

Project Abstract Summary

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* Project Abstract

Successful annual cycle conservation of waterfowl led states to create complementary efforts for priority Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) through a program called Southern Wings. Southern Wings helps focus vital conservation funds on targeted sites along migratory pathways and on wintering grounds for more than one-half of North America's breeding birds. The goal of our proposal is to help Southern Wings and the states be more efficient and impactful with their finite resources by creating and providing easy access to conservation planning resources. This goal will be accomplished by refining, improving, and summarizing information that is available through the Migratory Connectivity Project, Bird Migration Explorer, and eBird Status and Trends. Specifically, we will: 1) conduct workshops with the states to explicitly define the type and presentation mode of full annual cycle information needed by the states and a post-project survey to evaluate impact of the proposed work, and 2) assemble an online state-specific guide to annual cycle conservation of priority bird species that will allow states to identify where the species in their state/region spend other parts of the annual cycle. This "Southern Wings Guide" (hereafter Guide) will allow states to access multiple, novel and complementary sources of information that can guide targeted investment of funds to successfully implement State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) objectives for SGCNs. It will also help states develop partnerships with organizations working in the places their birds use elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere, and maximize protection and conservation for priority SGCNs. State-specific pages of the Guide will include multiple maps (e.g. species-specific, species groups of interest) and partners and project information. The Guide will also include outreach material for Southern Wings and annual cycle conservation that could include a story map, flip book, and online outreach and education documents whose target audiences will be state agency staff and constituencies. This information will allow states to more easily include full annual cycle conservation strategies in the 2025 update of the SWAPs.