Charting the Future for Northern Forest Birds: *Takin' It to the Tweets!*

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Welcome + Introductions!

- Purpose of this workshop
  - Launch the Northern Forest Birds Working Group!
  - Kick start several BCR 12-related projects!
  - Train everyone on using the Midwest Avian Data Center.

- Introductions
  - Name, affiliation, & favorite bird

- Acknowledgements!

- Overview of the agenda + logistics

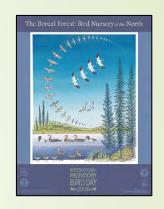© Katie Koch

Overview, History + Update on BCR 12 Working Group

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Working Group Background

- **History**:
  - BCR 12 Plan (2009)*
  - USFS meetings (2011-12)
  - Scoping document (2013)
  - Administered survey and webinar to elicit feedback (2013-14)
  - Workshop (March 2015)

The Boreal Forest: Bird Nursery of the North

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Working Group Background

- **History**:
  - Steering Committee Meeting (Nov 2015)
    - Formalized overall goals
    - Synthesized/identified "next step" projects
  - Co-Leader Retreat (May 2016)
    - Merger epiphany (MCBMP → JV)
  - BCR 12 Priority Crosswalk + ACAD Breeding Score Review (2017)
  - Integrating with the Upper Mississippi River and Great Lakes Region Joint Venture (2018)

Vision Statement

Our coordinated leadership in monitoring, research, and management actions ensures thriving, diverse northern forest bird communities across the boreal-hardwood transition zone.

Bird Conservation Region 12

Sources: USGS North American Breeding Bird Atlas Explorer and ESRI

Goal Statements

1. Northern forest bird conservation and research organizations **actively share information** about the biology, ecology, and status of northern forest birds.

2. Northern forest bird conservation organizations **coordinate and collaborate** to ensure that the conservation needs of northern forest birds are addressed.

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3. The **best available science** is used to assess the status and productivity of northern forest birds.

4. Monitoring and research data are used to **inform + evaluate management practices**, which are used to deliver conservation actions that benefit northern forest birds.

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Putting this Workshop into Context

- Planning → Implementation

- Launch "shovel ready" collaborative monitoring projects

- Build an effective network for northern forest bird conservation

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