventures | USFWS

The national network of Joint Ventures (JVs) is essential to address the conservation needs of migratory birds and leverage significant matching contributions from partner organizations and foundations. To help reverse bird declines, we recommend that the Joint Ventures be allocated \$25 million (adjusted for inflation) to get the program to the minimum base funding amount and to help the JVs reach "full functioning" by leveraging the 1234 funding with other federal agencies. To complete the map, we also recommend appropriations of \$600,000 for the California Central Coast Joint Venture.

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|--------|--|-----------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| USFWS  | Migratory Bird Joint Ventures          | \$16.82               | \$17.70                            | \$25                               |
| USFWS  | California Central Coast Joint Venture | \$0                   | \$0                                | \$0.60                             |



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