

Southwest Region's Jennie Duberstein Honored at International Partners in Flight Conference

Six champions of bird conservation were recognized in Snowbird, Utah on August 28, 2013, at the Fifth Annual International Partners In Flight (PIF) Conference including the Southwest Region's own Jennie Duberstein. Duberstein was one of two Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) employees honored with this prestigious award which recognizes outstanding achievements in bird conservation throughout the Americas in the areas of communications, education, innovative leadership, insightful ecological investigation, lifetime achievements, and sound land stewardship.

Duberstein works in Arizona as the Service's education and outreach coordinator for the Sonoran Joint Venture (SJV). Her work in the United States and Mexico brings training and materials to communities, schools and biologists, and helps to share critical bird conservation messages across borders. As chair of the National Migratory Bird Joint Ventures (JV) Communications/Education/Outreach Team, Duberstein developed a strategy that raised the profile of JVs among members of Congress.

The SJV's mission is to conserve the unique birds and habitats of the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico. Partners from both sides of the border are brought together to integrate the strategies, goals, and objectives of existing regional, national, and international bird conservation plans into a single, strategic effort that addresses the needs of our area.

Here in the Southwest Region, we are proud of the work being done by our Migratory Birds JV's, and Duberstein's effort to provide continued excellence in bird conservation, and public education is a great example of the outstanding things that can be accomplished when we work together with our partners.

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