

PIF Eastern Working Group 2023 Confluence
January 10-12, 2023
Nashville Zoo
Nashville, TN



**The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere is located at
3777 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211.**

When you pull into the zoo entrance follow the path to the main lot. *The Zoo is currently building a parking garage so you will encounter construction detours that get you to the lot.* The meeting is located in the Croft Building, which is approximately 60 yards left of the main zoo entrance. Follow the pathways to the flag court and the building is immediately ahead. Once you enter the double doors a reception desk is on your left. Bear right and 'The Gallery' will be the first meeting room you come to.

Agenda

*(**all times Central Standard Time)*

Day 1 (January 10): Doing Bird Conservation Better Together – EWG Focal Teams, Species Working Groups, and Partner Organizations

[Zoom Link](#)

Meet and Greet

8:30 - 9:00 am

Arrive at the Zoo a little early to say hi to people you haven't seen in person for a while or people you are just meeting for the first time. Please get settled and be ready to start the meeting at 9.

I. Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Overview

9:00am – 9:20am

The Eastern Working Group (EWG) group serves as a forum for bringing together bird conservationists from a wide array of organizations to facilitate coordinated, regional-scale implementation of research, monitoring, and management activities. The EWG has initially focused on three topic areas, with teams formed to work on these issues: Full Annual Cycle Conservation, Data Management, and Science Delivery. The EWG has also facilitated conversations with Species Working Groups regarding possible collaborations among groups and how the EWG could support these working groups.

This meeting will provide opportunities to continue working on these topics, with an emphasis on finding the synergies that can help propel our collective bird conservation efforts forward with

new collaborations. Our goal for this meeting is to clearly articulate new ways of collaboratively advancing existing projects or developing new projects to address unmet needs identified by Species Working Groups, EWG Focal Teams, or partner organizations. The proposed outcome for this meeting is the development of detailed project descriptions, draft work plans, or proposal outlines for projects that would catalyze continued collaborative work beyond this meeting.

II. PIF Eastern Working Group Progress

A. EWG Focal Team summaries: Full Annual Cycle Conservation, Science Delivery, Data Management

9:20-10:15am

Short summaries from each Focal Team followed by a panel discussion with Q&As (including questions from meeting participants)

What has each team done? What projects are the teams currently working on? What are gaps that each team thinks the collective Eastern Working Group can help fill? How might these projects/activities help different organizations or other working groups?

- [Meeting Google Folder](#): contains all documents associated with this week's meeting
 - [Sharing space for all participants](#): please make a folder and share info from your project(s)

BREAK (10:15 – 10:30am)

B. Summary of Species Working Groups & Organizations: priorities and current activities

10:30 – 11:10am

1. Short presentation summarizing information provided by working groups and organizations – highlighting common themes across groups and organizations.
2. Short discussion of Road to Recovery (R2R): how it can be value-added to species working groups and collaboratively working toward common goals
3. Q&As: working groups and organizations can make brief clarifying statements and answer questions generated from meeting participants

C. Capitalizing on new synergies and identifying collaborative projects

11:10 – 11:45am

[Restaurants Padlet Example](#)

[Padlet Link](#) - 5 min orientation to Padlet

Initial reactions and brainstorm ideas for collaborative projects that popped out from the morning presentations and discussions – input from all. Consolidate ideas into themes.

What synergies do meeting participants see between priorities and activities of the Focal

Teams, Working Groups, and various organizations? Are there shared needs and outcomes?

LUNCH (11:45am – 1:00pm)

C. Capitalizing on new synergies and identifying collaborative projects (cont'd)

1:00 – 1:45pm

Advancing the work of the Focal Teams, Species Working Groups, and partner organizations through greater collaboration.

Identify new projects and/or additions to existing projects that address shared needs and outcomes for advancing bird conservation in the East. Which topics have the greatest synergy and interest from meeting participants?

Identify groups of meeting participants interested in working together to develop more details around project ideas (e.g., project/proposal outlines, next steps for advancing project ideas following this meeting)

III. Concurrent Working Sessions: EWG Science Delivery Team & project development group(s)

1:45 – 5:00pm

A. Science Delivery Team session

Using the Conservation Standards (CS) process to identify and address key barriers to forest management in eastern North America
[Mural Link for this session.](#)

B. Link to [Conservation Standards](#) training opportunities

1. Introductory Remarks (1:45 – 1:50)
2. Using CS to analyze the conservation situation in eastern forests (1:50 – 2:10)
3. Hands-on exercise: situation analysis (2:10 – 4:15, incl. a 15 min break)
4. Identifying desired results and indicators, linking strategies to goals (4:15 – 4:45)
5. Identifying next steps (4:45 – 5:00)

C. Develop details for project ideas that arose from the morning session

Small groups work on developing specific project details, such as project descriptions, proposal outlines, work plans, and next steps following the meeting

Day 2 (January 11): Working Grasslands, Migratory Bird Stopover, Conservation Investment Strategies, and Collaborative Space

[Zoom Link](#)

Meet and Greet

8:30 - 9:00am

I. New Synergies and Collaborations - revisited

9:00 - 9:15am

[Padlet Link](#)

II. Concurrent Working Sessions 1

9:15am – 12 pm, with morning break

A. *Working Grasslands for Bird Conservation*: building a conservation business plan for Eastern grasslands

9:00-9:15 Introductions and overview of group's objectives (PH)

9:15-10:15 Overview of Business Plan approach (JG et al.)

a. Business Plan basics

b. State/Regional examples

10:15-10:30 BREAK

10:30-11:30 Discussion of key details of the Plan (2-3 examples with states)

11:30-12:00 Formulate concrete next steps and assignments

B. *Collaborative Time for Other Topics*: project development for ideas from Day 1 or other collaborations (working groups, initiatives, etc.)

LUNCH 12pm – 1pm

III. Collaborative, Concurrent Working Sessions A and B

1pm – 5pm, with afternoon break

A. *EWG Full Annual Cycle Conservation Team*

1 pm - 2:25 pm

1. - Advancing Implementation of Conservation Investment Strategies (CIS)
 - a. Presentations on broad conservation initiatives across the Americas
 - i. Americas Flyways Initiative - Santiago Aparicio, Audubon Americas
 - ii. Conserva Aves - Alfonso Hernandez Rios - BirdLife International
 - b. CIS for Gulf-Caribbean Slope and Choco region - Eliana Montenegro (BirdLife)
 - c. Presentation on CIS for Mid-Elevation Forests of C. & S. America - Nick Bayly (Selva)
 - d. How can North American partners support implementation of these strategies in cooperation with Latin American partners?

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm, break

2:45 pm - 5 pm

2. Conservation of Important Migratory Stopover Areas
 - a. Presentations by Birds Canada and Audubon on modeling of important migratory stopover areas
 - b. Review the approach presented and next steps

B. Collaborative Time for Other Topics: project development for ideas from Day 1 or other collaborations (working groups, initiatives, etc.)

[Link to Focal Topics sorted by votes](#)

Day 3 (January 12): Coming Together and Going Forward

[Zoom Link](#)

Meet and Greet

8:30 - 9:00am

9am – 12pm, with morning break

The last day (a half day) will focus on how we can advance common topics together based on progress made over the previous two days. We will have brief reports on outcomes from previous days' sessions, and exact topics for discussion this morning will depend on those outcomes. There will be time to discuss how the Data Management Team can support the work of various teams and groups, and how the entire Eastern Working Group can more effectively assist and support critical work for bird conservation in Eastern North America.