

Western Working Group – Partners in Flight Spring Meeting

April 15-18, 2009



Ramada Inn and Suites, Penticton, British Columbia

Draft Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - “BC/Yukon Region Day”

0700 – 0830 Morning field trip to Penticton locate lands with Richard Armstrong (details TBD – stay tuned for updates from Tanya)

0830 Welcome and breakfast at the En’owkin Centre (tentative)

10:00–10:30 Coffee Break & Registration

10:30–11:00 BC Conservation Framework – Dave Fraser, BC Ministry of Environment

11:00–11:30 BC Bird Atlas – Peter Davidson, Bird Studies Canada

11:30-12:00 BCR Planning in Canada – Elsie Krebs, Canadian Wildlife Service

12:00-13:00 Working Lunch without Borders (we hope to provide) / Registration

13:00-13:30 Bird Population Estimates from Boreal Avian Modelling - Samantha Song, CWS

13:30-14:00 Migration and Wind Energy – Andrea Pomeroy, Jacques-Whitford Consulting

14:00-14:30 Caught in the middle: east - west avian contact zones in BC – David Toews, UBC

14:30-15:00 Mountain Pine Beetle and Birds – Kathy Martin, UBC/CWS

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-16:00 Riparian connectivity – David Green, SFU

16:00-16:30 Grassland Recovery: a multi-species approach – Allison Peat, GCC

16:30-17:00 Alpine Ecosystems and coastal lowland grasslands – Elaine Camfield, UBC

20:00-22:00 Evening owling with Dick Cannings – “trying to bag a Boreal”

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

07:00 – 08:30 *Morning birding on Penticton lakeshore (optional, no leader)*

08:30 – 09:00 *Continental breakfast provided (tentative) - Registration*

09:15– 09:30 Introductions and agenda review

9:30-10:00 PIF National/Trinational Vision and update on Mexico meeting;
Grassland bird conservation and restoration (Terry Rich)

10:00-10:15 SouthwestReGAP update – review pre-meeting homework assignment and set-up
breakout session (TBD)

10:15–10:30 *Break*

10:30–11:15 Blending PIF progress and Joint Venture (US and Canadian) mandates – making
quantitative ties between on-the-ground actions and bird populations (Randy Gray,
Intermountain West Joint Venture and Dan Casey, American Bird Conservancy and
Canadian TBA)

11:15-12:00 Building capacity to deliver bird conservation objectives on the ground (Wendell
Gilgert, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Randy Gray, Intermountain
West Joint Venture)

11:15–12:00 *Lunch*

1300 - 1500

<u>Breakout A</u>	<u>Breakout B</u>
<p><i>WWG, western JVs, and private lands II – Decision Support Tools and development of NRCS outreach products</i> <i>Moderators: Geoff Geupel, Point Reyes Bird Observatory and Wendell Gilgert, Natural Resources Conservation Service</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Review Natural Resources Conservation Service’s National Practices and Standards</i><i>Draft a list of bird indicator species for NRCS Ecological Site Descriptions</i><i>Initiate discussion about delivery of outreach products for management practices</i>	<p><i>Forum on Bird Population Parameters in Planning and Conservation Assessments!</i> <i>Moderator: Bob Altman, American Bird Conservancy, Terry Rich, USFS, Elsie Krebs & Samantha Song, Environment Canada</i></p> <p><i>BBS Population Estimates</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Pair correction factors</i><i>Distance correction factors</i><i>“Bottom Up” habitat-density population estimates (20 spp)</i> <p><i>Taking it to the next step:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Developing meaningful objectives</i><i>Bird Conservation Region Planning in Canada.</i>

1500–1515 *Break*

1515–1700 Breakouts (continued ...)

1900–2100 *Group dinner (with special entertainment!)*

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

0900–1000

<u>Breakout A</u>	<u>Breakout B</u>
<p>WWG, western Joint Ventures, and private lands I – Delivering bird conservation on private lands <i>Moderators: Randy Gray, Intermountain West Joint Venture and Dan Casey, American Bird Conservancy</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PIF-Joint Venture coordination• Enhancing PIF's influence on private lands and the Agricultural community	<p>Breakout B Flammulated Owl Monitoring – Developing a sampling frame / design for FLOW monitoring across the west <i>Moderators: Jay Carlisle, Idaho Bird Observatory and Kevin Kritz, Fish and Wildlife Service</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentations on current monitoring methods used• Develop sampling frame / design for coordinated implementation across west (grid-based, road-side, etc.?)• Focus on sampling design before field protocols (methodology)• Organize some pilot work in 2009...• Next steps (i.e., 2010)• Explore funding opportunities for westwide implementation• International coordination ...<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Canada- Mexico

1000–1015 *Break*

1015–1145 Breakouts (continued ...)

1145–1300 *Lunch*

1300–1500

<u>Breakout A</u>	<u>Breakout B</u>
<p>Species / habitat modeling - HABS database evaluation and review of SouthwestReGAP models <i>Moderators: TBD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review species / habitat models for SWReGAP(pre-meeting homework assignments)• Continue coordination efforts with western ReGAP projects in general	<p>Nightjar Monitoring <i>Moderators: Dave Krueper, Fish and Wildlife Service</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation coordination

1500–1515 *Break*

1515–1700 WWG meeting breakout reports *[10 min each]*

Next meetings *[30 min]*

→ *Wyoming ? (Fall 2009)*

→ *TBD (Spring 2010)*

Next Chair ... ?!

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Field trip (times TBD) – “Birds and wine” – a full day of birding at some Okanagan hotspots combined with some visits to wineries that are members of The Land Conservancy’s “Conservation Partners” program.

- (1) Full day field trip: Morning birding and photography in the grasslands (Kilpoola or White Lake: Long-eared Owls), Forbidden Fruit winery, more birding, Tinhorn Creek winery, lunch, Williamson’s Sapsuckers and Northern Pygmy Owls at Venner Meadows. Return to Ramada by 5:00pm.
- (2) Half day Field Trip: If there is sufficient interest, we will build a shorter tour.