



## 2022 Annual Report

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 Mission

The OC 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

### Our Member Societies are:

- ◆ Association of Field Ornithologists
- ◆ BirdsCaribbean
- ◆ 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

### Our Supporting Members are:

- ◆ Burke Museum
- ◆ Gulf Coast Bird Observatory
- ◆ Ventana Wildlife Society

This year, the OC reinvigorated its 'supporting membership' category, to expand our reach and ensure that all ornithologists can benefit from the OC's resources and expertise. Organizations and institutions can become part of the OC community of those who work

with and love birds – for just \$500/year for international and national organizations and \$250/year for local and regional organizations. (Supporting members do not have representation on our board of directors.)



# 2022 Highlights

## Promoting ornithological science

Cooperated with the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research to hold a free virtual workshop. "Discussing and Understanding Animal Welfare Challenges in Research and Education on Wildlife, Non-Model Animal Species, and Biodiversity" took place February 9-10. Presentations are available [here](#).

Commented on several issues, including:

- ◆ the implementation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- ◆ the USDA's upcoming regulations on the welfare of birds not-bred-for-research
- ◆ the permits issued by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

## Assisting ornithologists

Provided individual assistance to ornithologists on a variety of permitting and animal welfare issues.

Published an updated version of [A Guide to the Processes and Procedures for Importing Bird Products into the United State for Scientific Research and Display](#), which provides a step-by-step guide on importing birds or bird products into the U.S.

## Educating professionals and the public

Continued to update the [Guidelines to the Use of Wild Birds in Research](#), to include new references published since the 2010 publication of the current edition.

Update the permitting resources on [BIRDNET.org](#), which includes information on permitting processes and policies for the U.S. and Canada.

Published more than 50 articles on the [Ornithology Exchange](#), on various topics of interest to ornithologists and shared links to these articles on social media.

## Finances

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

### Income

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Society contributions: | \$33,800 |
| Individual donations:  | \$3,810  |
| Total:                 | \$37,610 |

### Expenses

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| Salary-related: | \$28,640 |
| Administrative: | \$1,017  |
| Total :         | \$29,657 |

The OC is financially supported by our member societies and the individual ornithologists who value our work.

**If our resources are valuable to you, please consider donating to the OC at [BIRDNET.org](#).**

