

Conservation Planning and Research Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 24, 2pm
Ohio Division of Wildlife District 1 Office

Attendees: Steve Blatt (WNF), Randy Showalter (NWTF), Mark Shieldcastle (BSBO), Matt Shumar (OBBA II, OSU), Paul Rodewald (OSU), Bob Gates (OSU), Cotton Randall (Div. of Forestry), Ken Duren (Div. of Wildlife), Mike Reynolds (Div. of Wildlife), Mike Kravitz (Ohio EPA), Todd Fearer (AMJV), Ben Kahler (UMRGLRJV), and Amanda Conover (OBCI).

A: Old Business

1. All-bird Conservation (ABC) Plan chapters, figures, and tables were posted individually on OBCI website to make plan more accessible and easier to browse.
2. An executive summary of the ABC Plan was written for a broader audience, and adapted for web access.
 - a. **Action Item:** Committee members are asked to review this document and provide any edits or feedback to Amanda Conover (obcicoordinator@gmail.com). The executive summary is available at http://www.obcinet.org/plans/ABCPlan_ExecSummary.pdf
3. Amanda is still gathering data from partner organizations on their focal areas to identify areas of high overlap. These areas will be presented to committee members for review and suggestions of new OBCI focal areas.
 - a. **Action Item: Committee members with GIS data or other information about their organization's focal areas, please send them to Amanda.**
4. Katie Koch (USFWS, Coordinator, Midwest Coordinated Bird Monitoring Partnership) will be visiting Ohio from September 25th-27th to speak at the next CPRC meeting about coordinated bird monitoring in the midwest and how Ohio can be involved. In addition to discussing coordinated monitoring, the Committee suggested we ask Katie to also cover the following topics during her talk:
 - i. The Mid-west Avian Data Center
 - ii. How monitoring data is being used at the state level
 - iii. Migration Monitoring Network

- b. Action Item: Please submit any ideas for additional topics for Katie to discuss to Amanda as soon as possible. Katie will also have limited time available to meet with additional groups or individuals. If you are interested, please contact Amanda as soon as possible.**

B. New Business

1. Update on Western Lake Erie Basin Coordinated Management Committee
 - a. A strategic planning meeting was held to discuss the formation of a W. Lake Erie Basin Coordinated Management Committee. The committee will be facilitated by OBCI and chaired by James Cole (The Nature Conservancy). For more information on the results of this planning session please review the meeting minutes at:
http://www.obcinet.org/committees/WLEBC_minutes7.18.12.pdf
2. Forest Management Document Review
 - a. Amanda Rodewald is partnering with OBCI to help get feedback on a new publication she is writing about forest management for birds in Ohio. The CPRC will assist with the review process. The CPRC suggested that reviewers be provided with a short survey on their qualifications/background, and then some general questions to guide their feedback. Additional comments will also be encouraged.
 - i. Action Item: Amanda Conover will send the document out for review to CRPC members who have expressed interest and to other outside individuals suggested by the CPRC.**
3. Presentation by Todd Fearer, Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture
 - a. Todd gave an overview of the AMJV, including staff, priority birds and habitat types, and focal areas. He also presented a summary of current projects for Golden-winged warblers and Cerulean warblers, as well as plans for future projects. To view Todd's presentation, please visit:
http://www.obcinet.org/committees/AMJV_Overview.pdf