

DEFINITIONS

Birds of Conservation Concern. Published by the Division of Migratory Bird Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, the list of migratory and nonmigratory birds of the United States and its Territories that are of conservation concern. The list covers those species, subspecies, and populations that without further conservation actions are likely to become candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

Bird Conservation Region. A region designated by the North American Bird Conservation Initiative (NABCI), or, where none are designated by NABCI, an equivalent region designated by the Service, for the delivery of bird conservation activities.

Breeding Biology Research and Monitoring Database (BBIRD). National, cooperative program that uses standardized field methodologies for studies of nesting success and habitat requirements of breeding birds.

Joint Venture. A regional self-directed partnership of Federal, State, and local agencies, tribes, and nongovernmental organizations, corporations, and individuals formed to deliver the objectives of national or international bird conservation initiatives.

Migratory Bird. An individual of any species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. A list of migratory birds can be found in [50 CFR 10.13](#).

Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship (MAPS). A voluntary-based program that uses the banding of birds during the breeding season to track the changes and patterns in the number of young produced and the survivorship of adults and young.

Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act. Provides grants to countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and the United States for the conservation of neotropical migratory birds that winter south of the U.S. border and summer in North America. The Act encourages habitat protection, education, researching, monitoring, and capacity building to provide for the long-term protection of neotropical migratory birds.

North American Waterbird Conservation Plan (NAWCP). A partnership of Federal and State government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and private interests focusing on the conservation of waterbirds, primarily marsh birds and colonial waterbirds. The vision of the partnership is that the distribution, diversity, and abundance of populations and habitats of breeding, migratory, and nonbreeding waterbirds are sustained throughout the lands and waters of North America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP). A partnership of Federal and State government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and private interests focusing on restoring waterfowl populations through habitat restoration, protection, and enhancement.

Partners in Flight (PIF). A cooperative effort of more than 300 partners including Federal and State government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, conservation groups, foundations, universities, and industry focusing on the conservation of land birds.

Species of Concern. Refers to those species listed in the periodic report, *Birds of Conservation Concern*, published by the Division of Migratory Bird Management, Fish and Wildlife Service; priority migratory bird species documented in the comprehensive bird conservation plans (North American Waterbird Conservation Plan, United States Shorebird Conservation Plan, Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plans); species or populations of waterfowl identified as high, or moderately high, continental priority in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan; listed threatened and endangered bird species in 50 CFR 17.11; and MBTA listed game birds below desired population sizes.

Take. As stated in 50 CFR 10.12 includes pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect.

United States Shorebird Conservation Plan (USSCP). An effort undertaken by a partnership of Federal and State government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and private entities to ensure stable and self-sustaining populations of all shorebird species are restored and protected.