



## OHIO BIRD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE

### All-Bird Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

**Location:** Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 2045 Morse Rd., Building G, Columbus, OH 43229

**Date:** October 22, 2019

**Attendees:** Bryce Adams – The Ohio State University  
August Froehlich, *OBCI Vice Chair* – The Nature Conservancy  
Daniel Kovar – Great Parks of Hamilton County  
Cotton Randall – ODNR-Division of Forestry  
Mark Shieldcastle – Black Swamp Bird Observatory  
Matthew Shumar, *OBCI Program Coordinator* – The Ohio State University  
Mark Wiley – ODNR-Division of Wildlife  
Kelly Williams, *OBCI CPRC Chair* – Ohio University

**By Phone:** Brendan Shirkey – Winous Point Marsh Conservancy  
Katrina Schultes – USFS-Wayne National Forest

#### Shorebird Plan

- Focus for this chapter will likely be heavily skewed to migration
- Look at the Lake Erie Marsh Implementation Team
- Funding for private lands? As incentive
- Spatially identify public land areas that could benefit from slight management change & areas in between on private lands that might be opportunities
- Isotopes probably not useful for connectivity work because of salt water environments
- Incorporate human dimensions. Look at games/incentives (Pokemon Go model) – get updates on eBird/Cornell development
- Summarize the species that Mark listed with new habitat

#### Waterbird Plan

- Incorporate gulls into new plan
- Look at full life-cycle especially for gulls. How does Ohio contribute to breeding populations throughout the Great Lakes (i.e., inland non-breeders)
- Check with Chris Tonra regarding BCNH

### Waterfowl Plan

- Mirror waterbird
- Need to increase monitoring efforts
- Look at 2017 JV plan – Talk to Mohammed Al-Saffar about models/maps created for the UMRGLJV
- Canada Goose?
- Include swans
- Mike Irvin may be able to assist with waterfowl – check with Nathan Stricker

### Landbird Plan

- Look at changes in landscape –level nighttime lighting and include emphasis on migration
- Look at eBird models – new batch recently released?
- Include raptors in new plan
- Include info on oak-dominated landscapes
- Cotton can assist with FIA data
- Climate – look at recent Audubon work. How does this compare to the USFS Climate Atlas?
- NLCD 2016 recently released. Matt: update NLCD comparison table and send to committee
- Acquire fuzzed map of private conservation lands

### Plan-wide notes

- Umbrella species useful but shouldn't be the end. List all species of concern as well
- Executive summary from 2010 was good.
- Look at bat plan
- Change "goals" to "opportunities." Encourage development of collaborative conservation projects
- Cotton suggested creating "critical management strategies"
- Biggest limiting factor is money
- For implementation, include a little at the end of each chapter, but it is also important to have a synthesized implementation chapter at the end
- Discuss "emerging threats" in the introduction chapter. Avoid repeating material throughout individual chapters, especially threats
- Where should we put the planning framework?
- Use a hierarchical approach to organizing content. I.e., taxonomic chapters that are then subsectioned by habitat
- Use population trends instead of goals
- Include proportion of rangewide population in Ohio, and include text on statewide responsibility/opportunity
- Create maps of fragmentation/connectivity, especially for forests and wetlands
- Include research needs in both the intro chapter and each taxonomic chapter
- Kelly and Matt will draft a chapter/overall template/outline for the group to review and work from (**do by mid-November**)
- August will set up a Box folder to organize materials (done: <https://app.box.com/folder/90858796157>)