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Migratory birds unite the Americas with their transcontinental flights. They inspire us with their energy, their color, and their beautiful songs. Both resident and migratory birds provide strong indications of the health of our environment. If the birds do well, humans will also do well.

During the 100th anniversary of the first Migratory Bird Treaty, we have gathered some of the best bird conservation biologists here in Guadalajara to share our expertise on the conservation needs of the migratory and resident birds of western North America from Alaska, USA, to Guanacaste, Costa Rica.

We call upon all citizens of North and Central America to address the major threats to bird populations and human well-being and to implement the conservation strategies and actions identified here this week in Guadalajara. To be successful, we will need to work together as governments, as corporations, as foundations, and as individuals to promote the long-term health of the planet, its birds, and its people.

Our vision is to conserve species, habitats and processes in western forests of North and Central America. We will progress by forming plans in the region to conserve habitats and populations of resident and migratory birds as well as to conserve ecological processes (including migration) in at least 50 % of the forests in the region through protection, restoration and sustainable use and management at the landscape level. This vision will be achieved by applying the best available science, through regional, national and international coordination, as well as through the use of biological, economic and social indicators in the context of adaptive resource management.