

PASSERINE MANAGEMENT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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GRASSLAND PASSERINES

GOAL

Increase the populations of grassland passerines and increase the understanding and appreciation of grassland passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.

Population Objective 1: Identify grassland passerines whose populations are declining in Maine and stabilize and begin to reverse the decline by 2015. Priority should be given to those species that have greater than 5% of their global populations breeding in Maine.

Population Objective 2: Through 2015, maintain and monitor grassland passerines whose populations have been stable or increasing since 1980.

Habitat Objective 1: Identify all priority grassland habitats in Maine and improve habitat quality at 50 % of these sites by 2007.

Habitat Objective 2: By 2015, improve management practices to enhance grassland passerine populations on at least 100 additional grassland sites.

Outreach Objective: By 2005, develop and begin implementing an outreach program that increases the understanding and appreciation of grassland passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.

FOREST PASSERINES

GOAL

Maintain the diversity and abundance of forest passerines and increase the understanding and appreciation of forest passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.

Population Objective 1: Identify forest passerines whose populations in Maine are declining, and stabilize and begin to reverse the decline by 2015. Priority should be given to those species that have greater than 5% of their global populations breeding in Maine.

Population Objective 2: Through 2015, maintain and monitor forest passerines whose populations have been stable or increasing since 1980.

Population Objective 3: For forest passerines whose populations are assumed to be cyclical, work in conjunction with partners throughout the planning period (2000-2015) to try and determine long-term, cyclical patterns.

Habitat Objective: Maintain and enhance a sufficient amount of high quality habitat to prevent and reverse population declines of forest birds in Maine.

Outreach Objective: By 2005, develop and begin implementing an outreach program that increases the understanding and appreciation of forest passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.

SHRUBLAND PASSERINES

GOAL

Increase or maintain the populations of shrubland passerines and increase the understanding and appreciation of shrubland passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.

Population Objective 1: Identify shrubland passerines whose populations in Maine are declining, and stabilize and begin to reverse the decline by 2015. Priority should be given to those species that have greater than 5% of their global populations breeding in Maine.

Population Objective 2: Through 2015, maintain and monitor shrubland passerines whose populations have been stable or increasing since 1980.

Habitat Objective: Maintain and enhance a sufficient amount of high quality habitat to prevent and reverse population declines of shrubland passerines in Maine.

Outreach Objective: By 2005, develop and begin implementing an outreach program that increases the understanding and appreciation of shrubland passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.

SWALLOWS

GOAL

Maintain the diversity and abundance of swallows and increase the understanding and appreciation of swallows and their habitat requirements in Maine.

Population Objective: By 2003, develop and implement a monitoring system for purple martins and bank swallows that will have a 90% probability of accurately detecting population trends to within 15% by 2013.

Outreach Objective: By 2005, develop and begin implementing an outreach program that increases the understanding and appreciation of swallows and their habitat requirements in Maine.

WETLAND PASSERINES

GOAL

Maintain the diversity and abundance of wetland passerines and increase the understanding and appreciation of wetland passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.

Population Objective: Identify and prioritize species of conservation concern by 2002, determine population trends by 2009, and develop population objectives for all at risk species by 2010.

Habitat Objective 1: By 2015, increase the acreage of upland buffers of salt marsh habitat in conservation status by 10,000 hectares, with at least 4,000 hectares in York, Cumberland, and Sagadahoc Counties.

Habitat Objective 2: Prioritize peatlands by size and by 2015, increase the acreage in conservation status for peatlands by 12,000 hectares and adjacent buffers by 24,000 hectares.

Habitat Objective 3: Identify and prioritize forest riparian and emergent wetland habitats by 2002, and conserve habitat for forest riparian and emergent wetland passerines at 5 priority sites by 2004 and at 20 additional priority sites by 2015.

Outreach Objective: By 2005, develop and begin implementing an outreach program that increases the understanding and appreciation of wetland passerines and their habitat requirements in Maine.