

# A16: Land Trust Alliance Rally 2022: Building Strategic Bird Conservation Partnerships with Private Land Networks

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*Below we provide a brief description of many of the organizations, resources, and URLs presented in the workshop that we hope will be useful to land trusts for strategic conservation. Please visit [www.birdtrust.org](http://www.birdtrust.org) to find more valuable information and useful weblinks.*

**3 Billion Bird Loss:** <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/home/bring-birds-back/> a study published in the Journal Science finds steep, long-term losses across virtually all groups of birds in the U.S. and Canada. This story links to the journal article, a feature story in Living Bird Magazine, and seven simple actions that you can take to help bring back our birds.

**3 Billion Birds Gone SavingLand Article, Spring 2020:** <https://www.landtrustalliance.org/news/3-billion-birds-gone> article about the massive bird declines published in the Journal Science and how land trusts can help curb these declines.

**Ag Allies:** <https://www.somersetswcd.org/ag-allies> program that works with landowners and farmers to better manage open lands for grassland bird nesting success, providing technical assistance, outreach, and incentive payments to help offset the cost of bird-friendly management changes.

**Audubon Vermont:** <https://vt.audubon.org/conservation/working-lands/forest-bird-initiative-1> a state program of the National Audubon Society, Audubon Vermont's Healthy Forests Initiative provides technical assistance, workshops, and trainings to promote healthy forests that support birds and people.

**Bobolink Project:** <https://www.bobolinkproject.com> provides financial assistance to participating farmers in New England who alter their mowing schedules so that grassland nesting birds can successfully raise their young.

**Cold Hollow to Canada:** <https://www.coldhollowtocanada.org/> a Regional Conservation Partnership with a mission to maintain ecosystem integrity, biological diversity, and forest resiliency throughout the Cold Hollow to Canada region, with a focus on community-led stewardship and the conservation of our working landscape in the face of a changing climate.

**Cornell Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative Website:** [www.birdtrust.org](http://www.birdtrust.org) provides easily accessible information including resources, tools, and funding opportunities to advance the pace and impact of land trusts' protection and stewardship efforts through birds.

**Cornell Land Trust Small Grant Program:** [www.birds.cornell.edu/landtrust/new-small-grants-program/](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/landtrust/new-small-grants-program/) funds and supports land trusts and their partners in accomplishing bird conservation on private lands through acquisition/easements, habitat planning, outreach, and research.

**Conservation Collaboratives:** [www.birds.cornell.edu/landtrust/land-trusts-in-action/](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/landtrust/land-trusts-in-action/) regional land-trust partnerships fostered by Cornell that focus conservation efforts on high priority birds and issues in places where protection and management are most needed and can be most effective.

**eBird:** [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org) tool available to land trusts for recording bird observations, determining the presence/absence of bird species, monitoring populations, storing and visualizing data, and engaging the bird watching community.

**eBird Birds on Your Land:** [www.birds.cornell.edu/landtrust/how-to-use-ebird/](http://www.birds.cornell.edu/landtrust/how-to-use-ebird/) how to use eBird, submit a checklist, find tutorials, and create a hotspot—a public birding location created by eBird users.

**eBird Essentials:** <https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/product/ebird-essentials/> free online course produced by Bird Academy to help you learn more about how eBird works, including ways to find more birds and keep track of your sightings.

**eBird Science Data:** <https://ebird.org/science> explore bird status and trends with maps, habitat charts, weekly migration animations, shorebirdViz and more—all generated from modeled eBird data.

**Important Bird Areas:** [www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas](http://www.audubon.org/important-bird-areas) Audubon program that identifies land areas vital to bird conservation and wildlife.

**Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust:** <https://mountgrace.org> a regional land trust whose mission is to benefit the environment, the economy, and future generations by protecting significant agricultural, natural, and scenic lands and encouraging land stewardship in northern and central Massachusetts.

**Northeast Bird Habitat Conservation Initiative:** <https://www.birds.cornell.edu/landtrust/northeast-bird-habitat-initiative/> collaborative effort that helps the Regional Conservation Partnership Network connect with bird conservation in ways that advance and expand their efforts, partnerships, and ecological priorities through birds.

**Northeast Bird Habitat Conservation Initiative Mapping Tool:** <https://bit.ly/NBHCIMappingTool> easy to use, interactive mapping tool showcasing [eBird Status & Trends \(S&T\)](#) and strategic land conservation data layers by five habitat types, designed to help Regional Conservation Partnerships, land trusts, and practitioners use birds to support activities such as habitat management plan and stewardship development, land prioritization and acquisition strategies, and landowner and community engagement.

**North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership:** <https://northquabbinrlp.wixsite.com/northquabbinrlp> a Regional Conservation Partnership fiscally sponsored by Mount Grace, comprised of local and state organizations working together to help conserve the Greater Quabbin Region by facilitating landowner outreach, stewardship, municipal outreach, and land protection projects.

**Regional Conservation Partnership (RCP) Network:** <https://wildlandsandwoodlands.org/rcpnetwork/> a network of 55 groups throughout the Northeast, representing public and private partnerships, supporting individual RCPs in building their conservation capacity through grants and funding; best practices, tools and training; peer exchange of ideas, projects and approaches. Contact: [kblake@highstead.net](mailto:kblake@highstead.net) for more information.

**Vermont Youth Conservation Corps:** [www.vycc.org](http://www.vycc.org) a youth and young adult-based organization with a mission to take action and build community by working and learning together with the land.

