

FULL ANNUAL LIFE CYCLE BIRD CONSERVATION and STATE WILDLIFE ACTION PLANS (SWAPs)

BACKGROUND

States have come together to support full annual life cycle bird conservation through AFWA's complementary programs, Southern Wings and Fall Flights. Southern Wings provides states with an opportunity to conserve key habitat in countries to the south where many 100s of species of birds that breed and stopover in the U.S. spend the bulk of the year. Similarly, state investments in priority waterfowl habitat in Canada help state reach their shared waterfowl conservation goals expressed in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan while also benefitting species of shorebirds, waterbirds, and grassland birds that either migrate through or winter in the U.S. States can strengthen their commitment to full annual life cycle bird conservation is by including Southern Wings and Fall Flights in their State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs).

RESOURCES

[Southern Wings](#) collaborated with eBird, Audubon, and many other partners to provide states with bird trend, abundance, and distribution data to help states identify how they can support full annual life cycle bird conservation both locally and internationally. They can help states make strategic decisions about how to use their resources. States can also use these resources to highlight how their investments in Fall Flights benefit other migratory species in addition to waterfowl.

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