

Annual Highlights

April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019



Highlights of activities performed by the National Wild Pheasant Conservation Plan Coordinator, National Wild Pheasant Conservation Plan Management Board, and National Wild Pheasant Technical Committee during the reporting period include:

Coordination

- The Management Board held their biannual meetings in Tampa, FL and Denver, CO, and the Technical Committee held their annual meeting in Harrisburg, PA. The groups will meet jointly in October 2019 to discuss desired changes to the 2013 National Plan and begin the revision process.

Farm Bill Advocacy

- Met with national USDA staff to promote a national early successional CRP practice jointly developed with the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative

Multi-state Science Collaboration

- Developed and raised funds for a multi-state brood survey project designed to improve the reliability of fall hunting forecasts; pilot field work begins August 2019
- Developed a habitat modeling and decision support tool proposal in collaboration with multiple Joint Ventures; funding from USDA-FSA is pending
- Developed draft wild pheasant translocation guidelines for finalization in 2019, and collaborated with sister organizations to begin developing a set of translocation guidelines applicable for all resident game birds

Science and Policy Communication

- Provided science support for a new partnership between Pheasants Forever and The Climate Corporation to promote conservation using TCC's precision agriculture tools and extensive client relationships
- Created and gained approval to move a resolution through AFWA's Resident Game Bird Working Group to assess the adequacy of national small game hunter R3 efforts
- Published a Conservation Reserve Program review and recommendations paper in the *Wildlife Society Bulletin*
- Worked with the North American Bird Conservation Initiative's Private Lands Working Group to plan a regional private land management conference series designed for attendance by field-level agency and NGO staff; the first is tentatively scheduled to be held in Missouri in 2020
- Published monthly editions of *Pheasant News and Notes*, detailing partner activities, media content, and new scientific publications related to pheasant conservation and management; all editions are available on the partnership's website (nationalpheasantplan.org)

Our mission is to foster science-based, socially-supported policies and programs that enhance wild pheasant populations, provide recreational opportunities to pheasant hunters, and support the economics and social values of communities.



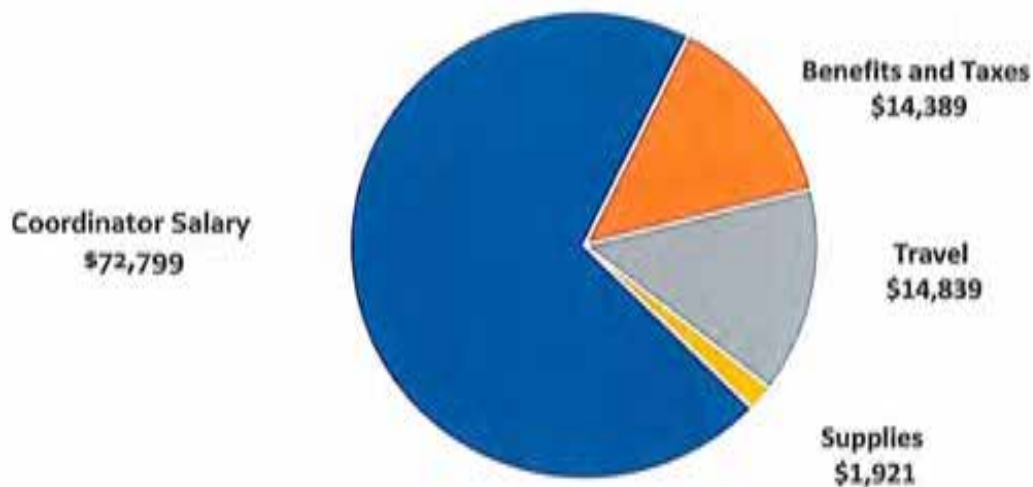
Financial Activity

Funding for the Plan Coordinator position during this period was derived from contributions by 19 state wildlife agencies and Pheasants Forever, Inc. State contributions ranged from \$3,000 to \$15,000 for the position's initial three-year term (April 2016 through March 2019), and PF contributed \$30,000 (plus administration of the position), for a total of \$268,500. The Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies annually invoices the states for their contributions, reimburses PF for expenditures associated with the position, and deducts a 5% banking fee.

The following agencies and organizations provided or have pledged future financial support for the Coordinator position:

- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Idaho Department of Fish and Game
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Missouri Department of Conservation
- Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
- New Mexico Game and Fish Department
- North Dakota Game and Fish Department
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation
- Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- Pheasants Forever, Inc.
- South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
- Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Total Coordinator Expenditures (April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019): **\$103,948**



Mid-America Monarch

CONSERVATION STRATEGY

2018 - 2038

The eastern monarch population has declined by over 80 percent in the past 20 years. We are creating a blueprint to reverse the monarch population decline through a voluntary, coordinated, landscape-scale habitat conservation approach.

Monarchs were petitioned for being listed as a threatened species in 2014.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is assessing the status of monarchs and will determine if monarchs should be listed under the Endangered Species Act by June 2019. The Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (MAFWA) led an effort to develop the Mid-America Monarch Conservation Strategy. The Service welcomes the Strategy's habitat goals as potential positive outcomes to improve the future of the eastern monarch population. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, cooperating state agencies and partners provided funding.



Purpose

To facilitate cohesive, coordinated, and effective conservation actions needed to sustain the eastern population of the monarch butterfly, including restoring, enhancing, and protecting habitat, and providing information, education, and conservation engagement opportunities to interested citizens.

Goals

To achieve habitat restoration and enhancement to support an average overwintering eastern monarch population in Mexico sufficient to sustain the eastern monarch population and to avoid a regulatory outcome or minimize its impacts (such as monarchs becoming listed under the Endangered Species Act).



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Monarch
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Strategy Boundaries



Mid America Strategy

Arkansas
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Nebraska
North Dakota
Ohio
Oklahoma
South Dakota
Texas
Wisconsin

Northeast Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (NEAFWA)

Connecticut
Delaware
Maine
Massachusetts
Maryland
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont
Virginia
West Virginia

Additional Resources

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [fws.gov/savethemonarch](https://www.fws.gov/savethemonarch)
Monarch Joint Venture monarchjointventure.org
NFWF Monarch Page nfwf.org/monarch/Pages/home.aspx
Farmers for Monarchs farmersformonarchs.org
Monarch Watch monarchwatch.org
Pollinator Partnership pollinator.org/learning-center/monarchs

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