



A Workshop on the Monitoring, Research, and Management for Northern Forest Birds (BCR 12)

MARCH 4 – MARCH 6, 2015

Ramada Hotel, Marquette, MI
(Eastern Time Zone)

Vision: Our coordinated leadership in monitoring, research, and management actions ensures thriving, diverse northern forest bird communities across Bird Conservation Region (BCR) 12.

- We offer recommendations for monitoring and research protocols, data management, and study design specifically for Northern Forest Birds.
- We grow awareness of Northern Forest Bird monitoring and research programs, objectives, and techniques to support coordination and collaboration and help communicate success or needs for future research/monitoring.
- We collaborate with resource management groups on conservation strategies for Northern Forest Birds.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4:

10:00 – 10:30 AM: *Check-in and Registration*

10:30 – 10:45 AM: *Welcome and Introductions*

10:45 – 11:15 AM: *Background on the Midwest Coordinated Bird Monitoring Partnership and Northern Forest Birds (BCR 12) Working Group* – Katie Koch and Erin Giese

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM: *Expanding, Sharing, and Using Northern Forest Bird Data in Management Decisions*

- Overview of the Midwest Avian Data Center – Katie Koch

12:00 – 1:00 PM: LUNCH (on site)

- Accelerating succession through forest management strategies - Tina Hall (15 min)

1:00 – 2:00 PM: *Review of Bird Conservation and Monitoring Throughout BCR 12*

- Overview of Forest Bird Conservation Area Mapping Effort, State by BCR Assessments, & Priority Bird Conservation Needs for BCR 12 - Greg Soulliere (20 min)
- Overview of select projects – Katie Koch (15 min)
- Integrated Bird Monitoring by Bird Conservation Region – David Hanni (25 min)

2:00 – 3:00 PM: *Breakout Group Activity: Scope and Objectives*

3:00 – 3:20 PM: BREAK

3:20 – 4:30 PM: *Breakout Group Activity Day One Report Out*

4:30 – 5:00 PM: DAY ONE WRAP UP

- Insights from Day One
- Outcome(s) from Day One:
 - Define geographic scope of this working group.
 - Define species focus for this working group (there can be several).
 - Begin to identify monitoring and research objectives that are shared by several partners in BCR 12.

5:00 – 6:00 PM: POSTER SESSION

Evening: DINNER on your own



THURSDAY, MARCH 5:

8:30 – 9:45 AM: *Identifying Best Practices for Monitoring Northern Forest Birds*

- 10 steps to successful bird conservation through improved monitoring – Katie Koch (15 min)
- Lessons learned from long-term forest bird monitoring programs on Great Lakes National Forests – Hannah Panci (15 min)
- Applying a National Sampling Grid standard to bird monitoring – Ed Laurent (15 min)
- Coordinated monitoring on National Wildlife Refuges and National Parks in BCR 12 – Ted Gostomski (15 min)

9:45 – 10:05 AM: BREAK

10:05 – 11:00 AM: *Breakout Group Activity: Monitoring Methods and Integration*

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: *Breakout Group Activity Day Two Report Out*

12:00 – 1:00 PM: LUNCH (on site)

- Full Annual Cycle Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for Migratory Birds of the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Region – Tom Will (30 min)

1:00 – 2:30 PM: *Managing for thriving, diverse northern forest bird communities – Case studies of successful decision support tools and conservation programs/practices in BCR 12*

- Partners in Flight Species Assessment and Population Estimates Databases – Tom Will (15 min)
- Forest Index of Ecological Condition Tool - Erin Giese (15 min)
- TNC Stopover Model - Dave Ewert (15 min)
- Delivering conservation for young forest species on public and private lands - Amber Roth and Callie Bertsch (30 min)
- Keys to successful conservation of the federally endangered Kirtland's Warbler - Christie Deloria (15 min)

2:30 – 3:00 PM: BREAK

3:00 – 4:00 PM: *Breakout Group Activity: Developing successful bird conservation partnerships and decision support systems in BCR 12*

- Guidance on creating a successful Decision Support Tool – Tom Will (15 min)

4:00 – 5:00 PM: *Breakout Group Activity Report Out*

6:00 – 8:00 PM: GROUP DINNER AT DAS STEINHAUS RESTAURANT

FRIDAY, MARCH 6:

8:30 – 9:00 AM: DAY TWO RECAP

- Insights from Day Two
- Outcome(s) from Day Two:
 - Identify areas where monitoring could be integrated.
 - Begin identifying gaps in our knowledge to address with targeted monitoring/research
 - Review management tools available and begin developing a prioritized list of products still needed.

9:00 AM – 11:30 AM: *Workshop Outcomes: Sustaining the Northern Forest Birds (BCR 12) Working Group*

- Review the vision statement and niche objectives for the working group and show how this workshop helped us make progress towards those.
- Identify project ideas that emerged (e.g., publications on best monitoring practices and BMPs, decision support tool and data product needs, coordinated monitoring strategies) to focus on in 2015-2016.
- Identify priority outcomes and next steps. Set timelines for achieving next steps (and ensure task leads).
- Identify leadership/coordination structure and major players to help move this effort along.
- Determine frequency of future meetings/calls/webinars/etc.
- Reporting out on the workshop to influential decision makers and organizations.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM: *Closing Remarks and Meeting Adjournment*

The Northern Forest Birds (BCR 12) Working Group was established in 2014 to provide coordinated leadership and guidance in monitoring, research and management actions that ensure thriving, diverse northern forest bird communities.