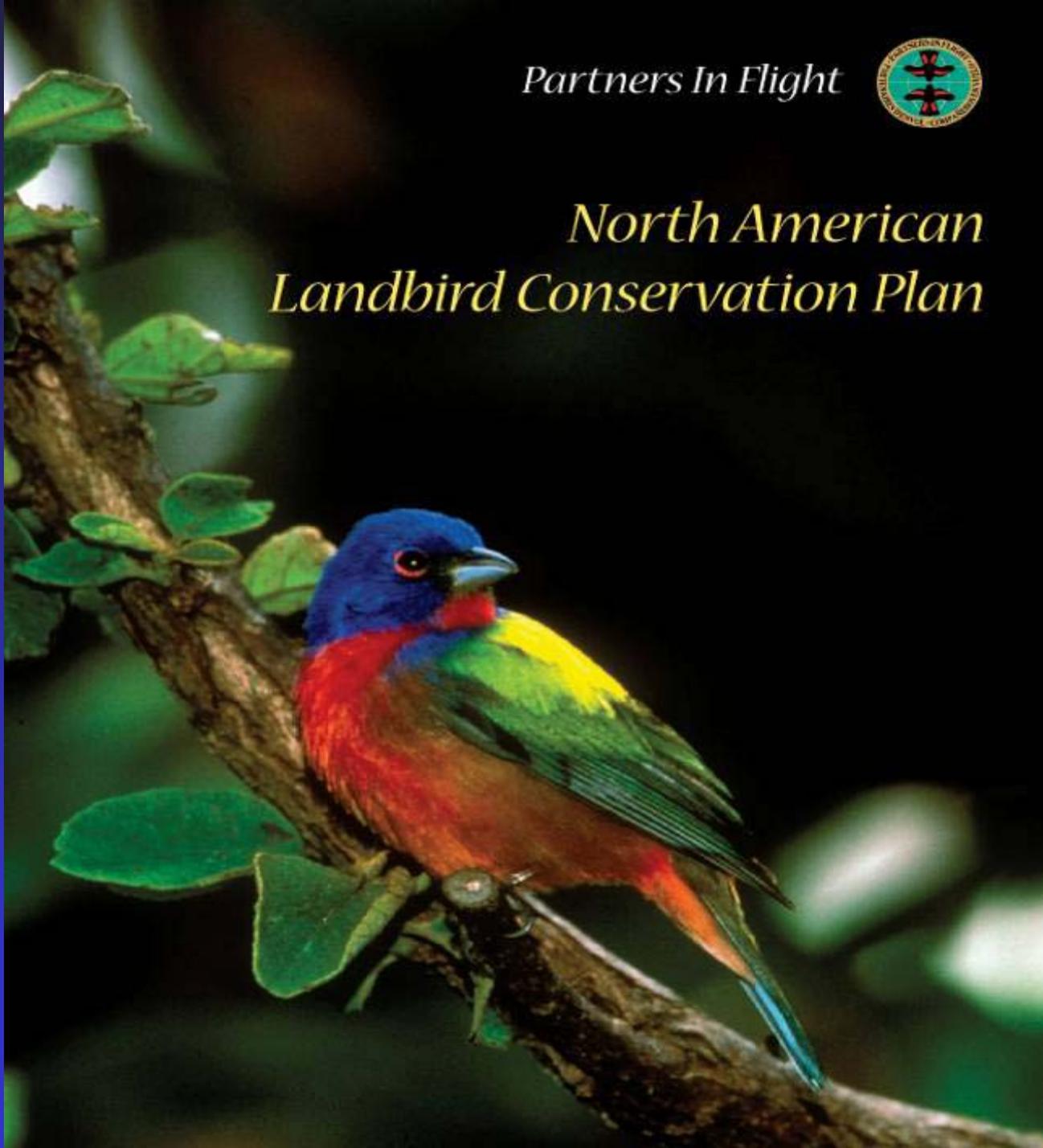


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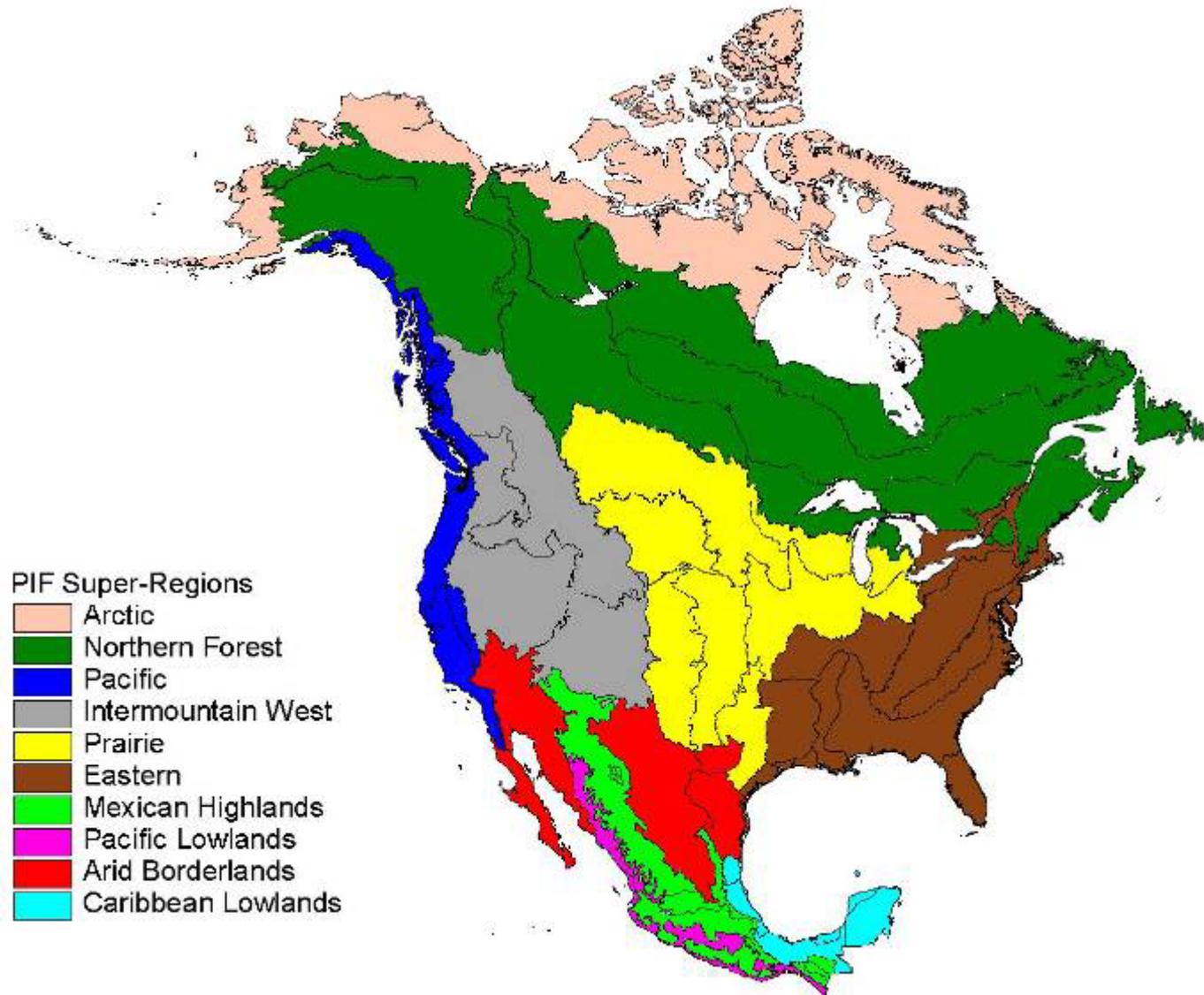


Continental Plan – Overview

- A continental perspective on landbird conservation priorities
- First attempt to estimate population sizes and set population objectives
- Species of Continental Importance
 - Watch List Species
 - Stewardship Species
- Avifaunal Regions



Avifaunal Regions



Post C-Plan PIF Activities

- **Next Version(s): Add Mexican species and wintering priorities**
- **PIF Response to IAFWA Monitoring Document**
- **Monitoring Priorities for Watch List Species**
- **Species Assessment Database Update**
- **State CWCS and PIF**
- **Population Estimates Review**
- **Correction Factor Review**
- **“Quantitative Objectives Theme”**

Version 2.0



Working actively with Mexico to bring another 450 species of landbirds into plan.

PIF IAFWA Response



“balance between the needs of monitoring for management-driven hypotheses and monitoring for status and long-term trends”

Watch List Monitoring Priorities



Improve BBS

Mexican/Caribbean Surveys

Early Spring Surveys

High Elevation Surveys

Boreal Monitoring

Arctic Monitoring

Nocturnal Surveys

Border Birds Survey

Species Assessment Database

Valuable Tool for Bird Conservation
– use different combinations or
totals of scores



NFWF matching grant
- updates and maintenance

www.rmbo.org/pif/scores/scores.html

State CWCS and PIF

- C-Plan provides priorities and objectives
- Rosenberg's Step-down Users Guide
- Species Assessment Database
- State PIF bird conservation plans



Population Estimates Review

- Independent review by 10 biostatisticians and ornithologists
- Recommendations manuscript to be submitted to Auk
- *“Surprisingly admirable effort on a very difficult topic”*



Correction Factor Review

- WWG Pair and Distance Corrections
- Pair Corrections
 - Supplemental data sets with sex identified
 - BBS data on birds/stop for each species
 - BNA account phenology and ecology
- Distance
 - Program DISTANCE



Quantitative Objectives Themes



- Quantitative Objectives....how much and where
- Bird Populations....setting Population Objectives/Targets
- Coordinating Objectives across Borders...stepping-up and stepping-down



Quantitative Objectives

- Traditional – “protect riparian habitat”
- Current – “protect X units of riparian habitat in location X with the following habitat conditions...”
- Example - USFWS/JVs

“performance measures relative to the percent of the joint venture area with a spatially explicit landscape design with quantitative habitat objectives for migratory birds, and the percent of populations of priority birds that are at healthy and sustainable levels measured through population assessments”



Bird Populations

- Waterfowl folks have been doing it
- Habitat often used as a surrogate, but...
 - not always the issue,
 - Field of Dreams philosophy
 - Sometimes “sinks”
- Our currency is birds
- We know have population estimates for all the 4 bird initiatives
- Example - NRCS



Stepping-Down and Stepping-Up

- Part of broader theme of coordination
- Example – National and Regional meetings
 - Aransas, TX
 - Regional PIF WWG meetings
- Example - USFWS Refuges
 - one of two priorities for birds....step-down pop and habitat objectives





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