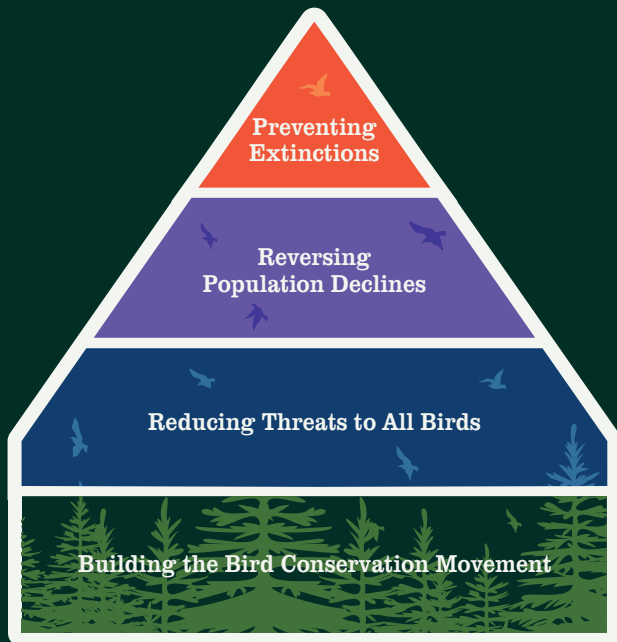


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ABC's Mission

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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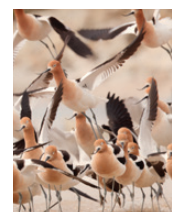


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American Avocets
by Beth Phillips



Dear Partners and Supporters:

In 2024, American Bird Conservancy celebrated our 30th year of achievements for birds and their habitats throughout the Americas. Now, as we embark on our fourth decade, I am filled with gratitude for the extraordinary generosity and commitment of supporters like you. Thanks to your unwavering belief in our mission, ABC continues to protect and conserve vital habitats, advocate for bird-friendly policies, and build the bird conservation community.

Your contributions have made a measurable difference. In 2024, we surpassed the milestone of 10 million acres conserved for birds — made possible by our partnerships with the Migratory Bird Joint Ventures and many other groups. Our work has benefited more than 3,000 bird species — from the beloved Wood Thrush to the little-known Cundinimarca Antpitta. ABC also welcomed our second cohort of Conservation and Justice Fellows and continued to expand the innovative Motus Wildlife Tracking System in the U.S. None of this would have been possible without your assistance.

Birds bring us closer — to nature, to each other, and to the broader ecosystems we all depend on. In a time when the challenges facing wildlife can feel overwhelming, your support is a powerful reminder that progress is possible when we work together. From all of us at ABC, thank you for standing with us and for the birds. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in the year ahead.

With deepest appreciation,



Michael J. Parr
President

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our entire ABC team, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your generous support of American Bird Conservancy in 2024. Your commitment to bird conservation continues to be the foundation on which our work is built — and your impact is visible in every corner of our mission.

From coastal marshes to forest canopies, your gifts have helped protect and restore key habitats, fund important research, and support teams of conservation professionals who work for birds in the field every day. Each project you've made possible is a step forward for the birds and habitats that are under threat across the Americas.

It's no exaggeration to say that you are part of a powerful community — one that shares a deep love for birds and a determination to protect the natural world. In this report, we highlight stories from a sampling of our members and supporters who explain in their own words why they are committed to ABC's mission. We also highlight some of our 2024 accomplishments, profile a few of our alliances, and list the names of many of our valued supporters. (While space limitations preclude us from mentioning everyone who gave to ABC, we're grateful for every gift, and we put every dollar to work for bird conservation.)

Thank you for your trust, your generosity, and your belief in the work we do together. You are the reason we can rise to meet the challenges ahead — with vision, compassion, and unwavering dedication.

Hooded Warbler



With warmest regards,



Erin Chen
Vice President
of Development

Why We Support ABC

ABC members explain what motivates them to support our mission

A Gateway into Caring More about Nature

Michael Forwood, an ABC monthly donor since 2016, describes himself as a “mid-30s finance director with a love of nature that has grown continuously over the past 10 years or so.”

One day while he was eating lunch outside, a House Sparrow caught his attention, and that’s “when I started to actually notice birds as more than just background noise.”

He soon hung a birdfeeder in his yard, began to learn more about birds, and then started traveling to see more species. “Birds were my gateway into paying attention and caring more about the natural world, which has become a major passion and source of joy for me,” he said. “I also believe we have a moral duty to protect and conserve nature from the relentless destruction humans have brought on the world.”

Michael’s employer matches his donation 2-to-1, which makes his monthly gifts even more supportive of our mission. He donates to ABC because he sees our approach to conservation as “the most directly impactful for endangered species. You identify priority conservation areas and take tangible steps to conserve land where it is most critical. As a small donor, I like knowing that my donation is supporting these tangible outcomes.”



Rose-breasted Grosbeak



Sheila Conant releases a Millerbird on Laysan Island.

Hope for Hawaiian Birds

Sheila Conant, Ph.D., is a long-time partner of ABC in Hawai‘i, an ABC supporter and member of our Legacy Circle. Conant also is Professor Emerita of Biology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa and a field biologist. She explains her support for ABC in her own words:

“For nearly 60 years, I have followed the decline and extinction of Hawaiian birds, an avifauna that has suffered the highest extinction rate of any geographic area on Earth. In just my lifetime, I have seen seven Hawaiian bird species in the wild that are now extinct. The situation is very sad, but I never give up hope for those species that remain.”

“In 2012, I learned that ABC was supporting the translocation of the Millerbird, a species I was first drawn to and decided to study when I was 18. This reintroduction back to the island of Laysan proved to be a great success. Since then, the significance and impact of ABC’s efforts to conserve Hawai‘i’s birds have expanded and deepened rapidly.”

“The depth and breadth of ABC’s conservation projects are ambitious, and the staff are dedicated. I applaud ABC’s efforts to protect many species in the Americas, but I value most the organization’s actions to conserve critically endangered Hawaiian birds and their habitats. That’s why I decided back in 2015 to include them in my estate planning.”

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 return of Millerbirds to Laysan Island in 2011 and 2012 was a major success for ABC and our partners in the Pacific.

I've become quite protective of birds – those in my yard, in my city, and everywhere. A few years ago, I accepted an offer to join ABC's Board because the people at ABC work every day to conserve birds in countless ways, and I'm proud to support them.

— Amy Tan, ABC Board member, author, artist, and recipient of the National Humanities Medal



Jordan E. Rutter, ABC's Director of Communications, birds with Board member Amy Tan and ABC Ambassador Cindy Ferguson and her husband Norm Jones.

Meaning and Purpose

Bruce Schatzman began birding as a teenager, but after college, he set his passion for birds aside when the responsibilities of family and running a software company called. Later, after his kids left for college and he sold his company, he returned to birding. When Bruce's interest in birds reignited, he decided to get involved with an organization that supports nature conservation and found ABC after an online search. "Its size, mission, and reputation turned out to be the perfect fit for me."

Now, he's an avid bird photographer who provides significant support to ABC through fundraisers. "All of this has brought a new sense of meaning and purpose to my life," he said.

While he is "deeply worried about the scale of environmental destruction" around the world, he decided he had to help. "Rather than sit there and

be sad, I decided to join the growing movement of people engaged in fighting to conserve nature to make sure it thrives and sustains future generations. Since ABC has become a powerful force in nature conservation, I feel that supporting it is the best way I can have a meaningful impact."

Bruce's top bird-friendly action is to spread the word. "In my opinion, nothing helps birds more than introducing people to nature and birdwatching," he said. "Creating new bird lovers builds the next generation of donors to nature conservation groups like ABC. It also increases the number of people more likely to vote for environmentally focused issues and candidates."



Bruce Schatzman



ABC President Michael J. Parr (far right) and Erin Chen, Vice President of Development (fifth from left), lead a bird walk at Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens during the 2025 DC Climate Week.

Magical Moments

Dick Raines, a former ABC Board member and a supporter of our Birds and Pesticides Campaign, has birded in Washington, D.C., and northern Virginia for more than 40 years. He and his wife Nancy bought land in 1982, including "my own little patch of woods," where Dick conducts an annual bird count. He also participated in an annual count in Washington's Rock Creek Park for 30 years, and now he organizes the Rappahannock County Bird List in Virginia.

After so many years of enjoying birds, he still revels in the "magical moments" of being a birder. "Nancy and I were camping out in Shenandoah National Park, in a swamp that's full of snags and dead trees," he recalled. "I'm running around trying to see warblers, and Nancy is much calmer, enjoying the swamp. And while she's sitting still, a Wood Thrush lands on her shoulder."

His advice for new birders? "I tell people to just learn the songs of the five most common birds in your yard. Don't try to learn everything because you'll get overwhelmed and you'll quit. Just learn those five. If you hear a song, track it down to the point where you can see it and you'll have it imprinted more deeply. And never stop appreciating your local birds."

Dick says ABC gets his support because of our focus. "I think ABC is the most effective bird conservation organization on the ground. It's in your DNA, it's who you are, it's your focus, and the real-world impact of that focus. I believe that your focus on conservation makes my support the most effective."



Cerulean Warbler

Implicit Trust, Spectacular Results

Mary Ellen Gadski has been an ABC individual member since 2005, and she and her husband Robert are Legacy Circle members. Moreover, she is the driving force behind the Indianapolis-based Amos Butler Audubon Society's (ABAS's) 25 years of support for ABC's work to protect migratory birds on their wintering grounds through ABAS's Birdathon grant program. Mary Ellen has served as the society's volunteer International Project Coordinator for 35 years, working closely with Donna McCarty, the longtime ABAS Birdathon Chair.

ABAS gave its first Birdathon grant to ABC in July 2000 to protect El Choro, the largest tract of remaining forest in western Panama and the home of Baird's Trogon and Three-wattled Bellbird, as well as many migratory species. Over the years, ABAS has donated more than \$350,000 to ABC, and besides Panama, the funds have helped conserve special places for birds in Colombia and Guatemala.

ABAS began supporting international conservation projects in the 1980s, and in the early years, the Birdathon Committee often met at Donna's and Mary Ellen's homes. "I always joke that I became the International Program Coordinator because I was the only one who knew the cost of an international stamp," she said.

In 2000, a committee member who belonged to ABC received a catalog of ABC projects in need of funding. "We were intrigued by El Choro in Panama and began inquiries," she recalled. "We were the sole donor for that project and made it happen. We really enjoyed supporting Panama Audubon (ABC's partner for El Choro)."

Later, ABC asked Mary Ellen and ABAS to support the new Cerulean Warbler Reserve and Conservation Corridor in Colombia. "This project meant a lot to us," she said. "Cerulean Warblers are here in Indiana, and everyone knows how their numbers have decreased."

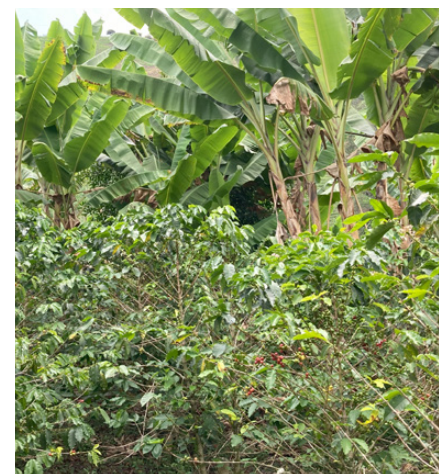
For the last several years, ABAS has supported another project in Colombia — the Central Andes BirdScape. "We implicitly trust the judgment and expertise of ABC," Mary Ellen said. "We have learned to have complete faith in ABC's judgment of where there is critical need to save birds. ABC's conservation results with projects like the Central Andes BirdScape habitat restoration initiative are nothing short of spectacular."



Mary Ellen Gadski

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



This shade-grown coffee farm in the Central Andes BirdScape in Colombia provides habitat for resident and migratory birds.

Keep the Tapestry of Biodiversity Intact

Bob Fisher, a monthly sustainer of ABC who grew up in Chicago, has been a birder for more than 50 years and an ABC member, along with his late wife Karen, since 1998. We recently asked him why he supports us.

Why do you care about birds and their conservation?

Karen and I were city kids, apartment-dwellers, so we had little exposure to the wonders of the natural world. But when we got married, we discovered a common love for fishing, canoe camping, and nature. What started our interest in birds is that we had a cottage in northeast Wisconsin, where we did six years of breeding bird atlas monitoring.

There's a tradition across Illinois called the Spring Bird Count, conducted in every county. Our county's first count was 1972; Karen and I did the count in 1973 and did it together until her death in 2018. Our assignment that first year

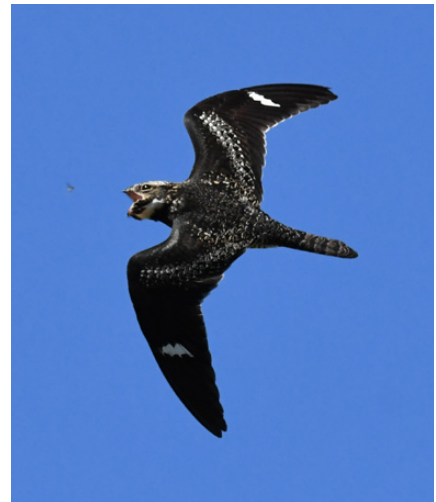
was to drive the town's streets and look for birds — we had no qualifications, but we did it!

Why is supporting ABC important to you?

What's important? This quote by Jane Goodall says it all: "The ecosystem is this tapestry of interconnected plants and animals, and each single one has a role to play. When a species becomes extinct, it's like pulling a thread. And if enough threads are pulled, the tapestry hangs in tatters. The ecosystem will collapse."

What birding experiences are especially important to you?

Karen and my six years of breeding bird atlas in far northeast Wisconsin was a unique experience because almost all of the accessible property was timber company lands. The guy who recruited us was a timber cruiser for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. So we had keys and permission to be on private property, and we'd go out and never see another soul. I've probably filled up my waders in spruce



Common Nighthawk

bogs 30 or 40 times. Even in June it was cold! We were the only people the birds there saw. It produced a lifetime of memories in six years.

What's one bird-friendly tip or action you wish everyone would follow?

From an advocacy standpoint, get involved. Be willing to speak. It's getting people to feel the value of nature. Did you enjoy seeing the bird? Take time to slow down and enjoy it. Growing up in the city of Chicago, one of the things I remember is we had streetlights, and on a midsummer's night, nighthawks would collect insects around the streetlights.

My current suburban neighbors to the north all treat their lawns with pesticides. So they have to bring their kids to my backyard to see fireflies — because they've killed them all off. I am disturbed and angry that people don't understand what Dr. Goodall said: We are unraveling the tapestry, and now we have people who are deliberately unraveling the tapestry — making it even worse.

What's one thing you think everyone should know about ABC?

That ABC is dedicated and will speak in an effective manner to point out to people that it isn't just about pretty birds: birds are the canaries in the coal mine. When we're gone, there will still be birds, and hopefully we haven't done too much damage.

I am involved with and provide financial support to a number of respected and well-known bird conservation and environmental organizations. All do important work, but it is American Bird Conservancy that is most aligned with my priorities and does the most to protect birds. I began to financially support ABC's work in 2006 and was so impressed with the organization that I subsequently included ABC in my will and joined its Legacy Circle. The reasons are many, but most importantly, ABC creates and protects vital habitat for birds, develops and shares best practices, leads collaborations to leverage resources and multiply the results, and takes on difficult challenges to reduce threats to birds. I support ABC because no organization does as much to protect birds across the Americas.

— Cindy Ferguson, ABC Ambassador and Legacy Circle member



A Kirtland's Warbler on Eleuthera Island in The Bahamas.

Leading the Way on Kirtland's Warbler Conservation

Scott Jorgensen is proud to support ABC, particularly our Kirtland's Warbler program, which works with many partners to conserve one of the rarest North American songbirds.

"American Bird Conservancy is a shining example of what a nonprofit can be: a leader in their mission to save endangered birds, a valuable partner who helps other organizations grow as they jointly advance the mission, and a key source of insight — generating critical scientific knowledge while also developing the next generation of researchers," Scott said. "All of this is supported by using sound business practices to ensure maximum value from every dollar donated.

"I recently participated in several activities on the recovery of the Kirtland's Warbler where I could see firsthand how the ABC approach made a critical difference in saving this endangered bird," he said. Scott noted that ABC partners with government and academic organizations and other nonprofits to conserve the bird's breeding grounds in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ontario. And he appreciates that our expert staff includes Senior Conservation Specialist Dave Ewert, who led a research team in the early 2000s that confirmed locations and habitats where the warblers winter in The Bahamas.

"It is important to ensure the birds have a place to hide and food to eat in the winter,

so finding out where they were wintering was the first step to ensuring winter survival," noted Scott.

"Equally vital was the work of several ABC staff to engage with the community to help develop a base of local, informed scientific expertise, and a strong level of community support," Scott said. "That support now includes school children, who learn why this bird is special and needs protection; a nonprofit that ABC encouraged to cultivate the forage plants warblers need and thus expand their food resources; and even goat farmers who can maintain a near-perfect warbler habitat and still turn a profit farming.

"In short, ABC generated strong and focused peer-reviewed science, community engagement at all levels, and strengthened allied groups in The Bahamas to ensure a suitable winter range for the warbler. Similarly, they used strong, focused science and engaged the right partners to recover and expand the breeding range. The result of all this diligent work is that the Kirtland's Warbler numbers have increased several-fold and the species is no longer on the endangered species list. Mission accomplished: That is solid use of donor funds."



Scott Jorgensen

Giving for Today — and Tomorrow

Ann Hancock has been interested in birds for as long as she can remember. As a child, she enjoyed watching the activity at her family's bird feeders, and by age 8, she was keeping track of her life list in her own copy of Roger Tory Peterson's *A Field Guide to the Birds*. Her love for birds took further flight when she received *The Burgess Bird Book For Children*, which included illustrations by acclaimed artist Louis Agassiz Fuertes.

Ann first learned about ABC in the 1990s because of our Cats Indoors program. She and her husband Jim signed up as members in 1999 and are now part of our Falcon Club and Legacy Circle.

"We support ABC for many reasons," Ann said. "I've mentioned Cats Indoors, which is a great program, and we support the program about preventing bird window strikes, another cause of high bird mortality. We're also very impressed by ABC's acquisitions of critical habitats that support migrating birds in Central and South America. It is critical that we think globally, as a high percentage of our local birds migrate long distances from somewhere else. ABC also works hard to educate the public about birds and what they need, and how we can directly support them as well as lessening our negative impacts on them."

The Hancocks are also proud to be able to leave a legacy to ABC.

"We decided to include ABC in our estate plans because of the enormous threats that birds are facing," Jim said. "We hope our gift will continue to help birds when we are gone because we know these threats will be ongoing. When thinking about giving, we try to consider both today and tomorrow. We want to give as much as possible while we're living, and it gives us satisfaction to know that our legacy gift will continue to support the birds we love."



Ivan Samuels, Maribel Guevara (ABC Board member), and their daughter Sierra.

A Strategic Partner in Latin America

Ivan Samuels, the Executive Director of March Conservation Fund (MCF), is a conservation biologist who earned his Masters in Zoology from the University of Florida. His expertise includes ecology, ornithology, forestry, and land management. Before joining MCF, Ivan worked on field research projects, mostly with birds, in both temperate and tropical environments.

For the last 10 years, Ivan and MCF have supported ABC's Latin American Reserve Stewardship Initiative (LARSI), an effort to bolster the work of our nonprofit partners throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The LARSI program strengthens on-the-ground conservation capacity for protecting threatened bird species and biodiversity. LARSI has invested over \$3.8 million in supporting 29 conservation organizations and 71 reserves in 13 Latin American and Caribbean countries. We recently asked him about working with ABC.

Why do you support ABC?

ABC has identified the primary threats to bird populations throughout the Americas and developed a strategy to tackle each one. This focus is delivering results across borders and habitats, from the urban built environment to remote tropical forests. I also support ABC because of the integrity and intelligence of their team. Everyone is both dedicated and determined and committed to good science and genuine partner engagement. ABC also does an excellent job working with international grantees to manage projects and expenses.

What motivates you to continue supporting ABC?

I'm especially motivated to continue supporting ABC because of the vast network of conservation partners they have developed. This includes government agencies, private landowners, and many NGOs throughout the Americas. These relationships take time to develop and are based on trust. Together we are stronger, and these partnerships help us, and help ABC, to deliver a much higher conservation impact than working in isolation.

What's one thing you think everyone should know about ABC?

Everyone should know that ABC is supporting many NGOs in Latin America to conserve both migratory and resident Neotropical species. They don't just set up offices in other countries, they deliver expertise and money to the best organizations to protect the most important sites for birds and other wildlife.

Any other comments you'd like to share with us?

The Latin American Reserve Stewardship Initiative that we founded with ABC is the crown jewel of our philanthropy. For 10 years, this program has delivered many conservation success stories and is highly valued by our Latin American partners.

Watch for an article about LARSI in the summer 2025 issue of Bird Conservation magazine.

American Bird Conservancy is a top-tier nonprofit for me because of its laser-like focus on protecting bird species and their habitats, both here in North America and throughout Central and South America, where they work with local conservation partners. ABC also focuses on critical issues such as threats to birds posed by free-ranging cats, by collisions with glass buildings and wind turbines, and pesticides. I have found the staff of ABC to be incredibly motivated, highly competent individuals with a strong work ethic. I support ABC as a donor because it is an organization that has an impact on issues that are important to me.

— Kathleen P. Burger, ABC Legacy Circle and Falcon Club member



Antioquia Brushfinch

2024 by the Numbers

ABC made progress for birds on many fronts last year, working together with partners across the 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.

44%

Gray-breasted Parakeet population growth in two years in northeast Brazil



43 million non-biting, lab-reared male mosquitoes released on Maui and Kaua'i since late 2023

The Birds, Not Mosquitoes project aims to restore Hawaiian honeycreeper populations. [Read more on page 18.](#)



6 "lost" species rediscovered through the Search for Lost Birds



13 seabird species that potentially may breed within a new protected area at the Moku Preserve in Hawai'i after the completion of a 5,600-foot-long conservation fence

60k

Acres of habitat protected in reserves for endangered birds

Birds benefiting include:
Red-fronted Macaw in Bolivia, Cherry-throated Tanager in Brazil, Short-crested Coquette in Mexico, Antioquia Brushfinch and Chestnut-capped Piha in Colombia, and Red-faced Parrot in Ecuador.

Reversing Bird Population Declines

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



Roseate Spoonbill



400,000 acres managed for birds in the Northern Great Plains BirdScape

14k

Pounds of trash removed from Texas shorelines through our SPLASH program



35,000+ grassland acres managed in Texas and Oklahoma to optimize habitat for Northern Bobwhite and other birds



BirdScapes (priority habitat areas) in 10 Latin American and Caribbean countries where we improved habitats for migratory birds



33 new Motus Wildlife Tracking System stations installed in seven U.S. states and six countries

Reducing Threats to All Birds

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



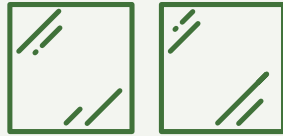
7 states where ABC successfully advocated for bird-friendly legislation (California, Hawai'i, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Vermont, and Wisconsin)



\$480,000 of annual funding to benefit 'Ua'u (Hawaiian Petrel), thanks to an ABC-supported legal action



700 participants took ABC's online bird-friendly building design class



45 samples evaluated at ABC glass testing tunnels to increase options for bird-friendly buildings

28

States and municipalities with bird-friendly building ordinances after local laws were passed in Maine, Illinois, and Wisconsin

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.



Inaugural members of our Afrofuturism Collective



14 Conservation and Justice Fellows working with ABC staff



\$400,000 granted to partners in Latin America and the Caribbean through the Latin American Reserve Stewardship Initiative



12 partner groups receiving Latin American Reserve Stewardship Initiative funding for sustainability initiatives



Red-fronted Macaws



Read more in our 2024 Impact Report: abcbirds.org/ImpactReports

ABC's Gulf Coastal Birds program works with partners across the Gulf region on the conservation of the Least Tern, Black Skimmer, Snowy Plover, Wilson's Plover, and other birds. Nest monitoring, educational activities, and other projects are helping to restore beach-nesting birds.



A Least Tern watches over its chick and an egg.

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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 Maryanne Adams
 Jane Alexander
 Janet Allison and Gary Lovett
 Edna Alvarez
 Betsy Amsel
 Charlene Anchor
 Roberto and Victoria Ancis
 Lorna and Michael Anderberg
 Karen Anderson
 Gordon Andersson
 Candye Andrus
 Joyce Angleberger
 Roberta and Ira Asher
 Susanne Bader
 Linda Bainbridge
 Barbara Baker and Robert Korenberg
 Valerie Baldwin
 David Ball
 Gwen Baluss
 Jane Baril
 Anne Barnes and Charles Byrd
 David Bates
 Charles and Nancy Bell
 Katy Belt
 Michelle Benedict
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 Karen Benzel
 Doug Beran
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In Fond Remembrance

ABC celebrates the lives of these four 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 each of them touched ABC's work and strengthened our organization.

Patricia Bauman (1941-2024)



Patricia Bauman was the founding Board Chair of American Bird Conservancy Action Fund and a member of ABC's Board of Directors from 2016-2021. Patricia helped found ABC Action Fund and served as the Board President from the organization's start in 2020 until her passing in March 2024. As President, Patricia passionately guided our efforts to build political support for bird conserva-

tion. She and her husband, John Landrum Bryant, as well as the L.R. Bauman Foundation, were generous contributors to ABC's conservation programs. Patricia further supported conservation as a board member of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, which has partnered with ABC on numerous projects to benefit birds and their habitats.

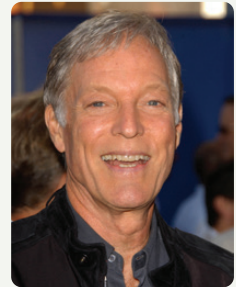
Victor Emanuel (1940-2025)

Victor Emanuel was a pioneer of birding tourism. In 1976, he founded Victor Emanuel Nature Tours (VENT), which today hosts birding and nature tours worldwide. He led birding outings with Britain's Prince Philip, President George W. Bush and his wife Laura, writers George Plimpton, Rose Styron, and Peter Matthiessen, and filmmaker Terrence Malick. He published his autobiography, *One More Warbler: A Life With Birds*, in 2017. ABC was fortunate to have Victor as a member of our Board of Directors for varying terms from 2004 through 2014. He always saw a strong link between tourism and conservation, and in 2014, he helped organize the fundraising effort by ABC, Tucson Bird Alliance, and VENT that led to the purchase of the Paton Center for Hummingbirds in Patagonia, Arizona. For more than 50 years, the Center's 1.4 acres of riparian woodlands has been a birding hotspot that is visited annually by thousands of birders.



Richard Chamberlain (1934-2025)

Richard Chamberlain, an actor whose long career on stage, film, and television included starring roles on TV mini-series such as *Shōgun* and *The Thorn Birds*, had a strong affection for Hawai'i. In 2012, Chamberlain kindly narrated ABC's film *Endangered Hawai'i*, which sought to raise awareness of the state's bird extinction crisis. The film premiered at the EC Environmental Film Fest and won the International Jury Prize at EKOFILM International Film Festival. We are forever grateful that he lent his unique voice to bird conservation. You can watch the film at abcbirds.org/EndangeredHawaiiDoc.



Ana Maria Weidner (1951-2024)

Ana Maria Weidner, a true friend and champion of animals of all kinds, had a special place in her heart for birds, which she affectionately called "angels." Ana was a long-time and generous supporter of ABC and particularly our Cats Indoors program. Born in Peru, she spoke five languages and was a prima ballerina in her youth. Ana earned her MBA from the University of San Francisco and went on to build a large and highly respected translation agency, employing 50 interpreters covering a wide range of languages. Her husband, Dean Weidner, was her soulmate. He now serves as the Board Chairperson of the Ana Maria Weidner Foundation. Ana generously funded the foundation, in perpetuity, ensuring that her deep love and respect for animals will always continue, bringing about transformative improvements in the lives of birds and all animals.



Laysan Albatross





We're Grateful for Your Support

As a supporter of American Bird Conservancy, the actions you make possible for birds run the gamut, from conserving grasslands in the Dakotas and protecting habitat in Brazil to reducing bird collisions in New York. Thanks to you, birds like the endemic Jamaican Woodpecker (shown here) and thousands of other species — from the Swallow-tailed Kite and Kirtland's Warbler to the Red Knot — have more safe habitat to call home. Thank you. We're grateful to have you in our flock!

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.

Birds, Not Mosquitoes

Birds, Not Mosquitoes (BNM) is a coalition of a dozen state, federal, private, and nonprofit partners with an urgent mission: preventing the extinction of remaining native Hawaiian manu nahele (forest birds). ABC plays a leading role in this effort, which aims to suppress the non-native southern house mosquito population in high-elevation forests across the Hawaiian islands. These invasive mosquitoes carry avian malaria — the primary driver of population declines among Hawaiian forest birds. Since its inception in 2017 and following years of rigorous study and analysis, as well as regulatory approval, the BNM team has for the first time applied a mosquito suppression method for bird conservation that is used safely around the world to benefit human health.

This innovative approach involves using lab-reared male mosquitoes with a naturally occurring bacteria that functions as “birth control,” resulting in non-viable eggs when the treated male mosquitoes mate with wild females. Over time, the mosquito population will be reduced, giving bird populations a chance to recover. Since November 2023, BNM has released more than 43 million non-biting, male mosquitoes across remote conservation areas on Maui and Kaua'i. Because they have very short lives, 500,000 more are released on each island each week to help protect the birds. This work was made possible thanks to substantial funding support from the federal government, the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and several private foundations, private donors, and nonprofit organizations. **Learn More:** BirdsNotMosquitoes.org



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Migratory Bird Joint Ventures

Migratory Bird Joint Ventures (JVs) are 23 regional partnerships covering the U.S., Canada, and much of Mexico that work to conserve, restore, and enhance habitats for migratory birds. Given the dramatic decline of North American birds over the past 50 years, the work of the JVs is more important than ever. The JV program began in 1986 and grew out of efforts to boost waterfowl populations. Since then, JVs have expanded to include bird species in nearly all habitats, both wetland and terrestrial. Species of conservation concern — including Northern Bobwhite and Black Rail — are a particular focus.

For more than 25 years, ABC has played a significant role with JVs, and together we have improved conservation management on 9.7 million acres of U.S. bird habitat — an area almost twice the size of Massachusetts! JVs bring together federal, state, and local agencies, corporations, universities, and landowners, as well as nonprofit organizations like ABC. We're closely involved in 13 of the 23 and employ staff in 10. ABC staff lead several of the JVs and play roles in activities such as communications, fundraising, implementation of conservation practices, advancement of policy and advocacy, and habitat conservation planning. We work closely with the leadership of other JVs, including staff at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, and other partners. **Learn More:** MBJV.org



Prothonotary Warbler

Conserva Aves

Only through active collaboration with local communities and international partnerships can we achieve the hemisphere-wide conservation birds require. That belief is the driving force behind Conserva Aves — a partnership created in 2021 with support from Bezos Earth Fund. ABC is a founding partner, along with the National Audubon Society, BirdLife International, and the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Environmental Funds (RedLAC). In 2024, Birds Canada joined thanks to a \$15 million investment from the Canadian government. The partnership is truly a force for nature, aiming to create 100 new subnational protected areas totaling at least 4.9 million acres (2 million hectares) by 2030.

Conserva Aves is making significant strides toward that goal, with more than 4.2 million acres (1.7 million hectares) in protected areas or in the process of being created or expanded. Now working in eight countries with 52 local partner organizations (including Indigenous peoples, Afro-descendant groups, and nongovernmental and grassroots organizations), Conserva Aves' efforts are providing habitat for 92 threatened bird species and 58 declining migratory species. **Learn More:** [Conserva-Aves.org](https://conserva-aves.org)



Red-faced Parrot

Latin American Bird Reserve Network

Protected habitat is essential to prevent the extinction of rare endemic birds like Colombia's Blue-billed Curassow and Brazil's Araripe Manakin. That's why supporting the establishment of bird reserves has been a hallmark of ABC's work since 1998, when we helped Mexican partner Bosque Antiguo establish the 1,000-acre El Carricito reserve for the Thick-billed Parrot and Military Macaw. Today, El Carricito totals 25,000 acres and also provides habitat for more than 200 migratory species, including Western Tanager and Rufous Hummingbird.

From small beginnings come great things: As of early 2025, we have supported the creation of 130 bird reserves in 15 countries, working with more than 60 on-the-ground partners in places ranging from cloud forests in the Dominican Republic to northern Chile's Atacama Desert. Recent additions include a vital sanctuary in Ecuador for the Endangered Red-faced Parrot and community protected areas in Mexico for the Critically Endangered Short-crested Coquette. Our success in building the Latin American Bird Reserve Network is the result of extraordinary partnerships among local conservation groups, government agencies, and financial supporters. Altogether, the reserve network provides habitat for more than 3,000 bird species — more than half of all birds found in the Western Hemisphere. **Learn More:** abcbirds.org/Reserves



Blue-billed Curassow

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Thick-billed Murre

The widespread Thick-billed Murre (top and with wings raised below) nests on cliffsides around Alaska, Canada, Greenland, and many places throughout Europe and Asia. ABC's Marine program is currently studying the species as an indicator of ocean health.

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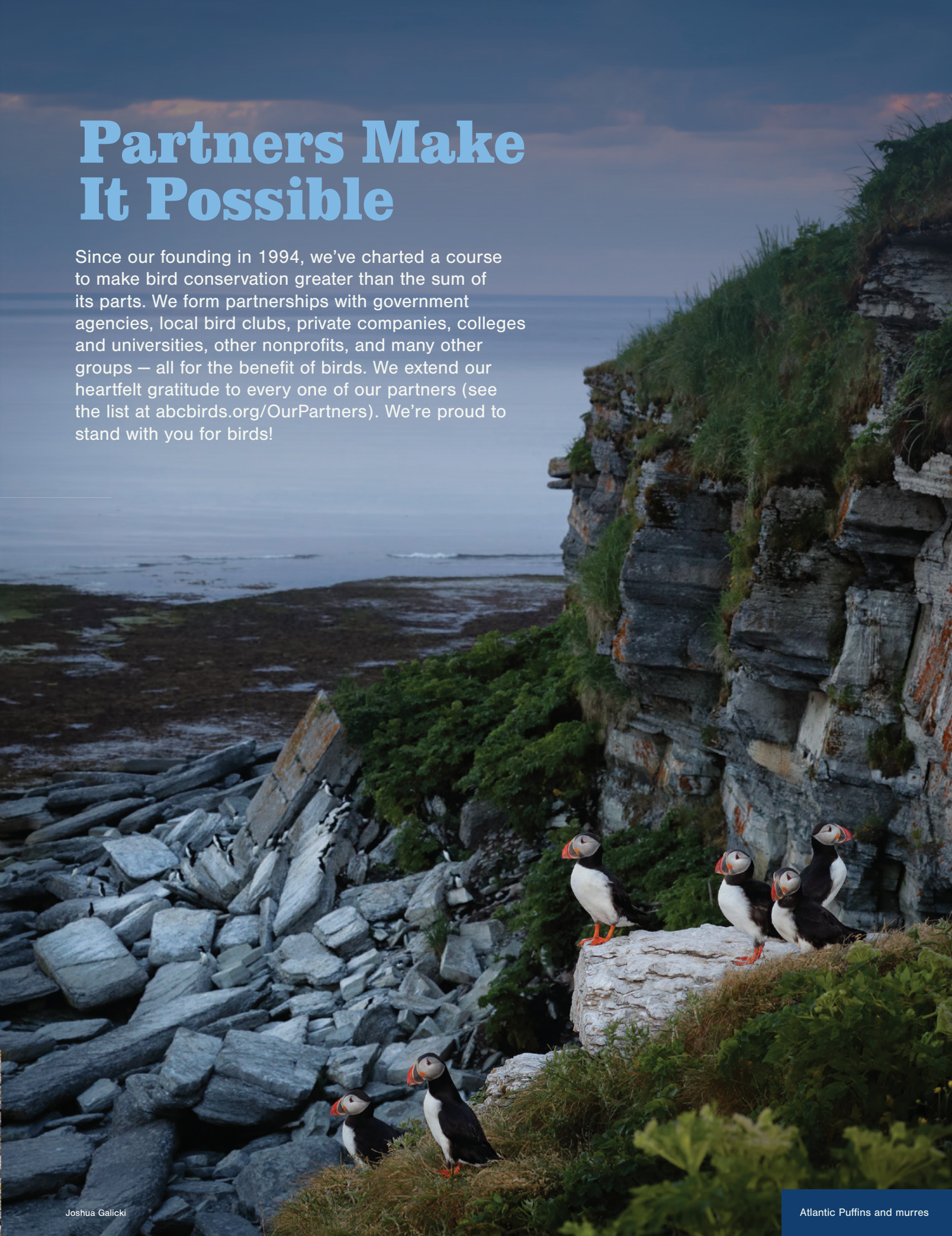
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Since our founding in 1994, we've charted a course to make bird conservation greater than the sum of its parts. We form partnerships with government agencies, local bird clubs, private companies, colleges and universities, other nonprofits, and many 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 stand with you for birds!



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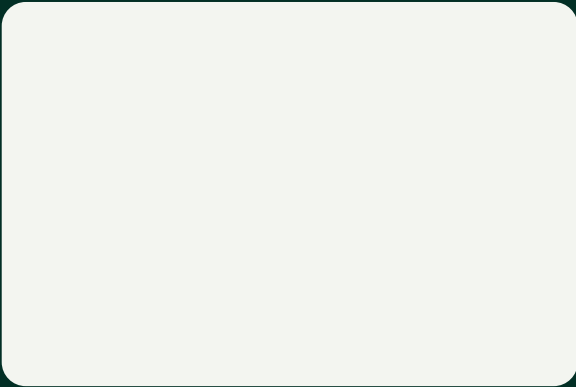


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