



APPALACHIAN
MOUNTAINS
JOINT VENTURE



FOCAL LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE



The Appalachian Mountains Joint Venture (AMJV) partnership is focused on preserving, managing, and restoring diverse, healthy forest habitats in the region to benefit not only birds, but the diversity of Appalachian plants and wildlife.

The Focal Landscape approach **strategically targets capacity and resources** to high-priority regions, **maximizing conservation impacts** and making concrete steps toward improving habitat for priority species.

The goal of this approach is to support our partners' ability to:

- Focus limited capacity and resources in strategic locations, working across public and private lands.
- Enhance the diversity and health of habitat in the landscape using a holistic approach that considers the entire system, versus individual species or habitat types, over a long time-span (e.g. 10-20+ years).
- Integrate forest restoration efforts with bird conservation objectives.
- Enhance forest health and structure to benefit a diversity of wildlife.

FOCAL LANDSCAPES IN ACTION

Allegheny Highlands Focal Landscape

PRIORITY SPECIES

Current work in the focal landscape is aimed at improving habitat for forest birds, including: Black-throated Blue Warbler, American Woodcock, Golden-winged Warbler, Cerulean Warbler, Wood Thrush, and Prairie Warbler

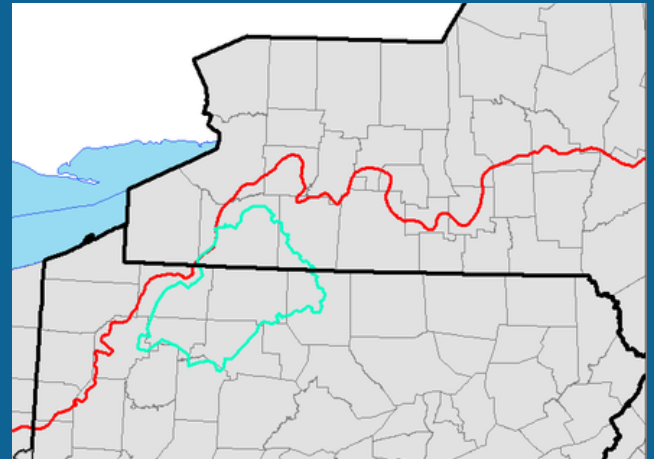
CURRENT PROJECTS

Forest Bird Conservation Centers

Forest Bird Conservation Centers are large (5,000+ acre) landscapes designed foster lasting partnerships that improve forest health by improving forest age diversity and structural complexity to meet the needs of birds and other wildlife. Centers bring together partners with a variety of objectives to illustrate how landowners and managers can achieve their goals while creating high quality habitat for forest birds. In the New York, a 10,000 acre Forest Bird Conservation Center is being developed in partnership with Lyme Timber Company and NYS DEC, which will demonstrate different forest habitats needed by priority birds and highlight the importance of forest age class diversity and complex structural characteristics needed to provide quality habitat of a full suite of forest birds. In Pennsylvania, two 5,000+ acre Forest Bird Conservation Centers are in development in partnership with Lyme Timber Company, Elk State Forest, Bradford City Water Authority, the Allegheny National Forest, and PA Game Commission. In both Pennsylvania and New York, conservation activities on private forestlands are key to the success of Forest Bird Conservation Centers.

Bird-Friendly Forestry Training Program

Increasing forest management for birds requires trained consultants and contractors to plan and implement forest management. One of the ways focal landscape partners are helping to build capacity is by offering training programs on bird-friendly forestry. The programs introduce foresters to priority species and how forest management techniques can be used to improve habitat for them, while still meeting timber production and regeneration goals. In the future, Audubon hopes to offer foresters a bird-friendly endorsement to help market themselves to interested landowners.



- Focal Landscape Boundary
- AMJV Boundary

FOCAL LANDSCAPE PARTNERS

Audubon Pennsylvania and Audubon New York are lead partners for this focal landscape. Other partners include:

- Lyme Timber Company
- PA Game Commission
- Domtar
- PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources
- US Forest Service (Allegheny National Forest)
- Ruffed Grouse Society
- New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation-Division of Lands and Forests
- Bradford City Water Authority
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- American Forest Foundation
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Hamer Foundation
- National Wild Turkey Federation

