



The Ornithological Council is a consortium of scientific societies of ornithologists, whose cumulative expertise comprises the knowledge that is fundamental and essential to science-based bird conservation and management around the world.

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 (Washington)
- Gulf Coast Bird Observatory (Texas)
- Ventana Wildlife Society (California)
- International Ornithologists' Union
- UC Berkeley Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (California)
- Science Museum of Minnesota

The Ornithological Council seeks to:

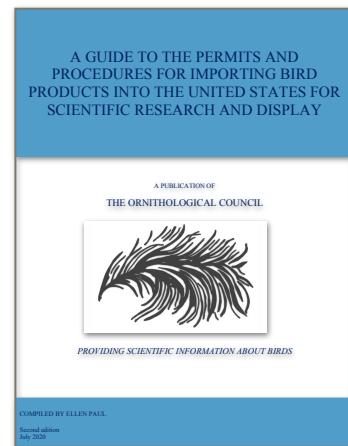
- Ensure that the best ornithological science is incorporated into legislative, regulatory, and management decisions that affect birds
- Enhance the ability of ornithologists to pursue professional activities
- Promote the influence of ornithology in public affairs

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 expert assistance regarding animal welfare during research and navigating the permitting process, and interacting with federal agencies on issues within our expertise, among other activities. We provide information to the public and ornithological community through our website, Birdnet.org and the [Ornithological Exchange](http://OrnithologicalExchange.org), as well as various publications (see reverse).

Selected Publications of the Ornithological Council

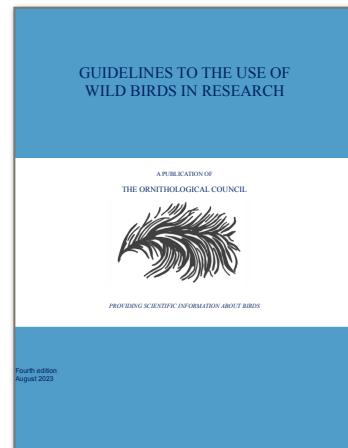
A Guide to the Permits and Procedures for Importing Bird Products into the United State for Scientific Research and Display

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 fourth 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](https://birdnet.org) to download these, and other, publications of the Ornithological Council.

Visit the [Ornithological Exchange](https://ornithologicalexchange.org) to read current articles about ornithological and policy, participate in various public forums, and further engage in the online ornithological community.

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