

B. Solicitation of Public Comment

This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected parties concerning the collection of information described in Section A on the following:

(1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) If the information will be processed and used in a timely manner;

(3) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(4) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(5) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

HUD encourages interested parties to submit comment in response to these questions.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Availability of Birds of Conservation Concern 2021

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce the availability of *Birds of Conservation Concern 2021*. This publication identifies species, subspecies, and populations of migratory birds in need of additional conservation actions. The purpose and goal of this publication is to stimulate and guide coordinated, collaborative, and proactive conservation actions for these taxa among Federal, State, Tribal, and private partners.

ADDRESSES: The subject document is available at <https://www.fws.gov/birds/>

[management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php](https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce the availability of *Birds of Conservation Concern 2021*. This publication identifies species, subspecies, and populations of migratory birds in need of additional conservation actions. Our goal in publishing this list is to stimulate coordinated, collaborative, and proactive conservation actions among Federal, International, State, Tribal, and private partners.

The 1988 amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 (FWCA; 16 U.S.C. 2901-2912) requires the Secretary of the Interior, through the Service, to "identify species, subspecies, and populations of all migratory nongame birds that, without additional conservation actions, are likely to become candidates for listing under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) [ESA]." 16 U.S.C. 2912; Public Law 100-653, 802. *Birds of Conservation Concern 2021* fulfills that mandate and supersedes *Birds of Conservation Concern 2008* (74 FR 11128). The overall purpose of the Birds of Conservation Concern list is to identify, by geography, those nongame migratory birds in greatest need of conservation attention. Thus, the species that appear in *Birds of Conservation Concern 2021* are deemed to be the highest priority for conservation actions. We anticipate that the document will be consulted by Federal agencies and their partners prior to undertaking cooperative research, monitoring, and management actions that might directly or indirectly affect migratory birds.

The philosophy underlying the BCC reports is that proactive bird conservation is critical at a time when continued human impacts will be intensified by effects of a changing climate. By investing in actions for designated BCC taxa, we can prevent further degradation to environments that we all share, improve the odds for successful long-term conservation, and avoid the complexities associated with federal ESA listing. Proactive conservation is recognized as being

more cost-effective than the recovery efforts required once a bird is listed under the ESA (*e.g.*, Drechsler et al. 2011).

To serve as a broad early-warning system in the context of the FWCA, this list includes all of the species that we consider to be of conservation concern. Our objective in publishing the list is to focus conservation attention on bird species of concern well in advance of a possible or plausible need to consider them for listing under the ESA. Inclusion on this list does not constitute a finding that listing under the ESA is warranted, or that substantial information exists to indicate that listing under the ESA may be warranted. Many of the species on this list may never have to be considered for ESA listing, even if no additional conservation actions are taken.

Authority

The authority for this notice is the FWCA; the ESA; the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, as amended (16 U.S.C. 742a *et seq.*); and 16 U.S.C. 701.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Online Program Management System for Carbon Dioxide—Carp

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 16, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting