

BCR4 All Bird Conservation Plan Update

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Beginning of Bird Conservation



Bird Conservation Initiatives

- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- Partners in Flight
- US Shorebird Conservation Plan
- North American Colonial Waterbird Conservation Plan

North American Bird Conservation Initiative

Linkage among other plans
within the US, Canada, and
Mexico

Bird Conservation Regions

Ecologically distinct regions with similar bird communities, habitats, and resource management issues.

Primary Purposes of BCR

- Facilitate communication among bird conservation initiatives
- Systematically and scientifically apportion the US into conservation units
- Facilitate a regional approach to bird conservation

BCR Purpose cont'd.

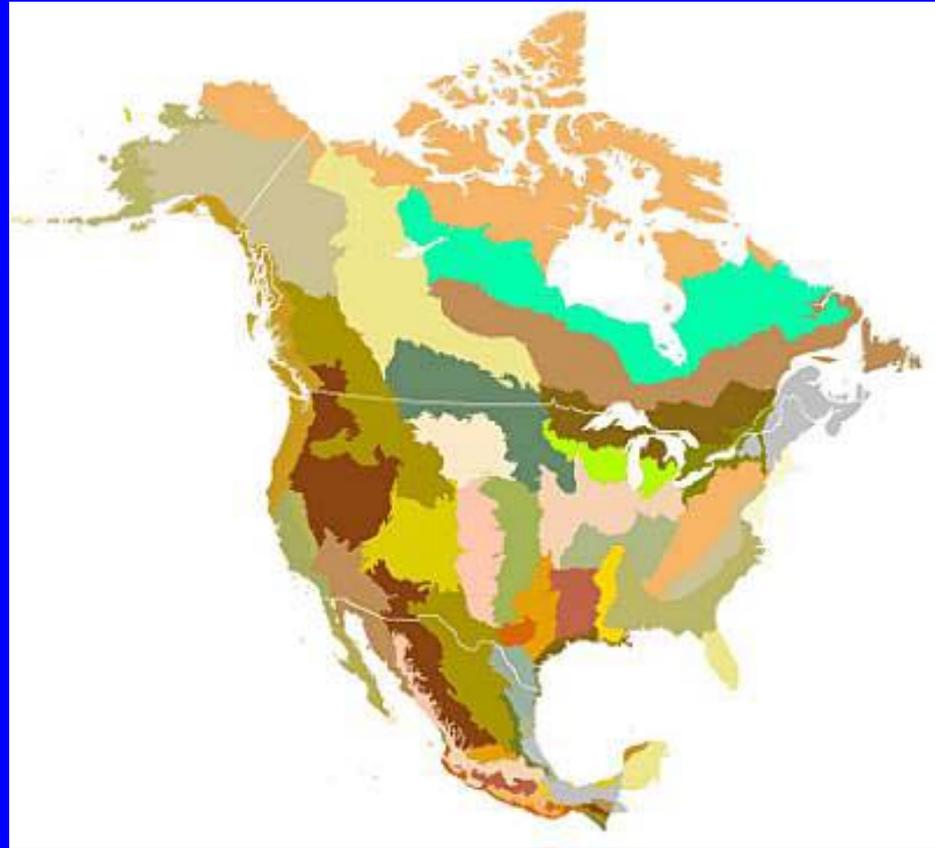
- Promote new, expanded, or restructured partnerships
- Identify overlapping or conflicting conservation priorities

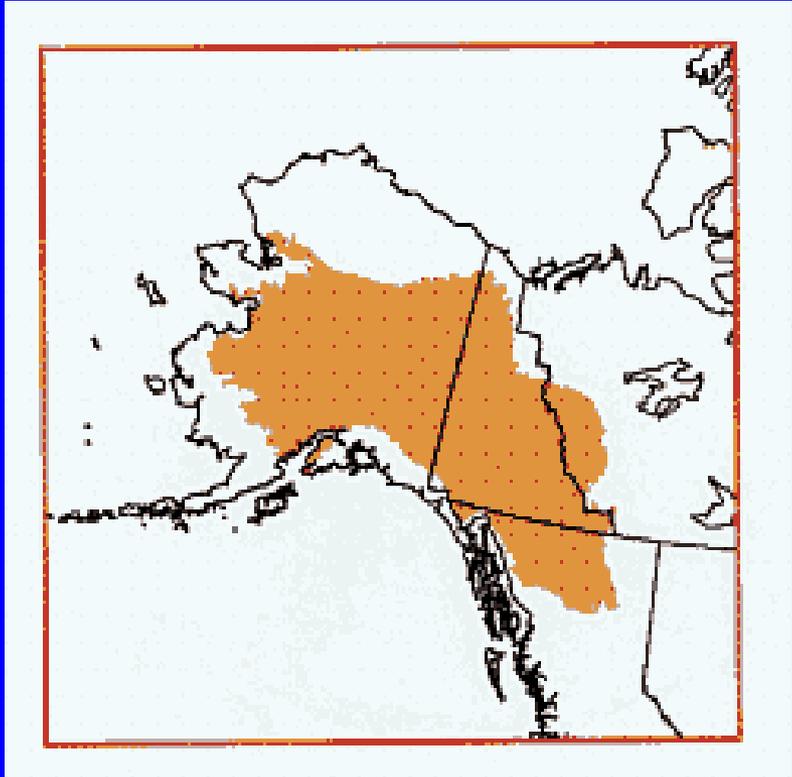
BCR Function

...as primary units within which biological foundation issues are resolved, the landscape configuration of sustainable habitats is designed, and priority projects originate.

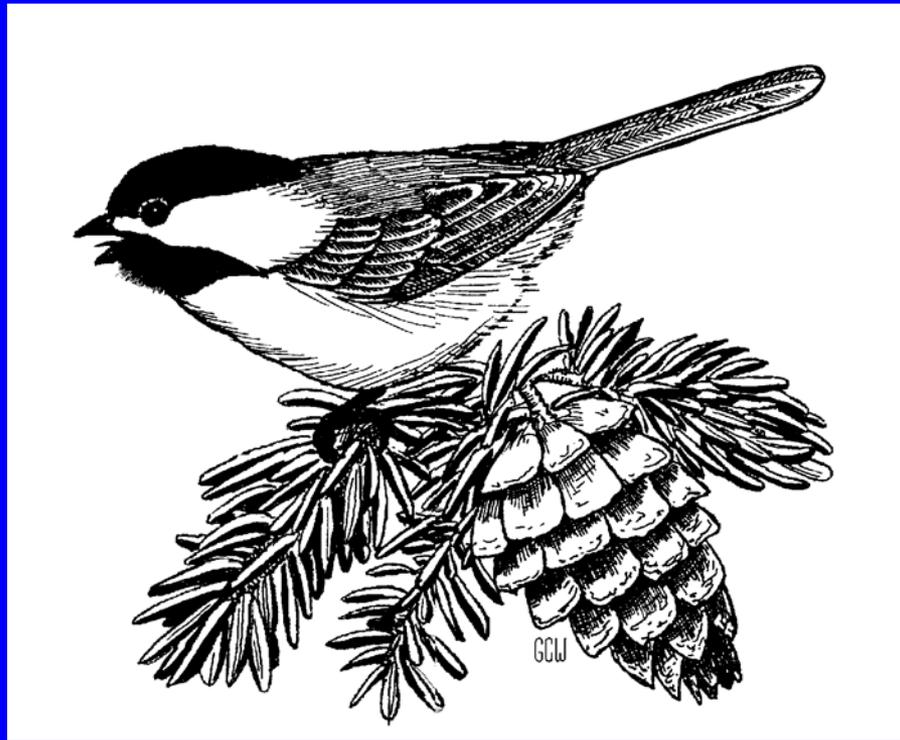
Alaska's BCRs

- BCR1 - Aleutians/Bering Sea Islands
- BCR2 - Western Alaska
- BCR3 - Arctic Plains and Mountains
- BCR4 - Northwestern Interior Forest
- BCR5 - Northern Pacific Rainforest





Why is this a good idea?



ADF&G State Wildlife Grant (Nongame Partner Program)

- Awarded \$19,000/yr for two years to Alaska Bird Observatory with the following partners:
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Canadian Wildlife Service-Yukon
- Canadian Wildlife Service-British Columbia
- Ducks Unlimited Canada Inc.-Yukon
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game

ABO's Proposal

- Assess conservation status of all recognized avian taxa that regularly occur in BCR4
- Identify priority species and subspecies
- Describe habitats used by priority species
- Identify threats to priority species and habitats
- Identify specific needs for inventory, monitoring, research, and conservation
- Identify best options for implementation

Not a New Idea

- All Bird Coordination Workshop
- Proposed two committees - coordinating committee and technical committee

What do we need?

- Representatives from each group (shorebirds, landbirds, waterfowl, seabirds, raptors)
- People to review
- People to write
- Funding (cash or in kind)

BCR4 Organization Meeting

Friday, December 10

8:30 am

Gordon Watson Conference Room

