

# Partners in Flight

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Dear Invitee:

On behalf of Partners in Flight (PIF), the Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative (WHMSI) and the Organization of American States, and the University of Guadalajara, we would like to invite you to participate in one or both of two Partners in Flight Conservation Business Plan (CBP) Workshops. The two sequential two-day workshops will be conducted from April 25 to April 29, 2016 and will bring experts from Latin America and North America together to provide needed Latin American input in the development of two PIF Conservation Business Plans. Our event will be held at the University of Guadalajara-campus CU Costa Sur in Autlán, Jalisco, México.

Each workshop will bring approximately 30 Latin American and North American leading experts together to review and update the CBPs for two ecological regions: 1) the Sierra Madre Pine-Oak and Cloud Forests of Mexico and Central America (April 25 and 26) and, 2) the Tropical Dry Forests and Mangroves (April 28 and 29). Two field trips will be held: a short field trip on April 27 at Los Mazos, (Sierra de Manantlán, Biosphere Reserve-SMBR) and Las Joyas Scientific Station (LJCS) (April 30 and May 1).

These full-life-cycle conservation planning efforts emerged from the Fifth International Partners in Flight meeting held in Snowbird, Utah during August of 2013. The April 2016 workshops will focus on further developing projects and strategies by identifying and prioritizing conservation actions that address direct and indirect threats impacting target migratory and resident birds and their habitats, especially on the wintering grounds.

The objectives of these workshops are:

1. To increase participation of partners from across Latin America in the CBP Process.
2. To confirm, expand and prioritize projects proposed in two CBPs, especially for bird wintering grounds (Tropical Dry Forests and the Sierra Madre Pine-Oak and Cloud Forests).
3. To identify actions, needs and risks associated with a portfolio of top priority projects.
4. To generate a proposal draft with outlines for top projects in the portfolio.
5. To identify individuals willing to further help the CBP and advance implementation of existing and additional CBP projects.
6. To identify mechanisms to invite and secure the support and participation of Latin American governments in the implementation of CBP projects.





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We will cover your hotel room costs, ground transportation to Autlán from Guadalajara, and most meal costs for all participants. Costs for attending either field trip will be your responsibility. For those traveling from Central America, we can offer you a travel stipend up to \$700.00 US. For those traveling by air within Mexico, we can offer a travel stipend of up to \$350.00 US. For those traveling by bus or car within Mexico, we can offer a travel stipend of up to \$200.00 US. Participants from the US are asked to cover their own air travel. Please contact a member of the steering committee to confirm that these travel stipends are still available before you book your ticket. We will reimburse you for the price of your ticket, up to the amount offered.

Please reply to the person who sent you this invitation to let us know if you are interested and able to attend one or both of these workshops. We hope you will be able to attend and contribute to the success of these workshops and conservation planning efforts. We look forward to working with you. (Please see RSVP form below.)

Sincerely,

The Organizing Committee:

Sarahy Contreras-Martínez, Professor at the University of Guadalajara  
David Younkman, Vice President, Western Region, American Bird Conservancy  
John D. Alexander, PhD Executive Director Klamath Bird Observatory  
M.C. Claudia Macias Caballero, Vice-chair for Conservation, PRONATURA Sur  
Andrew Rothman, American Bird Conservancy  
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Dave Krueper, US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Edwin Juarez, Arizona Game and Fish Department  
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Greg Butcher, US Forest Service  
Richard Huber, Western Hemisphere Migratory Species Initiative and Organization of American States

(Please see RSVP form below.)



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**RSVP**

Name:

Organization:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I can attend and participate in the Business Plan Workshop for the Conservation of Forests of pine-oak and cloud forests of the Sierra Madre Occidental in Mexico and Central America in Autlán de Navarro, Jalisco, Mexico on April 25 and 26, 2016 (Travel on Sunday April 24 as the workshop will begin at 9 a.m.).
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to participate in the short field trip to Los Mazos in the Sierra de Manantlan Biosphere Reserve (April 27). The tour has a short altitudinal gradient ranging from 1200 to 1672 meters above sea level, where we expect to find a variety of endemic and residents birds of western Mexico living in dry tropical forests in the lowlands, to oak forests, and cloud forests in the highlands. This trip is a one-day trip on Wednesday April 27, 2016, from 6:00 am to 13:00 pm. It includes transportation in pickup trucks and two meals: breakfast and lunch in the field. The cost of this trip is \$30.00 US and I understand it will be my responsibility to pay this costs.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to attend and participate in the Business Plan Workshop for the Conservation of Tropical Dry / Low Forests and Mangrove Forests of the Pacific in Autlán de Navarro, Jalisco, Mexico, on April 28 and 29. (Travel required prior as the workshop will begin at 9 a.m.)
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to participate in the field trip to Las Joyas Research Station (LJFS) in the Sierra de Manantlan Biosphere Reserve; the tour has an altitudinal gradient ranging from 900 to 2000 meters above sea level, where we expect to find a variety of endemic and residents birds of western Mexico living in different habitats, from dry tropical forests in the lowlands, to oak forests, pine-oak forests and pine-oak in the middle parts, and cloud forests and pine forests in the highlands. This trip is a two-day trip on Saturday April 30 to Sunday, May 1, 2016, from 6:00 am to 16:00 pm next day. It includes transportation in pickup trucks, one night to stay in an individual bed (we will share rooms) in a rustic cabin and five meals: 2 breakfasts (one in the field), 2 lunch, one dinner. The cost of this trip is \$55.00 US and I understand I will be responsible to cover the cost of this trip. It includes blankets and pillow.
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I can cover my own expenses for travel to Guadalajara or Autlán, so I do not require the support of the organizers for transportation.
  
6. \_\_\_\_\_ I will need the travel stipend provided by the organizers.

For logistical and planning purposes, please plan to travel at least one day before the workshop, because each workshop will begin at 9:00 am the first day and end at 4:00 pm the second day.