

Integrated Bird Conservation Planning Meeting

Eastern Tallgrass Prairie (Bird Conservation Region 22) East of the Mississippi River
Most of Illinois, central and northwestern Indiana, and western Ohio
(small portions of Wisconsin and southeastern Michigan)

4-6 September 2002

Waycross Conference Center near Morgantown, Indiana

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Purpose: To bring together bird conservation experts and interested stakeholders to develop strategies for implementing integrated bird conservation projects in the eastern portion of the Eastern Tallgrass Prairie. We hope to identify high priority bird species and habitats in this region; discuss issues and problems associated with the conservation of these habitats; identify conservation opportunities and focus areas; discuss implementation strategies, programs, and funding sources for on-the-ground bird conservation; and encourage the organization of state working groups and partnerships.

Tentative Meeting Agenda and Potential Presenters

Wednesday, September 4

1. Overview of Bird Conservation Initiatives

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| 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 1:00-1:05 p.m. | Welcome
- Glen Salmon, Director, Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife |
| 1:05-1:10 p.m. | Facility and logistics
- John Castrale, Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife |
| 1:10-1:20 p.m. | Goals and Objectives
- Greg Butcher, Midwest Partners in Flight |
| 1:20-1:30 p.m. | North American Bird Conservation Initiative
- Barb Pardo, US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 1:30-1:45 p.m. | Partners in Flight
- Greg Butcher, Midwest Partners in Flight |
| 1:45-2:00 p.m. | Upper Mississippi River/Great Lakes Region Joint Venture |

- Ed Theroff, Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife

- 2:00-2:15 p.m.** **North American Waterfowl Management Plan**
- Tim Hickmann, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- 2:15-2:30 p.m.** **U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan**
- Bob Russell, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 2:30-2:45 p.m.** **Waterbirds**
- Charlie Paine, Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation
- 2:45-3:00 p.m.** **Quail / Mourning Doves**
- Clark McCreedy, Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife
- 3:00-3:30 p.m.** **Break**
- 3:30-3:45 p.m.** **Prairie Chickens**
- Scott Simpson, Illinois Department of Natural Resource
- 3:45-4:00 p.m.** **Rink-necked Pheasant**
- Tom Schwartz, Pheasants Forever
- 4:00-4:15 p.m.** **Wild Turkey**
- Dave Neu, National Wild Turkey Federation
- 4:15-4:30 p.m.** **American Woodcock / Ruffed Grouse**
- Adam Bump, Ruffed Grouse Society
- 4:30-4:45 p.m.** **Raptors**
- John Castrale, Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- 4:45-5:00 p.m.** **Important Bird Areas**
- Alicia Craig, National Audubon Society
- 5:00-5:15 p.m.** **The Nature Conservancy Ecoregional Planning**
- Dave Ewert, The Nature Conservancy
- 5:15-5:30 p.m.** **Wisconsin Bird Conservation Initiative**
- Greg Butcher, Midwest Partners in Flight
- 5:30-6:00 p.m.** **Break**
- 6:00-7:00 p.m.** **Dinner**

1. **Bird Species Priorities** - moderated by Brian MacGowan

7:30-9:30 p.m. - Listing of priority species by the above plans;
discussion by group

Thursday, September 5

3. Habitat Priorities – Greg Butcher, Partners In Flight, moderator
Identification, description, issues, problems

8:00-8:15 a.m. Session Overview, set the baseline for what we want to focus on
and the regional values
- Greg Butcher, Midwest Partners in Flight

8:15-9:15 a.m. Wetlands
- Bob Gates, Ohio State University

9:15-10:15 a.m. Grasslands (including ag lands)
- Jim Herkert, The Nature Conservancy

10:15-10:45 a.m. BREAK

10:45-11:45 a.m. Woodlands (savannahs, riparian, woodlots, forests,
shrublands)
- Jeff Brawn, Illinois Natural History Survey

11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. LUNCH

4. Focus Areas and Opportunities – Breakout by states. Examine maps; identify
priority areas; discuss past, ongoing, and opportunities for new projects.

1:00-3:00 p.m. – wetlands, grasslands, woodlands

3:00-3:30 p.m. – BREAK

3:30-4:30 p.m. – final state/habitat type

5. State Breakout Groups - report back to entire group

4:30-5:30 p.m.

5:30-6:30 p.m. DINNER

6:30-☺

Friday, September 6

6. Implementation and Funding - moderator?

8:00-8:15 a.m. USFWS programs

- Barb Pardo, US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 8:15-8:45 a.m. Farm Bill programs**
 - Dave Stratman, NRCS
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. State sources of funding for habitat conservation**
 - Gary Langell (IN), other states?
- 9:15-9:30 a.m. National sources of funding for habitat conservation**
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- 9:30-9:45 a.m. Private sources of funding for habitat conservation**
 - ??, The Nature Conservancy
- 9:45-10:15 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:15- 10:45 a.m. Illinois Case Study: Illinois River**
 - Tim Hickmann, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. Indiana Case Study: Kankakee Sands**
 - Chip O’Leary, The Nature Conservancy
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. Ohio Case Study:**
 - Scott Hull, Ohio Division of Fish and Wildlife
- 11:45-NOON Discussion of implementation and funding; closing**
- NOON-1:00 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. Adjourn**