

NM All-bird Conservation Steering Committee Meeting
October 16, 2007

Attending: Gail Garber (Hawks Aloft), Tom Jervis (Audubon NM), David Krueper (USFWS), Christopher Rustay (PLJV), Janet Ruth (USGS), Hira Walker (NMDGF)

Ruth asked whether we needed to prioritize actions of the committee in order to ensure reenergizing the group as quickly as possible. Actions to prioritize were developed from ideas at the September meeting and ideas thrown out at this meeting:

- 1) Review the NM Bird Conservation Plan including:
 - Habitat accounts (only 5 out of 15 have been revised and reviewed)
 - Population estimates
 - Population objectives
 - Research needs
- 2) Website Issues
- 3) Developing a Conservation Network – ensuring appropriate contact information
 - Establishing contact points for each product or service
- 4) Developing a strong communication system between NM partners
- 5) General All-bird Conservation meetings
- 6) Funding issues (for All-bird Coordination and All-bird activities)
- 7) Implementation issues – Habitat work, including putting partners in touch with each other
- 8) Research and Monitoring issues
- 9) Developing a network for bird information – includes tapping into previously uncompiled information from sources such as NMOS database, birders, NAB, NM Natural Heritage, Museum collections
- 10) Additional Products including:
 - Best Management Practices
 - Conservation Design work

Jervis will circulate a decision-matrix and committee members will prioritize each issue against all others and bring those decisions to the next meeting. These then will help steer the committee in its work in the next few months. Once a prioritized list has been developed we will assign steering committee members to be the NM contact for each of the issues identified and they will be placed on the website. The Steering Committee wants their actions to be transparent to others (i.e., everyone knows what is going on); one of the roles of each Steering Committee member is to be a conduit/contact for others in the NM bird conservation community, so that they can find out what's happening, ask for help, share ideas, make suggestions, etc

We need to review the current email list. There are a number of folks who have no email address, many of them are associated with the pueblos. Walker will talk with the BIA soon and try to get these email addresses. Then of those that are left the committee will divide up the rest of the names, call them, get an email address if possible and offer information about the All-bird conservation listserv. We will use the e-mail list to

announce general meetings and occasional website updates. There will be duplication between the email mailing list and those signed up for the List Serve, BUT until we get more people signed up for the listserv it is important to use both means for disseminating information. There was an emphasis at the meeting on using every opportunity to encourage as many people as possible to sign up for the listserv. The email list will not be given out or sold. Garber will email the current NM All-bird email list to Steering Committee members.

In order to ensure that the listserv provides a service, the committee will attempt to ensure that relevant information is passed to NM All-bird group via the listserv at least once a week. Rustay will contact C. Beardmore to ask about contact information at the Univ. of Arkansas who hosts the NM All-bird listserv. We need to know if we can find out how many and who has signed up for the listserv and who to contact for any other issues that may occur with the service.

We should have a vision, mission statement and objectives in order to guide the NM All-bird group. Rustay will draft these based on ideas discussed and circulate them to the Steering Committee. The Committee will try to arrive at a position for the group that all can agree to before the next Steering Committee meeting.

Next Steering Committee meeting will be Nov. 15 in Santa Fe at 10am, the following meeting will be on Dec. 13 place TBA. Walker will reserve a room for the Santa Fe meeting. We will try to have a steering committee meeting once a month for the next six months and then reevaluate the meeting schedule at that time. Agenda for the next meeting will include:

- Mission review
- Email list
- Ideas for topics for the general meeting
- Prioritization of NM All-bird group products and assignation of committee contacts
- Name of the group

Next General Meeting will be on or around Jan. 30. We will try to reserve the meeting room at Bosque del Apache. Meeting time will be 10-4. Garber will talk to Bosque to reserve the room. Once a room has been reserved she will announce it on the website.

There is a concern about the name for the NM All-bird group. Steering Committee members will come up with ideas and present at the next meeting. (Krueper will attempt to come up with an awesome acronym and then develop appropriate words to fit the acronym.)

Krueper will attend the Partners in Flight Western (regional) Working Group meeting in Boise during the first week in November. He will report back to the listserv with what occurred as well as update the general meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

