

Important Habitats for Priority Birds

What are they?

How specific should we get?



Groups of Priority Species

e.g., BCR 13 All-Bird Planning

Highest Priority Habitats:

- Grassland
- Shrub / early Successional
- Deciduous Forest

Other Important Habitats:

- Open Water
- Emergent Marsh
- Mixed Forest
- Artificial Cover
- Fen/Bog

Habitat	Tier	Species	comment
GRASSLAND	A	BOBOLINK	
	A	HENSLOW'S SPARROW	
	A	LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE	
	A	SHORT-EARED OWL	
	A	UPLAND SANDPIPER	[terrestrial shorebird]
	B	Sedge Wren	
	B	wintering Raptors	
SHRUB-EARLY SUCCESSIONAL	B	Grasshopper Sparrow	
	A	GOLDEN-WINGED WARBLER	
	A	AMERICAN WOODCOCK	[terrestrial shorebird]
	A	BROWN THRASHER	
	A	WHIP-POOR-WILL	
DECIDUOUS FOREST	B	Field Sparrow	
	A	CERULEAN WARBLER	
	A	RED-HEADED WOODPECKER	
	B	Wood Thrush	
	B	Red-shouldered Hawk	
	B	Louisiana Waterthrush	
	B	Yellow-shafted Flicker	
	B	Eastern Wood-Pewee	
B	passerine stopover		

e.g., BCR 13 Ontario Landbirds

- Forest
- Grassland
- Shrub / Successional
- Wetland

e.g., BCR 9 British Columbia

- Riparian
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- Moist Coniferous Forest

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Habitat Specificity

Pros: Better reflect individual species needs
More easily reflected in site habitat management

Cons: Region-wide data available / comparable?

Requires specific bird habitat associations / preferences

Reduced umbrella effect for other birds?