



The Ornithological Council is a consortium of scientific societies of ornithologists; these societies span the Western Hemisphere and the research conducted by their members spans the globe. Their cumulative expertise comprises the knowledge that is fundamental and essential to science-based bird conservation and management.

Our member societies are:

- Association of Field Ornithologists
- Birds Caribbean
- CIPAMEX: Sociedad para el Estudio y Conservación de las Aves en México
- Neotropical Ornithological Society
- North American Crane Working Group
- Pacific Seabird Group
- Raptor Research Foundation
- Waterbird Society
- Wilson Ornithological Society



The Ornithological Council seeks to:

- Ensure that the best ornithological science is incorporated into legislative, regulatory, and management decisions that affect birds
- Enhance the ability of ornithologists to pursue professional activities
- Promote the influence of ornithology in public affairs

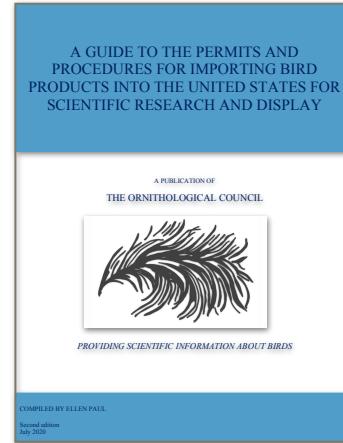
We achieve this mission through communicating scientific information about birds to policy and decision makers, assisting members of our societies throughout their professional career by providing information and individual expert assistance regarding safeguarding animal welfare during research and navigating the permitting process, and preparing comments to submit to federal agencies on issues within our expertise, among other activities.

We provide information to the public and the ornithological community through our website, Birdnet.org, as well as through our various publications (see reverse).

Selected Publications of the Ornithological Council

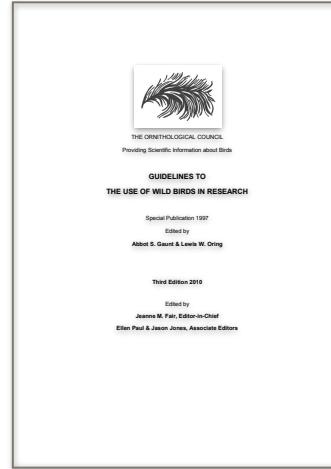
A Guide to the Permits and Procedures for Importing Bird Products into the United States for Scientific Research and Display

This extensive guide, thoroughly updated in 2020, provides a step-by-step guide for ornithologists importing birds or bird products into the U.S. for research and display, including template documents and checklists to follow. This guide is updated as agency permitting requirements change, keeping ornithologists in compliance with the many laws and regulations governing the import of bird products.



Guidelines for the Use of Wild Birds in Research

This foundational publication, now in its third edition, provides an in-depth guide to the animal welfare considerations when performing research involving wild birds, including ethical considerations and the legal framework that must be followed by researchers. Topics include: investigator impact generally, collecting and trapping, marking, transport, housing and captive breeding, minor and major manipulative procedures, and euthanasia.



Model Wildlife Protocol

Working with the American Society of Mammalogists, the Ornithological Council developed a protocol form designed specifically for wildlife research conducted either in the field or in captivity, to be used by Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees.

Please visit our website at Birdnet.org to download these, and other, publications of the Ornithological Council.

The Ornithological Council is financially supported by our member societies and the individual ornithologists who value our work. If the OC's resources are valuable to you, please consider joining one of our member societies or donating directly at Birdnet.org.