



Klamath Bird Observatory



Organization Overview

Headquartered in Ashland, Oregon, The Klamath Bird Observatory (KBO) is a non-profit organization working to advance bird and habitat conservation in the Americas through science, education, and partnerships. KBO's science and education projects are focused in one of the world's "biological hot spots," the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion, of northern California and southern Oregon. In addition, KBO conducts bird monitoring and provides training opportunities for biologists in Central America.

KBO in California

As a member of California Partners in Flight, KBO contributes data on bird populations from the Klamath bioregion of northern California and coordinates the Klamath Demographic Monitoring Network, one of the densest monitoring networks of songbird populations in the West.

The Klamath Demographic Monitoring Network

Coordinated by the Klamath Bird Observatory and the U.S. Forest Service Redwood Sciences Lab, the Klamath Demographic Monitoring Network is the most concentrated network of bird monitoring sites in North America. The network consists of several cooperators from non-profit organizations, agencies, and individuals. Cooperators in the network have access to data collected by all participants. This provides a regional database covering a broad biogeographical area from which generalized conclusions of landbird population trends and composition can be made.



California Partners in Flight

KBO actively participates in the facilitation of California Partners in Flight. KBO's executive director John Alexander sits on the Executive Steering Committee and KBO's education coordinator Melissa Pitkin is the co-chair of the Outreach Committee. Additionally, KBO co-authored the CalPIF Coniferous Forest Bird Conservation Plan (2000) using data from KBO's research projects in coniferous forests in California, as well as from the Klamath Demographic Monitoring Network.

The Klamath National Forest

In partnership with the Klamath National Forest, the Joint Fire Sciences Program, and the US Forest Service Region 5 Partners In Flight Program, KBO has conducted extensive studies of bird populations in the Klamath National Forest (KNF). Over the last 12 years, studies have included inventory and monitoring of birds in the KNF, response of birds to grazing in the Marble Mountain Wilderness, bird and habitat associations in the Gooseneck Adaptive Management Area, bird response to controlled burns in KNF, and operated two long-term, constant effort mist-netting stations (since 1993 and 1994). These data are incorporated into the Klamath Demographic Monitoring Network, the CalPIF Coniferous Forest Bird Conservation Plan, and have provided increased understanding of bird response to management practices within the KNF.

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