



BIRD CONSERVATION

Greg Fleming and Alan Schultz, Co-Chairs

Chartered in 2015, now has 197 members. The group works closely with DoD Partners in Flight (DoDPIF) with the chairs serving as formal representatives for DoD PIF during their tenure.

- *eBird White Paper* – Final edits, sending on to Services for final approval
- *Peer-to-Peer Assistance* – via email list
- *FAWN Articles* – Good news stories from installations
- *Avian Knowledge Network and National Node Update*
- MBTA policy letters and installation success stories
- Nominations and Election of new Co-Chair








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Avian Knowledge Network / National Node Update

partners/natnode/

Avian Knowledge Network



- Bulk Uploader, Data Downloader, and Data Catalog are complete
- Defense-specific portal for National Node
- National Node almost ready for release (may be renamed)



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Looking for beta testers for existing protocols and data structures

- Protocol Type
 - Point Counts
 - Area Searches
 - Checklist
 - Fixed Transects
 - Secretive Marsh Birds
- Protocol
 - Existing defined protocols
<https://data.pointblue.org/science/biologists/php/protocolsearch.php>
 - Specific protocols will be allowed, require more programming up front





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If you have a currently supported data type and want to be a beta tester, LET US KNOW!!

- Project definition
- Look at instruction for adding metadata to their project (sampling locations, protocols, and people),
- Access to web applications for data entry, management and more

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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Army Fort Belvoir Personnel

SUBJECT: Fort Belvoir Policy Memorandum #78, Conservation of Migratory Birds

1. PURPOSE: Provide mission guidance to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds.
2. APPLICABILITY: This policy applies to all military, civilians, tenants, and Fort Belvoir residents.
3. REFERENCES:
 - a. Migratory Bird Treaty Act, of 1918, as amended (16 U.S.C. 703-711)
 - b. Executive Order 13186: Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds, 66 FR 3853, 10 January 2001
 - c. Virginia's Birdlife, An Annotated Checklist, Virginia Avifauna No. 7, Fourth Edition, Virginia Society of Ornithology, 2007
 - d. The Migratory Bird Treaty Act Does Not Prohibit Incidental Take, U.S. Department of the Interior, Solicitors Opinion M-37050, 22 December 2017
 - e. Incidental Take of Migratory Birds Memorandum, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense, 6 February 2018
4. POLICY:
 - a. Fort Belvoir's natural resources are a major asset to the Installation. Migratory birds in particular are an important part of these resources. In accordance with the references listed above Fort Belvoir will conserve migratory bird populations as long as it does not impact the military mission. It is Fort Belvoir's policy to:
 - (1) Coordinate all proposed tree removals, chimney work, demolitions, repairs and semi-improved grounds mowing that may impact migratory birds during the nesting season as described in sections (a) through (h) below.
 - (2) Promote site planning best management practices to avoid or minimize impacts to migratory birds. Coordinate early in the planning/design phase with the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division (DPW-ED) to review project objectives, design features, natural resource impacts, mitigations, and compliance with the above-cited laws and policies.

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(3) Follow time of year avoidance for nesting migratory birds as developed in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), using species-specific egg date records for birds nesting in Virginia.

(a) Tree cutting/clearing activities – Avoid these activities 1 April - 15 July.

(b) Tree or shrub pruning – If a bird nest is found in a shrub or on a tree branch, the nest or branches associated with the nest should not be disturbed if the nest is active.

(c) Semi-improved mowing – In accordance with site specific plans avoid mowing areas at the airfield, closed landfills, and native meadows from 25 April - 31 July.

(d) Chimney maintenance, repair or removal – Chimney swifts nest in chimneys. Avoid performing chimney maintenance, repair or removal from 5 May - 28 July.

(e) Ground nesting birds – Killdeer build nests in parking lots, gravel lots, roof tops or fields. If a nest is found, place a five-foot buffer around the nest with orange cones and/or flagging, and coordinate with DPW-ED. Killdeer nesting dates are 6 March - 27 June.


(f) Osprey Nest Removal – Avoid nest removals from 16 April - 15 September. If a nest must be removed during that time, written consent must be obtained by Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and a permit from USFWS.

(g) Bald Eagle Protection – Bald eagles nest from 15 November - 15 June. Eagle nests are also protected during the non-nesting season. All activities within bald eagle nest territories (within 750 feet of the nest) must be coordinated with DPW-ED.

(h) Active Bird Nest Removal – For any activity, including demolition and repair, any time of the year where an active bird nest is encountered, or where an active bird nest requires removal, contact DPW-ED as a USFWS permit may be required.

b. All of the above avoidance criteria shall be adhered to unless approved by DPW-ED. For osprey and eagle nest issues contact DPW-ED as a USFWS permit may be required.

5. PROPONENT: Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division at 703-806-0049.


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