

Cornell Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative



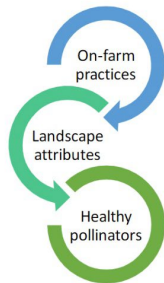
Mississippi Valley Conservancy/Ag Allies



Audubon Vermont

Land Trust/Bird Conservation Nexus

Birds as indicators of pollinator conservation



Birds



Land Trusts

Land Trusts have broad reach to landowners, protecting >61 million private acres nationwide



Birds are indicators of healthy ecosystems and catalysts for capacity building and conservation strategies

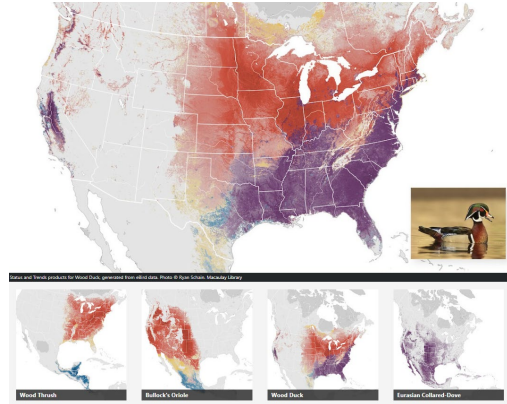


Land Trust Alliance 2020 National Land Trust Census Data

Land Trust National Needs Assessment (614 land trusts participated)



Funding




Planning Tools



Conservation Resources

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Advancing the Pace and Impact of
Land Trusts' Protection and
Stewardship Efforts Through Birds

Land Trust Grants

www.birds.org/land-trusts

Conservation Resource Directory

- landscape-scale plans, BMPs, etc.
- citizen science, joint ventures, PIF

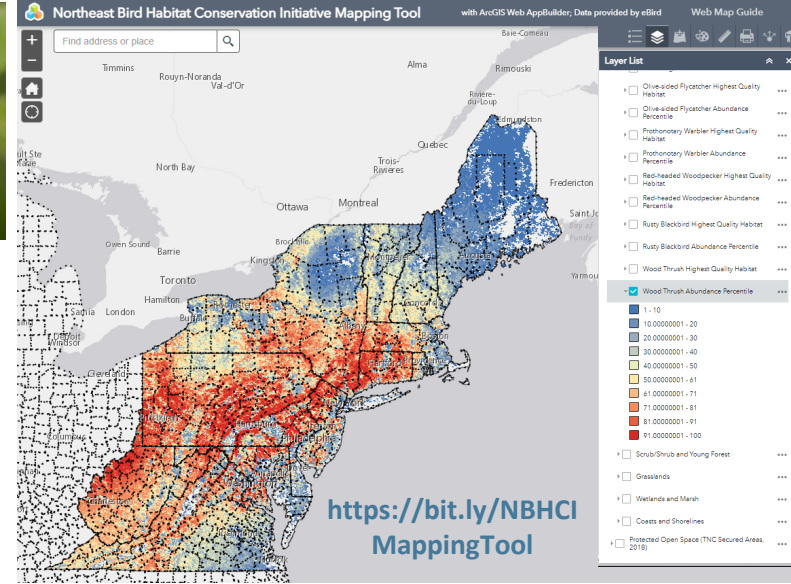
Fundraising Directory / Land Trust Grants

- bird related funding sources
- Funding, technical advice, partnerships

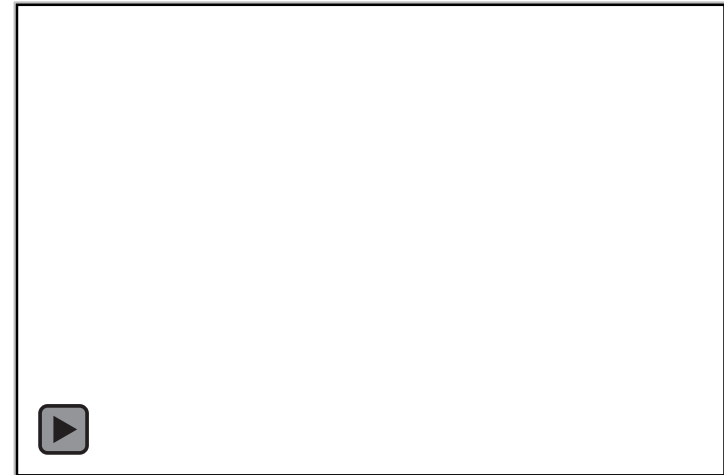
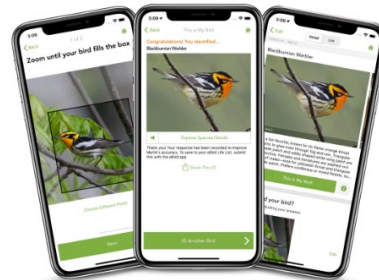
Workshops & Webinars / Planning Tools

- birding tools, eBird, science products
- collaboratives & success stories

Effective Ways to use eBird



- Inform grant applications
- Engage in citizen science
- Monitoring /stewardship requirements
- Assess & evaluate management
- Use eBird science products for land prioritization & planning



Cornell Land Trust Grant Program

Annual RFP January; due March 1

Capacity and Partnership Projects

6 grants of \$5K each (\$10K in 2025) (competitive)

Management and Restoration Projects

8 grants of \$25K each (competitive)

Conservation Collaborative Grant

1 grant of \$50K (solicited)



Cameron Collins

Cornell Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative: Conservation Collaboratives



Northeast Bird Habitat Conservation Initiative



Maine Ag Allies Collaborative



Washington Listen Up Collaborative



Western Vermont Golden-chain Collaborative



Southeast Burning for Birds Collaborative

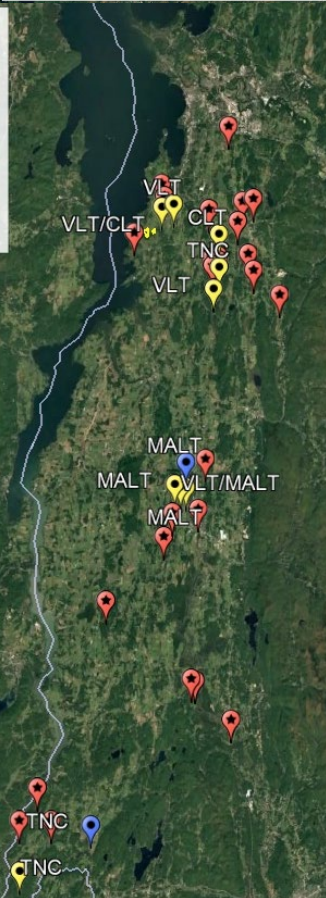


Virginia Grassland Bird Collaborative

Golden-winged Warbler Project Sites/WVC

Yellow = Land Trust Properties
Blue = Future Land Trust Properties
Red = Other Public and Private Properties

VLT = Vermont Land Trust
CLT = Charlotte Land Trust
MALT = Middlebury Area Land Trust
HLT = Hinesburg Land Trust
TNC = The Nature Conservancy



Western Vermont Collaborative





Steps to Consider

- Use birds as effective ambassadors for conservation
- Take time to build relationships with partners and landowners; look for unconventional partnerships
- Tie landowner place in space into larger picture and conservation messaging
- Investigate new funding sources and use funding sources as opportunities for collaboration
- Conduct outreach and listening sessions to generate good will and build relationships

www.birdtrust.org

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*Private Land
Protected
Forever*



*with a voluntary
conservation agreement*



3 BILLION *Birds Gone*

Land trusts can help curb declines

By Sara Barker Swarthout

Birds connect us to wild spaces and our natural world. They give

This staggering revelation represents a 30% reduction in total breeding bird abundance,

According to the authors, habitat loss is a driving factor in these widespread declines,