



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIRD OBSERVATORY

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Conserving birds and their habitats

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Dear Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory Supporter:

RMBO's mission is to conserve birds and their habitats. We accomplish our mission through Science, Education, and Stewardship. Birds are the focus of our conservation efforts as they occupy a broad range of habitats, reflect the abundance and diversity of other organisms, serve as early warnings for environmental change, and link people and habitats locally, regionally, and internationally. Birds also provide enjoyment through their songs and beauty and connect people with nature.

Our **Science** provides baseline information on habitat needs and population trends. We make this information publicly available via the Internet to help local, regional, and international partners chart a course for conservation action. Our **Education** programs instill a conservation ethic by providing dynamic learning experiences with birds both in and out of the classroom. Our **Stewardship** programs engage private agricultural producers, who are important managers of wildlife habitat in our region, in practices that promote bird conservation. Our **International** program trains local biologists, identifies critical areas for key species, and implements conservation strategies in Mexico, the single-most important country for wintering birds of our region. Through this geographically broad approach, RMBO addresses important conservation issues for birds throughout their life cycles.

**We need your support to continue our important work.** Your contributions, through membership and/or donations, will be leveraged with other private and governmental dollars to advance our scientific knowledge. We will also be able to reach many more students and land managers, expanding our programs into underserved communities. Your contribution will help us understand the implications of global climate change, energy extraction, and other pressing issues facing the birds of our region. Birds are the "canary in the coal mine," and conservation actions we take for birds will benefit the biodiversity of western North America.

Sincerely,

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