

Plenary Session

Wednesday, 18 May 2016, 1:30pm – 5:30pm

Barrick Salon, Canadian Museum of Nature

*Celebrating 100 years of conservation of migratory birds and their habitats and
looking ahead to the next 100 years*

Agenda

1:30-2:00pm

Launch of State of North America's Birds Report & Centennial Celebration

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change will highlight the celebration of the Migratory Birds Convention and announce the release of the State of North American Birds Report.

Short statements from Dan Ashe, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the General Wildlife Direction of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico.

2:00pm

Opening Remarks: Charles Francis, Canadian Co-Chair, Trilateral Migratory Birds Working Table

2:00-2:45pm

Panel 1: The Legacy of the Migratory Birds Convention: Bird Conservation Successes over the Past 100 Years

What have we accomplished since the signing of the Canada-US convention and Mexico-US conventions? What key factors have led to our success and what lessons can we apply to future challenges?

Moderator: Rachel Levin

Panelists:

- **Dr. Steve Wendt**, retired Director, Migratory Birds, Canadian Wildlife Service
 - History of cooperative bird conservation between Canada and the U.S.
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- **Glenn Olson**, Donal O'Brien Chair in Bird Conservation and Public Policy, National Audubon Society
 - The role of the Audubon Society and other non-government organizations in bird conservation
 - **Dr. Eduardo Iñigo-Elias**, NABCI-Mexico committee
 - The history of bird conservation in México
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2:45-3:40pm

PANEL 2: Current efforts to address conservation challenges facing migratory birds and their habitats

The State of North America's Birds report has highlighted some of the ecosystems most in need of conservation action, as well as areas with major conservation potential. This panel will highlight some of the successful bird and habitat conservation actions currently underway to address these challenges.

Moderator: Jude Scarl

Panelists:

- **Dr. Alfonso Aguirre-Muñoz**, Executive Director, Grupo de Ecología y Conservación de Islas, México
 - Restoring island ecosystems to protect endemic landbirds and breeding seabirds
 - **Humberto Berlanga**, Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (CONABIO)
 - The Meso-American Biological Corridor as an approach for managing tropical forests
 - **Arvind Panjabi, Bird Conservation of the Rockies**
 - Full life-cycle management for grassland birds
 - **Christopher Lee, Canadian Association of Forest Owners**
 - Managing forests for timber harvest while supporting conservation outcomes for birds
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3:40-4:00pm

Break

4:00-4:55pm

Panel 3: A Vision for the Future of Bird Conservation in the Americas

Many successful models of collaboration exist that we can learn from and build on. Themes to explore include: importance of full annual life cycle management, the benefits of conservation business plans, and opportunities for hemispherical collaboration.

Moderator: Steven Price

Panelists:

- **Jacques Trouvilliez**, African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement
 - The African Eurasian Waterbird Agreement as a model for hemispheric conservation
 - **Ian Davidson**, U.S. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
 - Bringing together a broad stakeholder community into hemispheric conservation for birds
 - **Deb Hahn**, International Relations Director, AFWA
 - Envisioning Americas Bird Conservation Initiative
 - **Amanda D. Rodewald**, Director of Conservation Science, Cornell Lab of Ornithology
 - Bringing vision to reality: the path forward for bird conservation in the Americas
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4:55-5:25pm

Guided Panel Discussion with speakers from all 3 panels

How do we work better together to conserve birds and their ecosystems?

Moderator: Steven Price

5:25pm

Closing Remarks: Jerome Ford, Assistant Director of Migratory Birds, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

5:30-7:00pm

Reception and booth displays

Location: Museum of Nature Rotunda

Signing of the Letter of Intent Related to the Conservation of Migratory Birds and their Habitats in the United Mexican States, the United States of America, and Canada

7:00pm

Adjourn
