

Standing Together for Migratory Birds – Legislative Briefing and Reception May 9

On May 9 a legislative briefing on migratory bird conservation programs was held at the U.S. Senate In cooperation with the Honorable Senators Sheldon Whitehouse, Debbie Stabenow, and Ben Cardin to celebrate the remarkable annual migration of billions of birds.

Sponsored by American Bird Conservancy, Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ducks Unlimited, and American Birding Association, the event highlighted bird conservation successes and how popular and important birds are to the American people and the economy.

Migratory Bird Legislative Briefing, Tuesday, May 9th - Speaker Agenda

- 2 pm <u>Overview of Bird Conservation Programs</u>, Saving America's Pollinators Act, and Hawaii Conservation Fund Steve Holmer, American Bird Conservancy
- 2:10 <u>Economics of Migratory Birds and Wildlife Watching</u> Bill Stewart, American Birding Association
- 2:25 <u>Bird Conservation Legislation</u> (Federal Bird-Safe Buildings Act, Agreement for the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels (ACAP), and the Land and Water Conservation Fund Justin Stokes, National Audubon Society

2:40 <u>Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act</u> – Jennifer Cipolletti, American Bird Conservancy;

<u>Migratory Bird Joint Ventures</u>, Todd Fearer – Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture Coordinator

- 2:55 <u>Science and Migratory Bird Conservation</u> Ken Rosenberg, Cornell Lab of Ornithology/American Bird Conservancy
- 3:10 North American Wetland Conservation Act (NAWCA), Duck Stamp—Dan Wrinn, Ducks Unlimited;

State and Tribal Wildlife Grants - Mark Humpert, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

- 3:25 <u>Farm Bill Conservation Programs</u> Ariel Wiegard, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- 3:40 Recovering America's Wildlife Act Mark Humpert, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies;

Naomi Edelson, National Wildlife Federation

- 4:00 Senator Sheldon Whitehouse Comments and Questions
- 4:15 Federal Strategies to Save Sage Grouse Mark Salvo, Defenders of Wildlife
- 4:30 <u>Importance of Public Lands for Migratory Bird Conservation</u> Alan Rowsome The Wilderness Society

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