

# Recap of this Workshop

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# What have we heard?

1. History of this working group, including **transition from monitoring focus to conservation focus**
2. **Upper Miss/Great Lakes JV** a great asset – platform for collaboration, guidance for priorities, tools to do good work for birds & habitats
3. **Avian Conservation Assessment Database (ACAD)** a tool for identifying priority species



# What have we heard?

- 1. Boreal bird study** soon to come
  - A plea/invitation to collaborate
- 2. Identifying sensitive species & landscape disturbance**
  - Where to from here?
- 3. Bird data sets** abound in BCR12
  - We have lots of bird data – now you know some places and ways to find it and apply it to your work



# What have we heard?

## 1. Forest bird habitat management

- FIA as a resource to link bird data to forest habitat data – how do we best use it?
- Heard about some techniques & project examples
- But more specifically, what can you do to manage habitat better for birds? Workshop and & other products to pursue? What is the best gateway to integrating these with your work?



# BCR12 Forest Birds

- Lots of forest + reasonably diverse = important nesting and migratory habitat for forest birds
- Many species are doing well (e.g. maturing forests), while some are not (e.g. some young forest and barrens)
- Protect what we have and improve habitat quality – what a great starting point!
  - ✓ Boreal – south edge of range, climate change threat
  - ✓ Pine barrens – globally rare, lots of SGCNs = high stewardship!
  - ✓ Young forest – how much? where?





# BCR12 Forest Birds

- What other threats exist during breeding season?
  - ✓ Invasives, cats, windows, etc.
- Full life cycle conservation
  - ✓ Migratory stopover sites, migration monitoring, threats, etc.
  - ✓ Wintering ground issues
- We are an “assumed demographic source” but generally productivity is poorly assessed



# How do we best conserve forest birds in BCR 12?

- What species?
  - ✓ No endemics but KIWA, GWWA, BBCU, & other high stewardship species
  - ✓ Many plans/tools for identifying priorities, at least at larger scales
- What habitats at the landscape scale?
  - ✓ How much? Where? How close to each other?
- What stand-level habitat attributes?
  - ✓ Veg species, ages, understory condition, CWD, etc.



# WHERE TO FROM HERE?

1. What questions do you have?
2. What tools do you need?
3. How do we stay in touch?
4. Next opportunity for meeting?

