



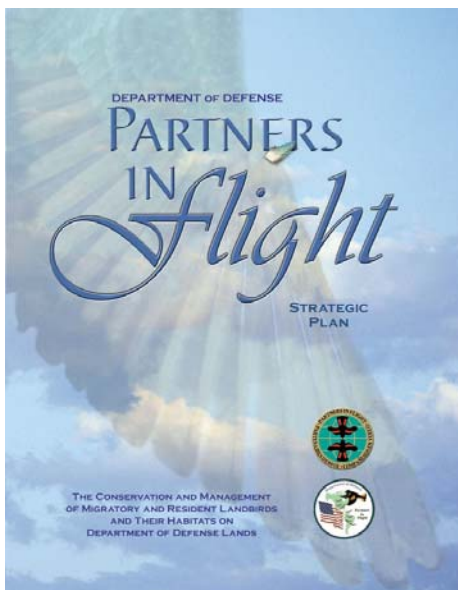
Department of Defense Partners in Flight

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Department of Defense Partners in Flight Program

Mission

To conserve migratory and resident birds and their habitats on Department of Defense lands.



The Strategic Plan and other resources can be found at
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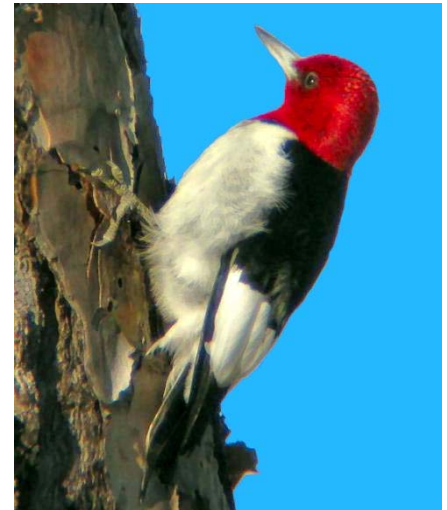
DoD PIF Priority Species

Prioritizing Bird Species of Conservation Concern for Monitoring on DoD Lands

To determine what migratory bird species are of highest “concern” to the Department of Defense, each DoD Partners in Flight Working Group member was tasked in 2008 with providing a list of their “Top 10” species of concern within their area of responsibility (exclusive of Federally-listed and Hawaiian species). The emphasis was on those species having the highest potential to impact the future military mission should they become listed under the Endangered Species Act, with a secondary focus on those species with significant conservation concern on DoD lands.

Seventeen DoD representatives from all regions (Southeast, Northeast, Midwest, West, Alaska, and Hawaii), representing all military service branches, provided the initial input. After two annual meetings of the DoD Partners in Flight Working Group and numerous reviewed iterations of the list, a draft final list was generated for use as a baseline for making better decisions about how to focus future DoD avian monitoring efforts. All bird species on the USFWS 2010 Candidate Notice of Review list known to occur on DoD lands are included.

The DoD Partners in Flight Working Group recommended unanimously that the current list on page 2 of this draft fact sheet be reviewed by each military Service Branch for concurrence. This review will assist in identifying additional species missed by the Working Group (but relevant to one or more Service Branches), or alternatively, species that should be removed from the list. Any changes (additions, deletions) should be submitted to the DoD Partners in Flight contacts listed below, along with the justification for the change and a point of contact.



*Red-headed Woodpecker is one of 67 species identified by DoD PIF as a Species of Concern for the Department of Defense.
(Photo: Chris Eberly)*

In addition to helping prioritize monitoring programs and NEPA documents, the final list will be used as a basis to evaluate Legacy proposals and guide conservation actions such as the development of conservation measures to support Executive Order 13186 (*Responsibilities of Federal Agencies To Protect Migratory Birds*) and the associated Memorandum of Understanding.

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Common Name	Breeding	Wintering	Migration	Genus	Species	Subspecies	TaxonRank	Pri
American Oystercatcher	X	X		Haematopus	palliatu		Species	1
Ashy Storm-Petrel	X			Oceanodroma	homochroa		Species	2
Bachman's Sparrow	X			Aimophila	aestivalis		Species	1
Baird's Sparrow	X	X		Ammodramus	bairdii		Species	
Bald Eagle	X	X		Haliaeetus	leucocephalus		Species	1
Bendire's Thrasher	X			Toxostoma	bendirei		Species	1
Bicknell's Thrush	X			Catharus	bicknelli		Species	
Black Oystercatcher	X			Haematopus	bachmani		Species	2
Black Rail	X	X		Laterallus	jamaicensis		Species	1
Black-chinned Sparrow	X			Spizella	atrogularis		Species	2
Blue-winged Warbler	X			Vermivora	pinus		Species	1
Brewer's Sparrow	X	X		Spizella	breweri		Species	2
Brown-headed Nuthatch	X			Sitta	pusilla		Species	2
Buff-breasted Sandpiper			X	Tryngites	subruficollis		Species	
Burrowing Owl	X	X		Athene	cunicularia		Species	1
Cactus Wren	X			Campylorhynchus	brunneicapillus	sandiegensis	Subspecies	2
Cerulean Warbler	X			Dendroica	cerulea		Species	1
Chuck-will's-widow	X			Caprimulgus	carolinensis		Species	2
Common Nighthawk	X			Chordeiles	minor		Species	2
Crissal Thrasher	X			Toxostoma	crissale		Species	2
Dickcissel	X			Spiza	americana		Species	2
Eastern Meadowlark	X			Sturnella	magna	lilianae	Species	2
Elegant Tern	X	X		Thalasseus	elegans		Species	2
Gilded Flicker	X			Colaptes	chrysoides		Species	2
Golden Eagle	X	X		Aquila	chrysaetos		Species	1
Golden-winged Warbler	X			Vermivora	chrysoptera		Species	1
Grasshopper Sparrow	X			Ammodramus	savannarum	ammolegus	Subspecies	1
Gray Vireo	X			Vireo	vicinior		Species	1
Greater Prairie-Chicken*	X	X		Tympanuchus	cupido		Species	1
Greater Sage-Grouse*	X	X		Centrocercus	urophasianus		Species	2
Gull-billed Tern	X			Gelochelidon	nilotica		Species	1
Harris's Sparrow		X		Zonotrichia	querula		Species	2
Henslow's Sparrow	X	X		Ammodramus	henslowii		Species	1
Kentucky Warbler	X			Oporornis	formosus		Species	2
King Rail	X			Rallus	elegans		Species	
Le Conte's Thrasher	X			Toxostoma	lecontei		Species	1
Least Tern	X			Sternula	antillarum		Species	1
Lesser Prairie-Chicken*	X	X		Tympanuchus	pallidicinctus		Species	1
Lewis's Woodpecker	X			Melanerpes	lewis		Species	2
Loggerhead Shrike	X			Lanius	ludovicianus		Species	2
Long-billed Curlew	X	X		Numenius	americanus		Species	2
Lucy's Warbler	X			Vermivora	luciae		Species	2
Mountain Plover	X	X		Charadrius	montanus		Species	1
Northern Bobwhite	X	X		Colinus	virginianus		Species	1
Northern Goshawk	X	X		Accipiter	gentilis		Species	2
Olive-sided Flycatcher	X			Contopus	cooperi		Species	2
Painted Bunting	X			Passerina	ciris		Species	1
Pinyon Jay	X			Gymnorhinus	cianocephalus		Species	1
Prairie Falcon	X	X		Falco	mexicanus		Species	2
Prairie Warbler	X			Dendroica	discolor		Species	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	X			Melanerpes	erythrocephalus		Species	2
Rusty Blackbird	X	X		Euphagus	carolinus		Species	1
Sage Sparrow	X			Amphispiza	belli		Species	1
Sage Thrasher	X	X		Oreoscoptes	montanus		Species	1
Saltmarsh Sparrow	X			Ammodramus	caudacutus		Species	
Seaside Sparrow	X			Ammodramus	maritimus		Species	
Snowy Plover (Gulf Coast)	X	X		Charadrius	alexandrinus		DPS	1
Southeastern American Kestrel	X			Falco	sparverius	paulus	Subspecies	2
Sprague's Pipit*	X	X		Anthus	spragueii		Species	2
Streaked Horned Lark*	X			Eremophila	alpestris	strigata	Subspecies	1
Swainson's Warbler	X			Limnithlypis	swainsonii		Species	
Swallow-tailed Kite	X			Elanoides	forficatus		Species	
Tricolored Blackbird	X			Agelaius	tricolor		Species	1
Upland Sandpiper	X		X	Bartramia	longicauda		Species	1
Western Yellow-billed Cuckoo*	X			Coccyzus	americanus		DPS	1
Whip-poor-will	X			Caprimulgus	vociferus		Species	2
Wilson's Plover	X			Charadrius	wilsonia		Species	2
Yellow Rail	X	X		Coturnicops	noveboracensis		Species	3
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*FWS Candidate Notice of Review