



Presidential Migratory Bird Federal Stewardship Award Nomination Application

Project Name:
(limit 155 characters)

1. Applicant (must be a Federal Agency; if more than one, list the lead agency). (limit 200 characters)

2. Co-applicant(s) (any agency, organization, or private individual that should receive recognition for the project). (limit 880 characters)

3. Action (Describe the Agency's action. Consider how the Agency demonstrates leadership in the conservation of migratory birds). (limit 2000 characters)

4. When was the action initiated (initiation date must be 2001 or later, and a major milestone for the project must have occurred in the last 5 years)? (limit 1000 characters)

5. Does the action meet or exceed the agency's legal mandates and stated mission for implementing bird conservation actions. Please explain. (limit 3000 characters)

6. Explain how the action promoted or resulted in effective migratory bird conservation.

Please include information about the way in which these conservation benefits have been determined and/or demonstrated (e.g. follow-up survey/monitoring protocols, direct observation, etc.)

for each migratory bird species of concern (see question # 10). If specific migratory bird species have not yet benefited, how does your agency hope to contribute to the conservation of a migratory bird species as the project continues? If the action is innovative (projects that utilize original and creative strategies, ideas, concepts or tools to achieve successful goals and results), describe that here as well. (limit 4000 characters)

7. Describe the roles and responsibilities of partners and co-applicants (if any).

Partners are associated with the action through monetary or in-kind support. (limit 1500 characters)

8. Have others expressed interest in this work to the extent that the interest would serve to broaden or increase the benefits for migratory birds beyond that of the original project. If so, please explain who is interested, why, and the scope/manner of the interest. Examples of this may include interest by other organizations, agencies, countries or individuals in: becoming a project contributor or partner; replicating project practices that have shown success; or receiving training or expert advice to apply similar project practices in other locations or arenas. (limit 2200 characters)

9. How did the action impact your agency's current migratory bird conservation practices (i.e., new policy, initiatives or guidance was developed to improve bird conservation actions)? (limit 2080 characters)

10. List the migratory bird species of concern that have benefited from your action (use the attached **Order of Species of Concern** to identify specific species of concern that have benefited)? Please make sure you have included information about the way in which these conservation benefits have been determined and/or demonstrated (e.g. follow-up survey/monitoring protocols, direct observation, etc.) for each species in question # 6 above. (limit 1370 characters)

References: (limit 4000 characters)

Presidential Migratory Bird Stewardship Award Scoring Criteria

Award nominations are scored based on the following criteria. Please consider these criteria when completing the nomination application for your project:

- **The extent to which the project meets or exceeds its agency’s mission or daily activities for migratory bird conservation, and any legal mandates it must meet to stay in compliance with the law:** more weight is given to agencies that go beyond agency mission or daily requirements and what is required by law.
- **The extent to which the project has demonstrated effectiveness, which includes realized results and demonstrated positive impacts on migratory birds:** more weight is given to projects that have been more effective, with additional weight for projects that are also innovative (i.e. the project utilizes original and creative strategies, ideas, concepts or tools to achieve successful goals and results).
- **The number of partnerships, including the diversity of these partnerships (industry, Federal government, private landowners, etc.):** more weight is given to those projects with a greater number and diversity of partnerships.
- **The extent to which there are expressions of interest in the project:** more weight is given to projects that received interest by others on a larger scale (e.g. across the country or multiple countries vs. at the regional or local scale, and so forth).
- **The extent to which the project has had an influence on the agency’s migratory bird conservation practices:** more weight is given to projects that have resulted in significant positive influences, including the development of new guidance or initiatives that is being applied within the agency.
- **The extent to which the project has benefited or has the potential to benefit species of concern:** more weight is given to projects that have demonstrated more widespread and significant beneficial impacts to a larger number of migratory bird species of concern (Species of concern include national birds that are of conservation concern due to population declines, naturally or human-caused small ranges or population sizes, threats to habitat, or other factors. Such bird species include those birds on the USFWS Birds of Conservation Concern list and Threatened and Endangered (T&E) species list)

Things to Consider When Completing Your Application Form

1. Make sure to read each question carefully and answer as clearly, concisely and thoroughly as possible.

The content of your nomination should to the greatest extent possible directly address the questions. Answers that do not clearly and directly address the question, or that leave out critical details, may detract from the nomination's overall score and make the nomination less competitive. This is because each question has been carefully crafted to garner information directly relevant to the ranking criteria used to score the nominations. If the answer is too general or does not clearly answer the question being asked, the scorer has the option of providing the lowest score for the scoring category corresponding to that answer during the scoring process.

Places in the nomination form where special attention should be paid to providing clear, concise answers and critical details include:

- Question 3: Identify actions of the project that are planned and those actions that are completed.
- Question 6: Provide details regarding demonstrated migratory bird conservation benefits. Please be as detailed as possible about the way in which these conservation benefits have been determined and/or demonstrated (e.g. follow-up survey/monitoring protocols, direct observation, etc.)
- Question 7: Provide specific details regarding the contributions of each co-applicant (partner)
- Question 10: Provide the names of each individual bird species of concern that has benefited from your project (use the attached list of Birds of Concern to help you identify which birds are Birds of Concern). Make sure that in Question #6 you have provided details about the way in which conservation benefits to each of these species.

Examples of when the score for an answer may be marked down.

- E.g. Expressions of interest:
 - “Many other federal and state agencies have used information generated by our studies and are interested in results of our ongoing and new studies.” **The problem:** The answer is too vague/general. Please be specific about which agencies have used the studies and how they have used them.
- E.g. Species of Concern Benefited:
 - “Wintering migratory waterbirds including waterfowl, wading birds, secret marsh birds and shorebirds benefited from the project” **The problem:** Again, the answer is too vague/general. Please list the individual species of concern that have benefited from the project. Use the attached Birds of Concern list as a guide to which species are considered Birds of Concern. Also make sure you explain in #6 how you know that species has benefited. Avoid including irrelevant information.

2. Do not include additional pictures, diagrams, videos and links.

To keep all nominations on a level playing field, each nominee will be restricted to scoring based only on the text provided in response to the application.

Bird of Concern List

X = National

c = Candidate

pE = Proposed Endangered

[See map of Bird Conservation Regions \(BCRs\)](#)

[See map of USFWS Regions](#)

Species	MBTA	ESA	BCC
'Akeke'e	X	X	
'Akiapola'au	X	X	
'Akikiki	X	X	
'Akohekohe	X	X	
'Anianiau	X		X
'Apapane	X		X
'Tiwi	X		X
'O'u	X	X	
Acadian Flycatcher	X		<i>BCR 22</i>
Akepa	X	X	
Aleutian Tern	X		X
Allen's Hummingbird	X		X
Altamira Oriole	X		<i>BCR36</i>
American Bittern	X		<i>USFWS Regions 3,4,5,6</i>
American Flamingo	X		X
American Kestrel	X		<i>Southeast pop.</i>
American Oystercatcher	X		X
Antillean Mango	X		X
Aplomado Falcon	X	X	
Arctic Tern	X		<i>USFWS Regions 5,7</i>
Arizona Woodpecker	X		X
Ashy Storm-Petrel	X		X
Audubon's Oriole	X		X
Audubon's Shearwater	X		X
Bachman's Sparrow	X		X
Bachman's Warbler	X	X	
Baird's Sparrow	X		X
Bald Eagle	X		X
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	X	<i>c - Hawaii</i>	X
Bar-tailed Godwit	X		X
Bay-breasted Warbler	X		X
Bell's Sparrow	X	<i>San Clemente Island</i>	<i>USFWS Regions 1,6,8</i>
Bell's Vireo	X	<i>Least</i>	X
Bendire's Thrasher	X		X
Bermuda Petrel	X	X	

Bewick's Wren	X		<i>USFWS Regions 3,4,5,6</i>
Bicknell's Thrush	X		X
Black Oystercatcher	X		X
Black Rail	X		X
Black Rosy-Finch	X		X
Black Skimmer	X		X
Black Swift	X		X
Black Tern	X		<i>USFWS Region 3</i>
Black-billed Cuckoo	X		<i>USFWS Regions 3,6</i>
Black-capped Chickadee	X		<i>So. Appalachian pop.</i>
Black-capped Petrel	X		X
Black-capped Vireo	X	X	
Black-chinned Sparrow	X		X
Black-crowned Night-Heron	X		<i>BCR 13,22</i>
Black-footed Albatross	X		X
Black-necked Stilt	X	<i>HI</i>	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	X		<i>BCR 34</i>
Black-throated Green Warbler	X		<i>BCR 27</i>
Black-vented Shearwater	X		<i>BCR 32</i>
Black-whiskered Vireo	X		X
Blue-throated Hummingbird	X		<i>BCR 34</i>
Blue-winged Warbler	X		X
Bobolink	X		<i>BCR 23</i>
Botteri's Sparrow	X		X
Brewer's Sparrow	X		X
Bridled Quail-Dove	X		X
Bridled White-eye		X	
Bristle-thighed Curlew	X		X
Broad-winged Hawk	X	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	
Brown Booby	X		<i>Caribbean</i>
Brown Thrasher	X		<i>BCR 23</i>
Brown-capped Rosy-Finch	X		X
Brown-headed Nuthatch	X		X
Buff-bellied Hummingbird	X		X
Buff-breasted Flycatcher	X		X
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	X		X
Burrowing Owl	X		<i>USFWS Regions 2,6,8</i>
Cactus Wren	X		<i>USFWS Region 8</i>
California Condor	X	X	
California Gnatcatcher	X	X	
California Towhee	X	<i>Inyo, CA</i>	
Calliope Hummingbird	X		X
Canada Warbler	X		X
Canyon Towhee	X		<i>BCR 34</i>

Caribbean Coot	X		X
Caspian Tern	X		<i>BCR 5</i>
Cassin's Auklet	X		<i>BCR 32</i>
Cassin's Finch	X		<i>USFWS Regions 1,6</i>
Cassin's Sparrow	X		<i>BCRs 19,35,36</i>
Cerulean Warbler	X		X
Chestnut-collared Longspur	X		X
Christmas Shearwater	X		X
Chuck-will's-widow	X		<i>USFWS Region 4</i>
Clapper Rail	X	X	
Colima Warbler	X		X
Common Black-Hawk	X		X
Common Gallinule	X	<i>Hawaii, Northern Mariana Islands</i>	
Common Ground-Dove	X		<i>BCR 27,31</i>
Common Tern	X		<i>Great Lakes Pop.</i>
Common Yellowthroat	X		<i>Sinuosa ssp. - San Francisco Bay</i>
Costa's Hummingbird	X		X
Crested Caracara	X	<i>Florida pop</i>	
Curve-billed Thrasher	X		<i>BCR 36</i>
Dickcissel	X		X
Dunlin	X		<i>articola ssp.</i>
Eared Grebe	X		<i>BCR 9</i>
Eastern Whip-poor-will	X		<i>USFWS Regions 3,5</i>
Elegant Trogon	X		X
Elf Owl	X		X
Elfin-woods Warbler	X	c	X
Eskimo Curlew	X	X	
Ferruginous Hawk	X		<i>USFWS Regions 1,6</i>
Field Sparrow	X		<i>BCR 22</i>
Fiji Shrikebill			X
Five-striped Sparrow	X		X
Flammulated Owl	X		X
Florida Scrub-Jay	X	X	
Friendly Ground-Dove	X	c	X
Gila Woodpecker	X		<i>BCR 33</i>
Gilded Flicker	X		X
Golden Eagle	X		X
Golden White-eye			X
Golden-cheeked Warbler	X	X	
Golden-winged Warbler	X		X
Grace's Warbler	X		X
Grasshopper Sparrow	X	<i>Florida</i>	<i>Arizona and USFWS Region 6</i>
Gray Vireo	X		X

Great Cormorant	X		<i>BCR 14</i>
Great Shearwater	X		<i>Region 5</i>
Greater 'Akialoa	X	X	
Greater Prairie-Chicken		<i>Attwater's</i>	
Greater Sage-Grouse		c	X
Green Parakeet			X
Green-tailed Towhee	X		<i>USFWS Regions 1,8</i>
Guam Rail	X	X	
Gull-billed Tern	X		X
Gunnison Sage-Grouse		pE	X
Harris's Hawk	X		<i>BCR 36</i>
Harris's Sparrow	X		X
Hawai'i 'Amakihi	X		X
Hawaii Creeper	X	X	
Hawaii Elepaio			X
Hawaiian Coot	X	X	
Hawaiian Crow	X	X	
Hawaiian Duck	X	X	
Hawaiian Goose	X	X	
Hawaiian Hawk	X	X	<i>BCR 36</i>
Hawaiian Petrel	X	X	
Henslow's Sparrow	X		X
Herald Petrel	X		X
Hooded Oriole	X		<i>BCR 36</i>
Horned Grebe	X		<i>BCR 3,5,6,7</i>
Horned Lark	X	<i>Streaked</i>	X
Hudsonian Godwit	X		X
Island Scrub-Jay	X		X
Ivory-billed Woodpecker	X	X	
Juniper Titmouse	X		<i>BCR 16</i>
Kakawahie	X	X	
Kama'o	X	X	
Kaua'i 'Amakihi	X		X
Kauai Elepaio			X
Kauai 'O'o		X	
Kentucky Warbler	X		X
Kirtland's Warbler	X	X	
Kittlitz's Murrelet	X		X
Lark Bunting	X		<i>USFWS Region 2</i>
Lawrence's Goldfinch	X		X
Laysan Albatross	X		<i>BCR 67</i>
Laysan Duck	X	X	
Laysan Finch	X	X	
Le Conte's Sparrow	X		<i>USFWS Region 2,4</i>

Le Conte's Thrasher	X		X
Least Bittern	X		<i>Regions 3,4,5,6, Carribean</i>
Least Tern	X	<i>CA and Interior Pop</i>	X
Lesser Prairie-Chicken		X	
Lesser Yellowlegs	X		X
Lewis's Woodpecker	X		X
Limpkin	X		X
Little Blue Heron	X		<i>BCR 19,21,25</i>
Loggerhead Kingbird	X		X
Loggerhead Shrike	X	<i>San Clemente Island</i>	X
Long-billed Curlew	X		X
Louisiana Waterthrush	X		<i>BCR 25,28</i>
Lucifer Hummingbird	X		X
Lucy's Warbler	X		X
Magnificent Frigatebird	X		<i>BCR 31</i>
Mangrove Cuckoo	X		X
Marbled Godwit	X		X
Marbled Murrelet	X	<i>Pacific NW</i>	X
Mariana Crow	X	X	
Mariana Swiftlet	X	X	
Marsh Wren	X		<i>BCR 23</i>
Masked Booby	X		<i>Carribean</i>
Masked Duck	X		X
Maui 'Alauahio	X		X
Maui Parrotbill	X	X	
McCown's Longspur	X		X
McKay's Bunting	X		X
Micronesian Kingfisher	X	X	
Micronesian Megapode		X	
Micronesian Myzomela			X
Micronesian Starling			X
Millerbird (Nihoa)	X	X	
Mississippi Kite	X		<i>BCR 19</i>
Mountain Plover	X		X
Nelson's Sparrow	X		X
Nightingale Reed-Warbler	X	X	
Nihoa Finch	X	X	
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet	X		X
Northern Bobwhite		<i>Masked</i>	
Northern Flicker	X		<i>BCR 22</i>
Northern Goshawk	X		<i>Queen Charlotte</i>
Northern Saw-whet Owl	X		<i>Southern Appalachian Pop.</i>
Nukupu'u	X	X	
Nuttall's Woodpecker	X		X

Oahu 'Alauahio	X	X	
Oahu 'Amakihi	X		X
Oahu Elepaio		X	
Oak Titmouse	X		X
Olive Warbler	X		X
Olive-sided Flycatcher	X		X
Oloma'o	X	X	
Oma'o	X		X
Orchard Oriole	X		<i>BCR 20,21,25,26</i>
Painted Bunting	X		X
Palila	X	X	
Pelagic Cormorant	X		<i>USFWS Region 7</i>
Peregrine Falcon	X		X
Phainopepla	X		<i>BCR 34</i>
Phoenix Petrel	X		X
Pied-billed Grebe	X		<i>USFWS Regions 3,5</i>
Pink-footed Shearwater	X		X
Pinyon Jay	X		X
Piping Plover	X	X	
Plain Pigeon	X	X	
Polynesian Starling			X
Polynesian Storm-Petrel	X		X
Po'o-uli	X	X	
Prairie Falcon	X		<i>USFWS Region 6</i>
Prairie Warbler	X		X
Prothonotary Warbler	X		X
Puaiohi	X	X	
Puerto Rican Nightjar	X	X	
Puerto Rican Oriole	X		X
Puerto Rican Parrot		X	
Puerto Rican Vireo	X		X
Purple Finch	X		<i>BCR 5</i>
Purple Sandpiper	X		X
Purple Swamphen	X		X
Red Crossbill	X		<i>So. Appalachian pop.</i>
Red Knot	X	X	
Red-billed Pigeon	X		X
Red-cockaded Woodpecker	X	X	
Red-Crowned Parrot		c	X
Reddish Egret	X		X
Red-faced Cormorant	X		X
Red-faced Warbler	X		X
Red-footed Booby	X		<i>Carribean pop.</i>
Red-headed Woodpecker	X		X

Red-legged Kittiwake	X		X
Red-throated Loon	X		<i>USFWS Regions 4,5,7</i>
Ridgeway's Rail		X	
Rock Sandpiper	X		X
Roseate Spoonbill	X		<i>BCR 27, 31</i>
Roseate Tern	X	X	
Rose-throated Becard	X		<i>BCR 34,36</i>
Rota White-eye		X	
Ruddy Duck	X		<i>Caribbean pop.</i>
Rufous Fantail (saipanensis ssp.)			<i>Northern Mariana Islands</i>
Rufous Hummingbird	X		<i>BCR 20</i>
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	X		X
Rufous-winged Sparrow	X		X
Rusty Blackbird	X		X
Sage Thrasher	X		<i>USFWS Region 1,6,8</i>
Saltmarsh Sparrow	X		X
Sandhill Crane	X	<i>Mississippi</i>	
Sandwich Tern	X		<i>USFWS Region 2</i>
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	X		<i>BCR 19,21</i>
Scripps's Murrelet	X	c	X
Seaside Sparrow	X	<i>Cape Sable</i>	X
Sedge Wren	X		<i>USFWS Regions 2,4,5</i>
Semipalmated Sandpiper	X		X
Sharp-shinned Hawk	X	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	
Short-billed Dowitcher	X		X
Short-eared Owl	X		X
Short-tailed Albatross	X	X	
Short-tailed Hawk	X		X
Smith's Longspur	X		X
Smooth-billed Ani	X		X
Snail Kite	X	X	
Snowy Egret	X		<i>USFWS Region 5</i>
Snowy Plover	X	<i>Western Pop</i>	X
Solitary Sandpiper	X		X
Song Sparrow	X		<i>graminea, maxillaris, pusillula, samuelis ssp.</i>
Spectacled Eider	X	X	
Spotless Crake	X	c	X
Spotted Owl	X	<i>Northern and Mexico Pop</i>	X
Spotted Towhee (clementae ssp)	X		<i>San Clemente Island</i>
Sprague's Pipit	X	c	X
Stellar's Eider	X	X	
Summer Tanager	X		<i>BCR 36</i>
Swainson's Hawk	X		X

Swainson's Warbler	X		X
Swallow-tailed Kite	X		X
Tahiti Petrel	X		X
Thick-billed Parrot		X	
Tinian Monarch			X
Townsend's Shearwater	X	X	
Tricolored Blackbird	X		X
Tristram's Storm-Petrel	X		X
Tropical Parula	X		<i>BCR 36</i>
Upland Sandpiper	X		X
Varied Bunting	X		X
Veery	X		<i>BCR 16</i>
Verdin	X		<i>BCR 32</i>
Vesper Sparrow	X		<i>oregon affinis ssp.</i>
Virginia's Warbler	X		X
West Indian Whistling Duck	X		X
Western Grebe	X		X
Whimbrel	X		X
Whiskered Auklet	X		X
White-cheeked Pintail	X		X
White-collared Seedeater	X		X
White-crowned Pigeon	X		X
White-headed Woodpecker	X		X
White-necked Crow	X	X	
White-tailed Hawk	X		X
Whooping Crane	X	X	
Williamson's Sapsucker	X		<i>USFWS Regions R1,R8</i>
Willow Flycatcher	X	<i>Southwest pop</i>	X
Wilson's Plover	X		X
Wood Stork	X	<i>Southeast pop</i>	
Wood Thrush	X		X
Worm-eating Warbler	X		X
Yellow Rail	X		X
Yellow Warbler	X		X
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	X		<i>Southern Appalachian pop.</i>
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X	<i>T - Western DPS</i>	X
Yellow-billed Loon	X	c	X
Yellow-billed Magpie	X		X
Yellow-breasted Crake	X		X
Yellow-shouldered Blackbird	X	X	