

Northeast Bird Habitat Conservation Initiative Mapping Tool

This is an easy to use, interactive mapping tool designed to help [Regional Conservation Partnerships \(RCP\)](#), land trusts, and practitioners use birds as tools to support activities such as habitat management plan and stewardship development, land prioritization and acquisition strategies, and landowner and community engagement, all through the lens of bird conservation.

This tool was created by partners in the [Northeast Bird Habitat Conservation Initiative \(NBHCI\)](#), a Conservation Collaborative of the Cornell Land Trust Bird Conservation Initiative (CLTBCI), and showcases [eBird Status & Trends \(S&T\)](#) data for 43 priority bird species in five habitat types (forest, grassland, shrub/scrub/young forest, wetland/marsh, and coastal/shoreline). The target species were selected based on their high priority status or climate vulnerability.



The map includes strategic land conservation data layers, such as The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Resilient and Connected Networks Climate data, TNC Protected Open Spaces, and Audubon Important Bird Areas; all easily overlaid with eBird data. A user can also download the S&T data to add into preexisting GIS and land prioritization projects to help support the best use of limited conservation dollars.

We wish to showcase ways in which users can interact with eBird modeled data combined with strategic land conservation data layers to look at high value habitats which can inform land planning, bird habitat conservation efforts, and connections with communities through birding, increasing both local and regional conservation impact. In the future, our hope is to expand this tool and the associated data layers beyond the Northeast to the entire U.S.

<https://bit.ly/NBHCIMappingTool>

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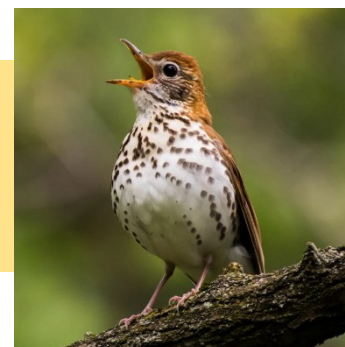


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