

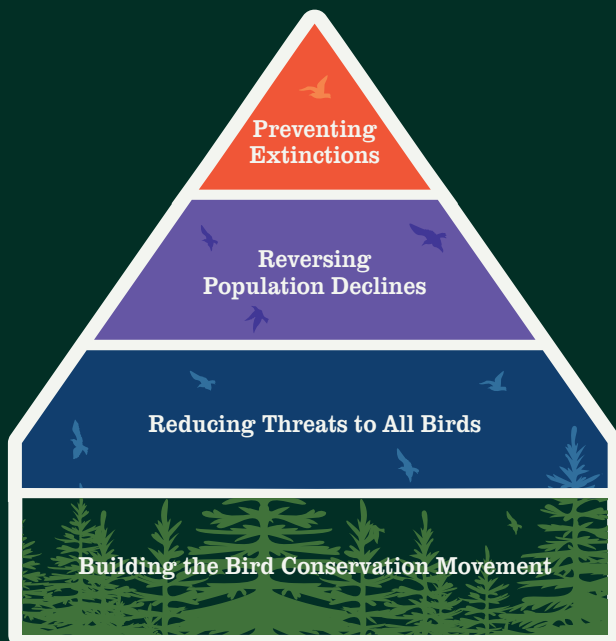
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ABC's Mission

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is dedicated to conserving wild birds and their habitats throughout the Americas.



ABC's Strategic Bird Conservation Framework

ABC prioritizes four key outcomes — shown in the graphic above — to move our mission forward and achieve measurable results for birds, year after year. Our Philanthropy Report and its companion Impact Report show how we're advancing toward each of these outcomes.

Bold Action for Birds Across the Americas

American Bird Conservancy takes bold action to conserve wild birds and their habitats throughout the Americas. Inspired by the wonder of birds, we achieve lasting results for the bird species most in need while also benefiting human communities, biodiversity, and the planet's fragile climate. Our every action is underpinned by science, strengthened by partnerships, and rooted in the belief that diverse perspectives yield stronger results. Founded as a nonprofit organization in 1994, ABC remains committed to safeguarding birds for generations to come. Join us! Together, we can do more to ensure birds thrive. abcbirds.org

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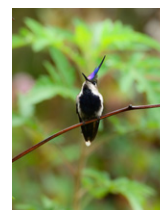
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Purple-crowned Plovercrest, a hummingbird found at the ABC-supported Guyra Retã Reserve in Paraguay.
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Dear Partners and Supporters,

Thank you for your support of American Bird Conservancy. Birds are important to people, as sources of delight, beauty, and inspiration. Species from hawks to herons to hummingbirds matter as vital components of complex ecosystems. And for conservationists, birds matter as ambassadors to help us address our planet's many environmental harms.

At American Bird Conservancy, birds are our everyday focus, and in 2025, we continued to confront the urgent challenges they face: habitat loss, invasive species, glass buildings, pesticides, and more. Your commitment and generosity helped us make a difference for birds in many ways, such as:

- Protecting more than 171,000 acres of bird habitat for many of the most endangered birds in Latin America and the Caribbean, bringing our cumulative total over three decades to 1.3 million acres in protected areas;
- Planting more than 356,000 trees and shrubs to restore important bird habitat, raising our total to 8.3 million planted throughout the Western Hemisphere;
- Managing approximately 208,000 acres to maintain and improve habitat for birds, working with landowners, Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, and other partners — and adding to the 10 million acres we've already conserved in BirdScapes and other vital areas;
- Advocating on Capitol Hill, in statehouses, and when necessary, in court, for threatened birds;
- And growing the bird conservation community through our Afrofuturism Collective, the ever-expanding Bird City Network, educational projects in Hawai'i and The Bahamas, and other efforts.

This report shares testimonials from supporters about why they donate to ABC, profiles of a few of our partner networks, and the names of our Falcon Club and Legacy Circle members, among other highlights. I hope you enjoy it, and thank you for everything you do for ABC and for birds.

With deepest appreciation,



Michael J. Parr
President

Dear Friends,

From all of us at American Bird Conservancy, thank you for your commitment to protecting birds and the habitats they depend on. Your support makes possible the work of conserving species across the Americas — from making migratory pathways safer to restoring critical ecosystems and advancing science-based solutions.

Thanks to partners like you, we have expanded conservation programs, strengthened community collaborations, and delivered measurable outcomes for some of the most vulnerable species. Together, we are not only preventing extinctions but also building a future where birds thrive.

Philanthropy is at the heart of this progress. Your generosity fuels innovation, enables rapid response to emerging threats, and ensures that our work remains grounded in both science and impact. Every species conserved, every acre protected, and every policy advanced reflects a shared commitment to stewardship. Thank you for your love for birds and your shared belief in what we can accomplish together.

With gratitude,



Erin Chen
Vice President of Development

The Critically Endangered
Palila is a focal species
for ABC in Hawai'i.



Why We Support ABC | ABC members explain what motivates them to support our mission



The Near Threatened Resplendent Quetzal occurs at the ABC-supported Sierra de las Minas Reserve in Guatemala.

At the Forefront of Conservation

I have been a birder for as long as I can remember. Birds are such an integral part of me that I simply cannot imagine a life without them. Sadly, in the 70 years that I've been observing them, there has been a terrifying decline in specific species and birds in general. From the flightless Atitlan Grebe that was wiped off the face of the Earth in the 1980s by the idiotic introduction of game fish to its mountain lake habitat in Guatemala, to the precipitous decline in birds in general in the eastern United States in my lifetime, the situation has looked pretty bleak.

However, ABC has been at the forefront of efforts to reverse these declines. Consider the Cundinamarca Antpitta, the bird I discovered in 1989 in the mountains east of Bogotá, Colombia. As is the case in much of the temperate Andes, the place where I found it was cleared to create cattle pasture, and the species was eventually

declared to be Endangered. Soon, though, another population was found nearby, and ABC was asked to help preserve it. In an amazing result, ABC raised the funds, purchased the land, created a survival plan, and enlisted the support of the local people and a local nongovernmental organization to carry on the day-to-day management of the reserve — all in about 18 months!

I have seen the capability, dedication, and effectiveness of ABC firsthand and can say that the organization is as good as it gets. For the last two years, I have been sending my speaking honoraria to ABC to support its great work for birds in the Americas. I can't think of a more appropriate place to direct my conservation efforts.

— Peter Kaestner, ABC Ambassador and the first birder to surpass 10,000 observed bird species



The Endangered Cundinamarca Antpitta is found only in a few areas of the eastern Andes in Colombia.

A Natural Reaction

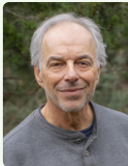
Steve Semanchuk and Liz Skiles, Legacy Circle members from western North Carolina, developed an interest in birds in 1999, when they began kayaking in the coastal waters of the Southeast. "The birds were generally approachable, although wild, and a special treat when the views are mainly of marsh grass, sky, and water," Semanchuk said. "We liked the diversity and wanted to know more. That opened our eyes to the fact that birds can be enjoyed everywhere and anytime. Awareness of their decline and need for habitat protection came more slowly through various media forms. Protecting what you enjoy is a natural reaction."

The couple joined ABC because they found that the organization's "goals and values align with our own. ABC also creates programs that protect birds while helping landowners improve or maintain the habitat on their property."

Semanchuk and Skiles included ABC in their estate plans because, "We have no children, so along with other associations that protect parks and wildlife, we felt ABC would be an excellent steward of any wealth we have accumulated over our lifetimes."

As an ecologist, I know that conservation must be based on science. But conservation doesn't happen until the work is actually protecting habitat and the ability of birds (and other animals) to live and to move. Because American Bird Conservancy is protecting millions of acres of crucial habitat – I'm in. That's why I am a Board member of ABC; the staff are worth my time and attention, and the work is worth my money.

— Carl Safina, ABC Board member, author, President of the Safina Center, and the Endowed Professor for Nature and Humanity at the State University of New York, Stony Brook



All in the Family

The Julius family of Arlington, Virginia, has supported ABC since 2022. Dad Patrick says his sons, Max and Danté, who are now young adults, were hooked on birds from the time as children when they first saw the “vibrant and active visitors on their first bird feeder.” Their interest in birds grew considerably during the COVID-19 pandemic, when they were in high school and went birding at local parks.

As their knowledge of and passion for birds grew, they launched “Guide to the Birds of Arlington” (sites.google.com/view/chipperbirders), an online community resource about the birds of their regional parks.

Patrick, who served as the boys’ chauffeur and porter for their early birding trips, became hooked as well. “As their birding adventures expanded, ABC became an important part of our lives,” he said. “Through ABC’s events, website, opportunities, and webinars, my sons’ passions, knowledge, and connections to the birding community and nature grew.

“It also connected the family through many shared experiences,” he said. “My favorite part of my day is often claiming ‘First Hawk of the Day.’ It’s a family competition to determine who sees the day’s first hawk. It’s a daily reminder we have that we are connected to one another and connected to the world around us.”

Patrick added that his family appreciates ABC’s goals to “prevent extinction, to reverse declining populations, and to reduce threats to birds, promoting thriving populations of these helpful creatures, as well as making the world a more beautiful, enjoyable, and sustainable place to live.”

Max, who is majoring in Environmental Studies at Oberlin College in Ohio, also shared his thoughts about ABC:

“As soon as I discovered American Bird Conservancy, I realized it was something special. Many national nonprofits lead on species conservation, but they rarely focus on the whole range of the species they serve. American Bird Conservancy centers the species it supports by identifying and conserving critical habitat across borders.

“In a world where habitat loss is the leading cause of extinction, I worry that I will soon see a planet suffering deeply from ecological implosion. When we lack the ecological infrastructure — the plants, bugs, and birds that construct the food web — then we start to lose the ecosystem services, such as clean air, fresh water, and good soil, that we all need to live. It impresses me and comforts me to see that ABC is on it.

“Not only is its work effectively dismantling extinction, but ABC staffers engage all types of people with the fruits of their labor. I have been on many bird walks with ABC; the one most full of joy, discovery, and appreciation was an event specifically co-led with Latino Outdoors, a BIPOC, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ centered group at the National Arboretum. We got to share birding techniques and sightings, and we socialized til sunset. This experience grounded birding in the conservation work that preserves birds’ lives and grounded their work in the people who make it possible.”



The Vulnerable Marbled Godwit breeds primarily in the central North American prairies, including in the Northern Great Plains, where ABC works with ranchers to conserve birds and their habitats.

A Lifelong Commitment to Conservation

I first encountered birds at my parents' feeders in Minnesota and was taken by the beauty of the Baltimore Orioles, Evening Grosbeaks, occasional crossbills, and the other birds that visited our home. Once I became a homeowner, I put up feeders, and then my learning curve quickened with travel. My wife JoAnn and I began to spend our spring breaks on Dog Island, a barrier island off the Florida panhandle, where we encountered a wonderful array of weary warblers and tanagers that had migrated across the Gulf. But perhaps it was the pair of Elegant Trogons along Arizona's Cave Creek Trail that convinced us to bird beyond the U.S. And so it began. First, Chan Chich in Belize, where we happened upon a male White-collared Manakin dancing across a branch on its lek. Multiple visits to Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, and Brazil followed. We were hooked.

Birding got us off the beaten track: Dog Island; Portal, Arizona; Woodward, Oklahoma (to see the Lesser Prairie-Chicken mating ritual); Orange Walk, Belize; San Gerardo de Dota, Costa Rica; Sanbona, South Africa; and Banjul, The Gambia. The rewards were plentiful. Hyacinth Macaws at a Pantanal hacienda; aracarís and toucanets competing for fruit outside our cabana; the profusion of color wherever tanagers and hummingbirds congregated.

My interest in birds led to my long-standing interest in conservation. I joined the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Chapter of The Nature Conservancy in 2006 and remain on that board today, now emeritus. JoAnn and I purchased 81 acres of wooded hills and riparian meadow in the Kentucky Knobs, near our home. We worked for a time with a Cornell University-sponsored project censusing migratory birds on our property, all of them species that are declining in number. Most at least migrated through our land, and many nested, among them Kentucky and Worm-eating Warblers, Louisiana Waterthrush, Acadian Flycatcher, and Wood Thrush (my favorite). That

our small tract could attract so many different species reinforced our commitment to conservation.

Why ABC? ABC has conserved 10 million acres of some of the most important habitats in the Americas where vulnerable species struggle to survive. Throughout our hemisphere, it partners with local and national organizations that together identify and address threats. ABC learns from these in-country organizations just as it provides technical, scientific, and financial support for them. Every Friday, ABC brings us "Bird of the Week" online, which spurs interest in birding and conservation. My interest in birding grew from my belief in the critical importance of conservation, habitat protection, and restoration. So, too, does my ongoing interest in supporting ABC.

— Michael F. Hamm, an ABC Falcon Club and Legacy Circle member. He is also president of the Board of Directors of La Cruz Habitat Protection Project, which protects and restores forests of the monarch butterfly's winter roost in Michoacán, Mexico, and an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

The Worm-eating Warbler breeds in broadleaf forests of the eastern United States and winters primarily in central America and the Caribbean.



How Real Change Can Happen

Elizabeth R. Brill has been a supporter of ABC since 2005, shortly after she learned of the organization at a museum benefit in New York City. Today, she is part of our Falcon Club (members who donate unrestricted gifts annually of \$1,000 or more) and our Legacy Circle (members who include ABC in their estate plans).

"ABC's approaches to helping birds are the way I feel real change can happen," Brill said. "Community-based efforts, habitat protection, research, and education are critical to achieving success. I want to support an organization that focuses on creatures I care about, particularly when the organization wisely knows that helping those creatures often means helping other creatures (and people) along the way."

The fact that ABC addresses threats to birds through custom solutions for a multitude of situations is "the most effective way to help birds," she said. "The multi-faceted approach ABC takes is the one I feel can best serve birds. I am confident my legacy gift to ABC can actually make a difference."



Elizabeth R. Brill

Advocating for Birds

Helen DuBois, a Texas rancher and conservationist, has supported ABC since 2018. She got involved with ABC through her participation in the Grasslands Restoration Incentive Program (GRIP), an Oaks and Prairies Joint Venture project aimed at conserving grassland birds throughout Texas and Oklahoma.

“South Texas, known as a sportsman’s paradise, also hosts an incredible array of birds,” she said, noting that her property attracts the Green Jay and Great Kiskadee, and is being surveyed for federally

Threatened Ferruginous Pygmy-Owls.

Beyond working with GRIP, DuBois has been involved with conservation projects for decades, including a multi-year bird banding program she helped start at the Mad Island Marsh Preserve, a Nature Conservancy (TNC) property near the Texas coast. “We worked hard to incorporate an education component because local people often were unaware of their area’s importance for migratory species,” she said. “The birds that land on the coast are part of a much larger migration story. In partnership with

TNC and the Smithsonian’s Migratory Bird Center, we brought school children out to watch the mist netting of birds and collected data. Experiencing the magic of releasing a bird off one’s hand conveys the wonder of nature and birds. That has inspired me to support the conservation of avian species and their habitats.”

DuBois is also an artist who works in watercolors and often draws and paints birds. “If you are an artist, you have an eye for detail,” she said. “And that’s the thing about birds that I find so incredible: all the detail. I’m so amazed by their coloration,

patterns, and feathers. Drawing forces you to observe and see things you wouldn’t notice otherwise.”

DuBois said she supports ABC for a simple reason: “We have to do advocacy because time is running out. We see how beautiful these birds are, and their numbers are plummeting. By telling the story of birds, you can get people interested in conserving them.”



Helen DuBois

Great Kiskadee



Craig Harrison on a safari in Botswana.

Reflections of an Original Board Member

ABC is significant to me because I helped found it in 1994. My current passion is wildlife photographic safaris, but my interest in birds began slowly. As a teenager who grew up in southern California, I hiked with friends in the Santa Monica and Sierra Nevada mountains and fell in love with the outdoors and wildlife. Yet my undergraduate education focused on biochemistry, which never took me beyond the boundaries of the cell wall.

mode of travel. I was astonished when I first saw ground-hornbills from a decrepit train’s window in Mali. In Congo’s Ituri Forest, I was mesmerized by sunbirds and turacos. I didn’t own binoculars or a field guide until I camped for six months in East African parks. By then, I was hooked on birds.

After a graduate program in wildlife, I studied how offshore oil and fishery development would impact seabirds in Alaska and Hawai’i. By the early 1990s, I practiced environmental law in Washington, D.C., where I worked with a team of dedicated bird enthusiasts and conservation professionals to create ABC. Our goal was to build an

Everything changed after graduation. I hitchhiked for a year in the 1970s throughout Africa, living out of a backpack and experiencing the continent’s land, people, and wildlife up close. Fascinating birds entertained me during the frequent lulls inherent in my

organization that could formulate national bird conservation policies and that could protect crucial habitats throughout the Americas.

More than 30 years later, ABC is a vigorous and effective bird conservation organization. It has been gratifying to watch ABC mature and grow far beyond our original dreams. ABC is central to my family’s estate plan, and we also donate annually. Consistent with my focus on Africa, I am delighted to support ABC’s Search for Lost Birds project.

— Craig Harrison, an original ABC Board member

Focused on Outcomes

My background is in technology and finance. Over the last 30 years, I've worked at early-stage companies and launched ventures of my own. But some of my most meaningful moments have been outside — quiet mornings, open skies, the simple joy of noticing birds and wildlife, and capturing images of nature during my travels. In this next phase of my life, I'm grateful to have the time to return to that love and to do something tangible to protect it.

I first learned about ABC through one of its Board members. As I began transitioning into this next chapter, I was looking for an organization dedicated to wildlife and nature — one where I could contribute in a way that felt personal and truly effective. Many wonderful organizations do important work for wildlife and birds in particular — and for the people who love them. ABC stood out because of its singular focus on outcomes: protecting birds by protecting the habitats they need to survive and by taking on the real, on-the-ground threats they face. ABC doesn't just celebrate birds — it fights for them, with the expertise, science, and partnerships to deliver measurable results like acres protected and trees planted. That combination of heart and science moved me, and I joined the Board in 2024 and now also serve as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Birding has become a meaningful part of my life, and supporting ABC feels like a natural extension of that love. It's incredibly rewarding to know that my time and my giving help protect the birds that awe and inspire me — and the forests, coasts, oceans, wetlands, and grasslands they call home. The team at ABC is exceptional, and I'm continually impressed by how much impact they deliver. When I'm with the team, I feel like I'm with the Olympians of birding. I'm proud to stand with them, and I hope others who care about birds will join in — because when we all act together, we can protect what we love.

— Ravi Potharlanka, ABC Board member



An adult Gentoo Penguin stands watch over its young chick. The species breeds on many sub-Antarctic islands.

Protecting All Parts of Nature

When I was in sixth grade, I knew that I wanted to be an environmental lawyer. I'd spend a lot of time in our local creek marveling at all the different creatures that shared such close quarters, including several species of frogs, spiders, and birds. Those intensely magical moments in the creek cemented a desire to protect nature and all her parts.

As a young adult, I earned my law degree and have pursued environmental law, policy, and scholarship ever since.

I spent a decade at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and was lucky enough to work closely with several of its environment and science grantees, including ABC. I admired ABC's scientific rigor, its willingness to take on large-scale challenges, and its track record of working alongside communities, governments, and other conservation organizations to deliver durable results for birds and their habitats.

This year, I'm excited to be a new member of ABC's Board. ABC has been

pivotal and pioneering in protecting wild birds across the Americas. So many of the birds we know, enjoy, and depend on take perilous journeys travelling across continents and the ocean to "earn their living." ABC protects their feeding, resting, nesting, and breeding habitats throughout their migratory pathways.

Of course, birds are wonderful partners for humans and ecosystems, pollinating our gardens and wild landscapes, and they eat lots of mosquitoes and other biting insects. Moreover, birds are a source of pure joy. The flashy hummingbirds in my garden always make me smile, and I am super partial to penguins, puffins, hawks, chicks of any species, and those messy nesters, the House Finches.

Let's all resolve to help ABC continue making the world a safer place for birds of all kinds!

— Meg Caldwell, ABC Board member

For the past 20 years, ABC has been the primary focus of my charitable giving and my engagement with conservation. It's a model of effective



and efficient action, a shining light.

— Jonathan Franzen, ABC Board member, author, and winner of the National Book Award

The distinctive Black-throated Blue Warbler breeds in eastern North American forests and spends the nonbreeding season from south Florida to the Caribbean and parts of Central America.



Fostering Alliances

Patty Finch Dewey, an ABC supporter since 2018, describes herself as “an ordinary person who can identify only a few dozen native U.S. birds at best. I like to just relax and bask in their presence. They make me feel whole. You don’t need to be a birder to appreciate the work of ABC.”

She is especially grateful for the relationships ABC develops with other conservation partners. “ABC accomplishes much and fosters

alliances, letting these highly effective alliances branch off from ABC when it is best for future growth,” she said. “The staff are out to protect birds. That specific type of dedication to mission is a too-rare quality in the nonprofit field.”

Finch Dewey also praises ABC for not being afraid to “buck public opinion when it will save billions of birds’ lives. A prime example is the Cats Indoors Program.”

Compassion for Birds and People

Paul Pisano, an ABC Ambassador from Arlington, Virginia, told us about his interest in birds and ABC.

Why do you care about birds and their conservation?

I’ve been birding since I was about 10, starting in the early 1970s. My family’s house in Rockville, Maryland, backed up to a mature hardwood forest that always had birds around. In the spring and fall, the number of migrants was astounding. Some days there’d be more activity than others, but there was never a lull. Fast forward to today, and it’s immediately apparent to me that we have lost a huge number of birds. I’ve been out in the morning during spring migration and heard barely any birdsong. That I have witnessed such declines in my lifetime and with my own eyes was the experience that woke me up to the need to devote more time and energy to conservation.

How did you first learn about ABC?

I had learned of ABC many years ago, but it was always in an abstract context. It took ABC staff member Jason Berry to really make me aware of the breadth and depth of the organization. Jason had moved to D.C. in 2005 and became a very active member of the local birding community. While we’d be birding at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens or Rock Creek Park, he’d tell me all about the great work going on at ABC. By putting a face to the organization, Jason made it tangible and made me want to become a supporter.

Why is supporting ABC important to you?

As I’ve expanded my birding experiences to destinations to the south, including much of Central and South America, I’m able to see firsthand what effective

conservation looks like. And nine times out of 10, ABC’s name is behind it. So it became a “no-brainer.” If I want to continue having wonderful birding experiences, then I have to support organizations that are working hard to protect the birds and their habitats. In other words, to support ABC.

Is there a particular story about ABC you’d like to share?

When I think of my experiences with ABC, I tend to focus on the amazing humanistic side of the organization. I think of how ABC did all they could to support Jason as he succumbed to liver cancer, and how they supported me when I lost my spouse. In other words, the passion of the people at ABC extends beyond their ability to be incredibly effective at bird conservation to also being very compassionate to all.

2025 by the Numbers

ABC made progress for birds on many fronts last year, working together with partners across the Western Hemisphere. Here are some highlights, based on our conservation framework (shown on page 2) that prioritizes four key outcomes to achieve measurable results for birds.

Preventing Bird Extinctions

We work to prevent the extinction and promote the recovery of the hemisphere's most endangered birds.



4,073 Lilacine Amazons counted in Ecuador, a nearly 4x increase in less than a decade



171,000+ acres in new or expanded reserves in Latin America and the Caribbean



Active nests of 'Ua'u kani (Wedge-tailed Shearwater) at the Mokio Preserve on Moloka'i



5 "lost" species rediscovered (Bismarck Kingfisher, Broad-billed Fairywren, Blak Myzomela, Sulu Cuckooshrike, and Rufous-breasted Blue Flycatcher)

The only crossbill species in the Caribbean is the Endangered Hispaniolan Crossbill, a resident of pine forests on the island of Hispaniola.



Bird species that are threatened with extinction benefiting from protected habitat in ABC-supported reserves include:

Cherry-throated Tanager in Brazil; Golden-backed Mountain Tanager, Ash-breasted Tit-Tyrant, and Andean Condor in Peru; Chilean Woodstar in Chile; and White-fronted Quail-Dove and Hispaniolan Crossbill in the Dominican Republic. These reserves also support hundreds of bird species that are experiencing population declines but are not currently considered Endangered.

Reversing Bird Population Declines

We work throughout the hemisphere to improve habitat conditions for migratory and resident birds identified on the U.S. Watch List. Partners, including the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, are essential to the success of these efforts.



\$21 million in grant funding received to restore open pine habitats across more than 70,000 acres in Arkansas and Louisiana



Acres conserved in BirdScapes through partnerships among ABC, the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures, and other partners



10 Latin American countries where our BirdsPlus Program invested in conservation projects to benefit migratory birds and people



90 Motus stations installed, upgraded, or supported to track birds' movements

Reducing Threats to All Birds

We take on the biggest direct human-caused threats to birds, even when they are controversial.

19,230
pounds

Trash cleared by SPLASH from 694 acres in the Houston-Galveston region



5,600 acres of cropland enrolled in ABC's Untreated (Pesticide-free) Seed Pilot Program



0 rocket landing test pads to be built on bird-rich Johnston Atoll after ABC advocacy



7 states where ABC and partners won state and local victories for birds (Connecticut, Hawai'i, Illinois, New York, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia)

Staff and volunteers from the SPLASH project at a recent cleanup event in southeastern Texas.



Building the Bird Conservation Movement

The foundation of our work is building capacity. Informed people who love birds and take action are essential to our conservation success. So are partners empowered with the necessary resources.



\$425,000 granted to partners through the Latin American Reserve Stewardship Initiative



4 states with new programs in the Bird City Network (Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, and Oregon)



1 million+ followers across ABC's social media channels

The Bobolink and other grassland birds were the focus of several ABC Action Alerts in 2025.



200,000 messages sent to legislators by 25,000 people through our Action Alerts aimed at improving regulations for birds



Read more in our 2025 Impact Report:
abcbirds.org/ImpactReports





Rufous Hummingbird

Legacy Circle

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 our vision for the future of bird conservation.

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 Edna Alvarez
 Betsy Amsel
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 Karen Anderson
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 Robert Korenberg
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In Fond Remembrance

ABC celebrates the lives of these champions for birds who passed away in the past year but live on through their contributions to birds and conservation. We're grateful for the many ways they touched ABC's work and strengthened our organization.



Kay Hale plants a tree at the ABC-supported Huembo Reserve in Peru.

Kathryn Ann Hale, MD (1947-2026)

Kay Hale was a longtime supporter of conservation nonprofits, including ABC. She served on ABC's Board of Directors for nine years and supported our Hawai'i, Great Lakes, Gulf Coast, Western, and International programs. She also hosted events for ABC and our Gulf Coast program. Kay worked as a pulmonologist in Minnesota and Texas and lived much of her life in

the Houston area. A trip to Africa sparked Kay's interest in birding, and she traveled widely in search of birds — from India to Peru to Hawai'i. She also loved gardening with native plants and had multiple pollinator gardens. In addition to serving on ABC's Board, Kay served on the Boards of Gulf Coast Bird Observatory and Houston Audubon, and she supported The Peregrine Fund and the International Crane Foundation.



Ted Turner

Robert E. "Ted" Turner III (1938-2026)

Ted Turner, the founder of CNN, TBS, and other cable television networks, the owner of professional sports teams, and a humanitarian leader, was also a visionary conservationist, protecting approximately 2 million acres in eight states, mostly on 13 Western ranches. Turner played a significant role in preventing the extinction of the American bison and the Red-cockaded Woodpecker, and he donated to numerous conservation organizations. His Turner Foundation has supported ABC for nearly 30 years, focusing on our Northern Great Plains and Pesticides programs. ABC staff work with Turner ranches to monitor grassland bird populations, improve habitat, and install Motus telemetry tracking stations. Ted loved the land and outdoor adventures. His philanthropic investments will continue his legacy, managed by his five children, who are highly active across several environmental and conservation-focused organizations.

Steven Craig Damuth (1955-2026)

Craig Damuth was a dedicated conservationist who strongly believed in the importance of conserving habitat. He supported ABC for years through the Malcolm C. Damuth Foundation, which Craig founded and named after his father, who was also a conservationist. Craig helped establish the U.S. Land Fund at ABC and contributed to our Kirtland's Warbler conservation efforts. Craig's passion for nature began in

childhood, when he birded and fished in east Texas. He was an avid photographer and videographer of nature and saw that work as important in conserving land. He worked closely with his father to create two Houston Audubon sanctuaries that protect a combined 782 acres north of Houston. Farther south, he worked with ABC, World Wildlife Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, and others to protect more than 28,000 acres of vital habitats in several tropical regions.



Craig Damuth (right) and his father, Malcolm.

Your Support Moves Bird Conservation Forward

In all of the bird conservation success stories and testimonials that we share, the common denominator is *you*. ABC supporters like you make our work possible throughout the Americas — for native honeycreepers in Hawai'i, albatrosses and other seabirds throughout the oceans, grassland birds in the Great Plains (like this Scissor-tailed Flycatcher), warblers and thrushes in forests from the East Coast to the West, and so many more — including more than 3,000 resident and migratory species in ABC-supported Latin American and Caribbean reserves. Your financial contributions help us to keep moving forward with bold action for birds. Thank you for being part of this vital work!



Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

Teaming Up for Birds |

At ABC, partnership is in our DNA. From our founding in 1994, we've acted on the belief that our results for birds expand exponentially when we work with others — from government agencies and academic institutions to private companies and local bird groups. While our list of partners and coalitions is long, we highlight a few here that exemplify our efforts to achieve more for birds, together.

The Search for Lost Birds

Founded in 2021, the Search for Lost Birds is a global partnership between American Bird Conservancy, Re:wild, and BirdLife International with support from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Birds of the World, striving to understand and promote bird species that are currently “lost” — with no confirmation of their existence by photographs, sound recordings, or physical documentation for at least 10 years. Species can become lost for a variety of reasons. Some birds are extremely difficult to find or identify, resulting in few detections. Others live in remote areas that are rarely visited by researchers and birders. Unfortunately, a species' lost status can also indicate that it's on the precipice of extinction, or possibly even already extinct.

Since the project began, the Search for Lost Birds has led or assisted with many research efforts aimed at finding lost birds. No fewer than 33 species worldwide — 13 in Oceania, seven each in Africa and South America, and six in Asia — have been found since the Search for Lost Birds launched, making it possible to put conservation measures in place. In 2026, the global list of lost birds numbers 121 species; examples range from the Cuban Kite, last documented in 2008, to the Himalayan Quail, which last had a confirmed sighting in 1876. The work has been made possible thanks to The Constable Foundation, Kathleen Burger and Glen Gerada, and other generous supporters.

Learn More: SearchForLostBirds.org



Colombia's Santa Marta Sabrewing was rediscovered in 2022.

SPLASh



Black Skimmer

For many years, ABC staffers working on the Upper Texas Coast recognized a significant trash problem littering the region's coastlines — and that it posed a major challenge for birds and other wildlife. A 2019 report by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Ocean Conservancy confirmed the situation, showing that Texas has the highest average weight of trash debris per mile surveyed of any state in the nation. Another study found that trash accumulates on the Texas coast 10 times faster than it does on the coasts of other Gulf states. In 2020, to address the overlapping issues of trash pollution and wildlife conservation in the Greater Houston-Galveston area, ABC teamed up with Gulf Coast Bird Observatory and Black Cat GIS to form SPLASh — Stopping Plastics and Litter Along Shorelines.

The partnership is creating a cleaner environment for people, birds, and other wildlife through community science, education, and outreach. Since the project began, SPLASh staff and more than 6,000 volunteers have collected over 82,000 pounds of trash in the region. Birds that benefit include the Wilson's Plover, Black Skimmer, Least Tern,

and many others, as well as sea turtles and other coastal wildlife. Additional SPLASh outreach campaigns include SPLASh's annual art contest where kids encourage beachgoers to take care of their trash through art and a coffee cup campaign to encourage communities to use reusable products during Plastic Free July. Many thanks to major supporters of SPLASh, including the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Gulf Coast Bird Observatory, Felburn Foundation, Meadows Foundation, and Athletic Brewing Company's Two for the Trails Program. **Learn More:** splashtx.org



Bird City Network

Five years ago, ABC and Environment for the Americas (EFTA) joined forces to mobilize more communities to take action for birds — aiming to inspire people across the hemisphere to implement real-world solutions that help birds thrive. The resulting Bird City Network, established officially in 2023, unites and connects independent Bird City programs and communities of all types — cities, towns, villages, campuses, and counties — and recognizes them for their efforts to improve habitat, reduce threats to birds, and educate and engage the public about our feathered friends.

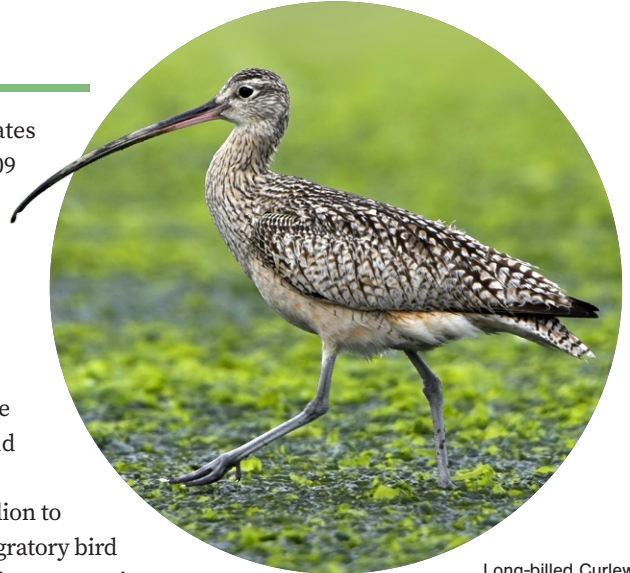
Bird City programs now exist in three Latin American countries and 13 U.S. states, and this year, programs are being developed in Alabama, Idaho, Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, and Tennessee. Network-wide, more than 300 communities have been recognized as Bird Cities. In 2025, they completed more than 3,500 actions that help birds — promoting native plants, providing nesting habitat, ensuring access to nature, and reducing energy use, to name a few examples. Bird

City Network is generously supported by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through its Urban Bird Treaty Program. ABC manages the Network's overall operation and helps to establish new programs in North America, while EFTA works to start new programs across Latin America and the Caribbean. **Learn More:** BirdCity.org

Southern Wings

Birds don't recognize state and national borders — yet plenty of U.S. states do a lot to conserve birds. These facts spurred the establishment in 2009 of the Southern Wings program, coordinated by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to help ensure that U.S. states' priority migratory species are also conserved once they head south. Southern Wings connects funding from U.S. state wildlife agencies to groups like ABC, who enact on-the-ground conservation in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean to benefit our shared birds on stopover sites and nonbreeding grounds. To achieve more for birds, the program leverages limited state funds with matching grants and in-kind contributions from ABC and our international partners.

To date, 42 state wildlife agencies have contributed more than \$4.5 million to Southern Wings. The funds have directly benefitted at least 81 priority migratory bird species on stopover sites and wintering grounds through over 24 projects in 11 countries. Projects that ABC has assisted with have benefited migratory warblers, thrushes, flycatchers, sandpipers, the Long-billed Curlew, Mountain Plover, and Worthen's Sparrow, among other birds. ABC is grateful to the following states for their support of ABC and our partners through Southern Wings: Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin. Other supporters include the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Southeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Mississippi Flyway Council, and Pacific Flyway Council. **Learn More:** Southern-Wings.FishWildlife.org



Long-billed Curlew

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Since our founding in 1994, we've charted a course to make bird conservation greater than the sum of its parts.

We form partnerships with government agencies, local bird clubs, private companies, colleges and universities, other nonprofits, and many other groups — all for the benefit of birds. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every one of our partners (see the list at abcbirds.org/OurPartners). We're proud to work with you for birds!



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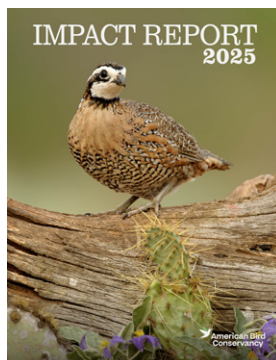
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